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The Sicherheitsdienst Organisation in Finland

Source has been able to discover the names of various individuals connected with this Helsinki organisation. The senior officer appears to be Alaric BROSS, who has previously been reported as head of the I.S. in Finland. According to source, BROSS has recently been in hospital and during his absence his deputy is believed to have been Vilhelm JAHRE of Skoonaragatan 10A, Helsinki. JAHRE was in 1938 the Gruppenführer of the F.S.D.A.P. in Helsinki, and is possibly the head of AIT V (Gemeinschaft formerly the Gestapo Amt) of the S.S. (1-1-43) C.I. Germany.

It is believed that BROSS has been in Finland since September 1942 and is in close touch with Dr. Carl Axel Johan GADOLIN, a Finnish national born 14.11.98 at Esbo whose address is Fredagatan 13A, Helsinki (telephone: Helsinki 64870) and who is Chairman of the Finnish Chamber of Commerce.

The organisation is interesting itself in the visit of Generalleutnant Hugo von OESTERMAN ex-C. in C. of the Finnish army, to Berlin and BROSS is himself reported to have told OESTERMAN that his duties in Finland are those of an intelligence officer and political observer for the Reichsführer S.S. HIMMLER.

It is possible that the organisation makes use of the O.T. (Organisation Todt) for intelligence purposes, and a certain S.S. Führer FRANZIUS is shortly arriving in Helsinki in place of VIEROUTS and HERZBERG, two O.T. members with whom the organisation was in touch.

In Berlin the organisation is in contact with (Hauptsturmführer) Arthur GROENHEIM who in 1938 was reported as a member of the Sicherheitsdienst Hauptamt. It is also in touch with, not subordinate to, the (Gruppenführer) Gottlieb BERGER who is head of the S.S. Hauptamt.

In Reval, the organisation works closely with SANDBERGER, the head of the Sicherheitsdienst in Estonia. It is significant that SANDBERGER is on excellent terms with (Vicehäradshövding (deputy judge) Arno ANTHONI, head of the Finnish Statspolis (contre-espionage police), and it appears possible that BROSS and ANTHONI also collaborate very closely.

It has further been learnt that the organisation has succeeded in recruiting various well-placed sources, not all of whom are necessarily conscious. Source believes that a certain woman employee in the American Legation in Helsinki is working for the Germans as well as an employee of the Brazilian Legation in the same city.

Information is also obtained from Samuel MASLOVAT, a prominent figure in the Finnish Zionist movement whose address is Uudenmaank 39A, Helsinki (telephone: Helsinki 32 72 5). Source has further found out that a certain Karin MILLS and her father are to be employed by the Germans; it is not known in what capacity, and source is continuing his enquiries.

The Sicherheitsdienst in Estonia

A most reliable source has provided an outline picture of this organisation.

(a) The official head of the Sicherheitsdienst is S.S. Oberführer MOLLER who is attached to Generalkommissar LIETZMANN. The executive head is however S.S. Sturmbannführer Dr. SANDBERGER.

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(b) Under SANDERSON there are District Chiefs (in Pärnu, Tartu, Tallinn, Narva, etc.). These appear to correspond to the Estonian police prefectures.

(c) The Tartu District organisation may be taken as typical. Under the District Chief, Dr. SEKFIELD, is a staff composed mainly of Estonians. There is also a local Estonian District organisation which is officially independent of the Germans but is nevertheless under the control of the German district chief.

It is through this channel that the political departments of the Estonian police prefectures are given orders by the Germans.

(d) Source emphasises that although there are German police in Estonia they wear special uniforms and do not carry out ordinary police duties. They are believed to be a branch of the S.D. whose duty it is to supervise Germans in Estonia. Personnel are exclusively German.

(e) Source is endeavouring to obtain further details.

It is apparent from the foregoing that the S.D. is present in Estonia in a dual role of political supervision and political intelligence. This accords with what is known of this body. It is justifiable to assume that it has the same function in Finland, with the emphasis rather on the intelligence than on the supervisory side.

It is certain that in any examination of German intelligence organisations in Finland, Estonian conditions must be closely considered. The organisation directed by CELLARIUS is an example of this, although in the case of the Sicherheitsdienst it is perhaps dangerous to press the parallel too far.

It would however seem that any intelligence service in Finland must be considered as part of one organisation which embraces Latvia and Estonia as well.

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