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TO : SAINT ROME
FROM : AB/17 ^{B17} SAINT AMZON
SUBJECT : Vetting of Hildegarde ~~BEEZ~~ ^{BETS} ~~BETZ~~

1. Please vet this subject for SAINT AMZON.

2. Attached is a copy of the XYZ-1 form giving the pertinent details of the subject's history. We are particularly interested in items 11 and 12 and would appreciate any information you might have on this phase of the subject's work.

3. Reports from London and Washington confirm the subject's Amt VI Italian activities and that Madame ~~BEEZ~~ interviewed four Italian GIS recruits on their W/T knowledge in Berlin August 25, 1943.

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XYZ-1 (Short Form)

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- a. SOI
- b. Munich
- c. S/A Grant
- d. Agent
- e. 11 August 1945
- f. Investigation- reliable
- g. Urgent

1. BERTZ born BURKHARDT 2. Hildegard
3. During service with AMT VI subject used "Felicitas" as cover name.
4. Born 16 Sept. 1919 at Obernissa (near Weimar) Germany.
5. German
6. In custody at Third US Army Intelligence Center.
7. 14 Belvedereallee, Weimar Germany.
8. a. 1.61m b. 43kg c. erect d. brown e. oval
f. pale g. none h. none apparent
9. All travel outside Germany was during employe of RSHA as follows:
 July-Oct. 1941 Rome Italy AMT VI
 July 42-Aug. 43 Rome Italy AMT VI
 Jan-Mar. 44 Lugano Switzerland AMT VI
10. Subject began work in 1938 doing housework in Dresden Germany. In August 1939 she was hired by SD Abschnitt/Weimar as a clerk and interpreter. Later, she was transferred to RSHA in AMT VI in the same capacity. Eventually she was given status as an agent and remained as such until the end of the war.
11. March 1940- Clerk interpreter under Hstuf BERTZ AMT VI
 July 1941- Interpreter for Ostuf ZIMMER AMT VI Rome
 Oct. 1941- Clerk interpreter AMT VI Berlin
 July 1942- Translator (agent) Stabuf 1008 AMT VI Rome
 Aug. 1943- Translator for Dr. Wilhelm HOTTI, Italian Refurat Rome.
 Sept. 1943- Agent for "Operation Ciano" Under HOTTI
 Jan. 1944- AMT VI Agent in Lugano Switzerland
 Mar. 1944- Translator AMT VI Berlin
12. Subject states (under no. 15) that she was an unwilling member of NSDAP. In 1942 she decided to sever her connection while in Rome and stopped paying dues to the office in Berlin. This action was not discovered by RSHA and she believes that she was dropped from the party roster at that time. A check of membership files should verify this fact and prove of interest in evaluation. Subject claims to have interceded for Ciano during her part in the "Operation Ciano" and double-crossed her superiors by withholding information and falsifying reports. Verification of this will assist in evaluating the subject's claim that she was not a Nazi Idealist and wished to sever her connection with RSHA but was held in the work despite protests to her superiors.

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13. The subject has been interrogated during the past two months by a number of interrogators and in each case has told the same story in good chronological order. The details in each report are parallel and each interrogator reports her to be straightforward and honest in manner. Her cooperation is a matter of comment in each case. During her use in the exploitation of Dr HÖTTL she has been given certain instructions to follow. In addition, as a test information has been given to her in confidence with an admonition that it was not to be passed on to HÖTTL. The listener during her time with HÖTTL in a wired room reports that she has followed the instructions to the letter and never divulged any of the confidences given to her. In the interrogations made on her interviews with HÖTTL her statements coincided exactly with the report of the listener.
14. Ev. Lutheran
15. Joined Hitler Jugend voluntarily in the Fall of 1933 and was absorbed with this group into NSDAP in 1938. Subject claims to have stopped paying dues in 1942 and believes she was dropped from party at that time.
16. Husband- Lt. Col. Gerhard BEKKE General Staff officer, now a PW with US Third Army.
17. 1925-1930 Volksschule Oberrissa
 1930-1938 Realgymnasium Weimar
 1939 Dolmetscher School for Translators Leipzig

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