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EXCERPT FROM MR. BERTHOLD BERNARD'S "PERSONAL" FOLDER.

(On file with the police)

BERTHOLD BERNARD, Herbert, married, merchant, DOB: 2 Aug 1913
POB: Dresden.

Parents: BERTHOLD BERNARD Johannes and Klara, nee KNOTH.

Citizenship: German

Residence: Munich, Giselastr.6/IV, since 19 May 1946.

Wife: Ursula BERTHOLD BERNARD, nee HOFFMANN, DOB: 13 May 1915
in Berlin, and two children are registered at the police as
residing at Munich, Osterwaldstr.45c since 29 March 1951.

Citizenship: German.

According to information of the Prosecuting Authorities Dresden
(Staatsanwaltschaft Dresden) of 18 July 1950, Mr. BERNARD has
not been previously convicted.

On 15 July 1950, B. applied for a certificate of good conduct
from the police for travelling to Italy and South America in
the capacity of a trustee of the firm REEMTSMA - Haus NEUER-
BERG (Cigarette Firm), Munich, Plinganserstrasse, and manager
of the firm WESTHANDEL G.m.b.H., Munich.

The French Mission - via the Chief Public Safety Branch OMGB -
requested information about B. on 10 March 1948. The French
General Consulate requested information from beforementioned
authorities.

It was found out that B., at that time, worked for CIC. In
1933, B. became an apprentice in a hotel at Dresden. Thereafter,
he went to Grenobl/France as hotel secretary and remained there
until 1936. Thereafter he left for Paris and Nizza and ran a
restaurant of his own until the break-out of World War II in
1939.

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After 1 month's internament he was released by the French since he always displayed a special loyalty towards the French until the beginning of the war.

Thereafter, B. went to Nizza, however, he again was interned in 1940 and assigned to a Labour Company. He returned to Paris and was used as an interpreter in the German Army, - Army Weapons Department. - At that place B. was employed until the arrival of the Americans who took him over. In May 1945 the American Army took him to Munich.

Until 31 December 1945 B. was working for the Military Government, Munich, CIB.Usfet.

On 19 January 1946 he was appointed trustee of the firm REEMTSMA - Haus NEUERBURG, Munich, by the Americans.

It was the suspicion that B. carried out rather large transactions with narcotics in 1946, in conjunction with which he pretended to be a French citizen. The narcotics were said to be from the former German Army. There transactions with narcotics were made by B. together with a Greek citizen which fact proves that B. tried to beat the German law during the early post-war period.

B. in conjunction with the narcotic transactions was called a cunning agent.

B. is said to have participated in an illicit trade of a motor car under Iranian flag to Switzerland. This purchase war really a bargain since there was quite an amount of narcotics hidden in the respective vehicle which was smuggled in that way to Switzerland. It is said that for the car itself and the narcotics more than 50,000 \$ were paid. B. received rather an amount of money from that business.

REMARK: With regard to this information I wish to point out that they were brought to our attention under the assurance that they be handled "strictly confidential."

Investigations conducted at that time were not successful in that Cap.URBAN, an American officer in Munich, had the case closed as soon as it came to his attention.

With regard to a/m activities of Mr. B. being trustee of the firm REEMTSMA - Haus NEUERBURG, Munich, the following must be stated: On 11 Oct 1948 a/m firm filed a complaint against B. for having embezzled a typewriter which was appropriated by B. B. sold the typewriter to a third person and kept the money. In order to prove the correct ownership to the purchaser, B. - without being entitled thereto - used an official stationery of the firm REEMTSMA and certified on this paper that he is the owner of the typewriter. The questioning of several witnesses could not prove 100% the embezzlement, however, at least, B.'s conduct as a trustee is rather doubtful.

Furthermore, on 15 December 1948 a stolen vehicle was secured at B.'s in Munich by order of an unidentified German police office.

On 23 May 1953 B. received a preliminary authorization for the purchase of alcoholic beverages in the canteen of Radio Free Europe by the municipality of Munich. A certificate of good conduct was submitted at that time.

On 9 March 1953 B. received a family pass authorizing him to travel to several countries.

REMARKS: In spite of all objective judgements it must be stated that B. is quite a doubtful character who especially during the Third Reich and the occupation of the Armed Forces worked for his own benefit.

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BERTHOLD BERNARD Ursula, nee HOFFMANN, born: 13 Apr 1915
POB: Berlin.

Nothing derogatory.

Mrs. Berthold's father, Dr. Artur HOFFMANN, is said to be the
owner of the "PARKHOTEL" in Munich.

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