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BEISSNER, Willi (Dr.)
aka JAEGER

Attachment to Hook Dispatch 1069.
2 February 1959
Filed: 220 Middle East

Date of Birth: 15 August 1911

Birthplace: Kruskeberg, Germany

Education:

Family:

Present Address: Cairo, Egypt

Career:

Beissner was connected with the German IS throughout the war. In 1940-1941 he was in Tunis working as a liaison officer between Germany and the Grand Mufti. Later he was assigned to the capitulation and peace conferences held between General Wolfe, Ambassador Rahn and Cardinal Schuster of Milano. Beissner escaped from a US internment camp in Italy, probably with French help, and came to the French Occupation Zone of Austria. After the war he was probably connected with the French IS. He left Germany in 1951 or 1952 after becoming involved in blackmarket transactions. He eventually turned up in Egypt in 1952. He may be the Egyptian representative of the Spanish arms factory "Alfa." Beissner is a business partner of Joachim Hertslett in the Cairo firm known as the "Egyptian Continental Trading Co." This firm has a bad reputation and is blacklisted by the West German Embassy in Cairo. It deals in a wide number of European commodities, and reportedly dabbles in illicit traffic in arms and strategic materials. In any case Beissner has close contacts with Otto Skorzeny who now lives in Spain and is a representative of Alfa. Beissner appears to have plenty of money, never seems to do any work, and is in immediate contact with all questionable characters arriving in Egypt. Reportedly, Beissner is also in contact with the ex-Grand Mufti and numerous ex-Nazis including ex-General Otto-Ernst Remer, and Communists. In 1958 subject reportedly was in contact with Leverkusen and Rademacher, Hans MEYERS (ODINEX agent). Possibly is an UPS/ING source.

Other: Beissner speaks excellent French and some English.

Contacts:

Grand Mufti	SKORZENY, Otto
Metz, Izu	LEVERKUEHN, Paul
HERTSLETT	RADEMACHER, Franz aka F. Bartolome
HEILMANN, Sam'ad	ROSSELLO
REMER, Otto Ernst	VOSS, Wilhelm
Gay, Albert	BASTIAN, Heinz

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WINTERSTEIN said that UPSWING had a "loose Verbindung" with REISSNER. When asked what he understood by loose connection, WINTERSTEIN said that although there was contact UPSWING was not capable of giving any real direction to REISSNER, nor was UPSWING really able to influence his activities. WINTERSTEIN commented further that it was unlikely UPSWING would be able to tighten the contact in view of REISSNER's previous SD history and his deep involvement in weapons

trading with the Arab world. WINTERSTEIN claimed that REISSNER travels frequently from Cairo to Western Europe and made numerous trips to West Germany. WINTERSTEIN concluded by saying that he thought it was very probable that REISSNER had a close contact with the Egyptian I.S. and that UPSWING was keeping this probability very much in mind in any of their dealings with REISSNER.

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