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BOHLE Ernst Wilhe.			Gauleiter	GE			10		
ALIAS			25 Schutzallee, Berlin-Zehlendorf-Wilmersdorf		28				
BUSINESS ADDRESS:			Westfalischestr. 1 Berlin, Germany		15, 20				
LOCAL ADDRESS:			(reported to have left Germany 10/44)		16				
LEGAL ADDRESS:			Party No. 999185. SS No. 276915		28				
PASSPORT and IDENTITY PAPERS			7/28/03 Bradford, England		21	22			
DESCRIPTION:			Capetown, S.Africa		6	19			
Sex			Height		Weight		Hair		
Eyes			Complexion			Distinguishing Features			
Languages			SS-Gruppenfuehrer. Member of Reichstag, General der Waffen		15, 26				
Profession			Gauleiter of the Auslandsorganisation - Has formal position of		15				
Miscellaneous Information:			Sec. of State within Foreign Office and is bitter rival of Ribbentrop - Decree of 1937 subordinates all personnel of		7				
Foreign Ministry to subject - Chief of all			Nazi parties outside Reich NSDAP and links Foreign Office to		1				
NSDAP for espionage work - Devised training course for spies			at three centers: Ibero-American Foreign Institute of SS, and Political College.		3				
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BOHLE, Ernst Wilhelm Gauleiter

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BOHLE, H. *erman*

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10516  
Brown  
Pretoria  
March 1942

Professor of Electrical Engineering. Was the first Landesgruppen Leader of the NSDAP in South Africa until 1935, with his office at Cape Town where he held a professorship at the University. Was previously employed at Bradford (England). Dogged and rabid old Nazi. Notorious for his rough and unrefined behaviour. Before the outbreak of war he was employed with firm of SIEMENS and from 1938 he was chairman of the Society of Germans and South Africans at Berlin, which with the aid of his Adjutant, ex-teacher KIRCHNER (formerly Cape Town), he soon entirely Nazified. Was very active politically whilst still in the Union and carried on a very interesting correspondence with Maj. WEIGEL in connection with South West African matters. Is today still very interested in local matters. Was even before the war known in Berlin for his hatred of the British. Great friend of P. HIRSCHFELDER and Bruno STILLER. Often meddles in political matters relating to England and South Africa and often pretends to know all about South African interests. Father of Gau leader E.W. BOHLE, Chief of the A.O. with the designation of "Reichs leader of the Auslands Germans."

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BOHLE, Ernst Wilhelm (Gauleiter)

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Author of "The Foreign Organization of the NSDAP", translation of article of 1934 in document.

CID 9444  
State  
1/3/42

Subject's unit of 3 espionage training centers mentioned on master card is called League of Germans Abroad and is one of 3 sections of reorganized German espionage system.

10664, Die  
Zeitung, Lond.  
8/25/42

Made plans for being Gauleiter of England if invasion succeeded. He had conflict with BOUHLER over future governorship of Africa.

11679, SS  
10/22/42

One of German agents sent to Union prior to 1939. Son of German professor at University of Cape Town.

1816-401 (A90)  
Z, A-1  
South Africa  
11/19/42

The Foreign Office is dominated entirely by the Nazi Party through RIBBENTROP, and through subject, Assistant Secretary BOHLE, who heads the "Auslands-organization". Subject has succeeded in securing diplomatic or Foreign Office posts for many high ranking Party officials since 1938. The ministers at Bratislava, Zagreb, Bucharest, Teheran (Ettel) and others are his appointees.

A-23430  
Z  
Istanbul  
3/3/43

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Gau leader of the A.W. in Berlin. Born in England, educated at Cape Town. Father, Professor H. BOHLE, was a professor at the Cape Town University and Landesgruppen leader of the Nazi in South Africa. Subject is very interested in South Africa and all local happenings. Young, blindly fanatical and rabid Nazi; known for his silly circulars.

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Member of Staff of Deputy Fuehrer; participates in deliberations of Cabinet on affairs pertaining to his office, but does not hold title of Reich Minister. Party decorations; Gold Ahz. Ehrdeg RFSS. T/K Ring. XX 6299  
4/18/45

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MEISNER saw subject on one occasion when he addressed a rally of A.O. in Bern. Said to be in close touch with HIMMLER. Description available.

XX 8708, BB 055, MI 5 IIR,  
Karl R J (Hans) MEISNER,  
7/45.

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Cited by informant as being one of the chief organizers of the Nazi espionage system in South Africa. He and the other Nazi agents from the "Ausland" organization which he is reputed to be the head of in Germany, went back to Germany in 1939, but left their system working efficiently which it still is.

N 178  
Capetown  
7/7/43

HESS (qv) closely supervised Auslands Organization until as late as 1934 or 1935 but much of the detail was left to subject.

Rheinlander  
R310063 NI  
8/2/43

Visited Southwest Africa in 1935.

N 246, 9/7/43

Subject's brother, Heinrich BOHLE (qv) was appointed to Berne to replace BIBRA (qv).

26558-1115  
Swiss Primer  
9/21/1943

NEHRADT (qv) is a close cooperater of the subject.

X-2, H 4100  
Lisbon, 11/5/43

Subject is director of German Intelligence in foreign countries. Ewald SCHLUNDT (qv) has been named assistant to subject.

VX-152 D.S.M.  
12/10/43, A-2.

Reported to be one of several high personages of Nazi Party to have left Germany.

Dispatch 10/3/44  
Ankara to London

BOHLE, Ernst Wilhelm (G leiter) 2- Germany Philadelphia Inq. " 11/2

Soviet Tass agency announced that subject is now engaged in setting up an extensive number of foreign bureaus to assist Hitlerite ringleaders in fleeing from Germany.

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Born Bradford, England, 1903, of German parents. Father, Hermann Bohle, taught in English trades schools, later moved to Capetown, South Africa. Subject rec'd secondary education in South Africa, graduated from Handels-hochschule, Germany. Worked in American and English business firms until 1930 when he established wholesale business in Hamburg. Became a member Nazi party at this time with some difficulty as he was still British citizen. Became German citizen several years later. In 1931 became volunteer worker in the Foreign Div. of the party, specializing in African affairs. In 1932 appointed Gauinspekteur, and in May 1933 became chief of his division in the AO. Appointed Gauleiter of AO in Oct. 1933, and State Sec'y and Chief of the Foreign Organization in the Foreign Office in 1937. In Oct. 1937 during interview with Churchill, later expressed intention to denounce AO as espionage network. Bohle assured Churchill AO was strictly a welfare and cultural organization.

Press Survey  
No. 50  
12/11/44  
MIS

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Intercept from subject to Uffz. Walter BARTOLEIT (qv), 81 G 225986, Wash. D.C. reveals that Herr THOMSEN is again occupying the position which was temporarily assigned to Herr TESSMAN (probably Rudolf TESSMAN (qv)).

NYPW 53110, 2/15  
XX 4413, 1944  
Attached  
Censorship  
Reports  
12/21/44

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The Rumanian section of the German Workers' Nat'l-Socialist Party had an intense int.network, mainly due to the fact that German subjects in the organization were obliged to report to their political chiefs all that might be of interest to German activity in Rumania. Into was centralized in the Capital and results reported to the Berlin HQ's of the German Workers' Nat'l Soc.Party's Organization for Abroad, which was under subject.

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Saint  
2/10/45

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X-1569 (NY)  
2/10/45

(Intercept from S.S. Ostuf. Carl ROCHNER, 81 G-261197, Concordia, Prisoner of War Camp, Offizierslager, Komp #9, c/o Box 20, G.P.O., New York, N.Y. to Subject, Berlin-Wilmersdorf 1 Westfälischestr 1, Germany).

Writer thanks Subject for his letter and acknowledges a letter from Mr. GROTHE (Willy GROTHE ?, qv-Ger). He asks Subject to convey his thanks to GROTHE, as he cannot write so often.

(Examiner's note: NYFW 48211, covering communication from L. BARTOLEIT (qv-Sp), Barcelona, to Uffz. Walter BARTOLEIT (qv), c/o Provost Marshall General, Washington, D.C., dated 3/16/44, reveals that the writer intends to move to Germany, but is awaiting the opinion of BOHLE who takes a personal interest in her).

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BOHLE, Ernst Wilhelm

~~Reported~~ (report dated 1/22/45)

According to USSR news agency Tass, well informed circles in Switzerland believe subject, leader of the Nazi organization dealing with Germans abroad, is now engaged in setting up an extensive number of foreign bureaus to assist Hitlerite ringleaders in fleeing from Germany. Subject reportedly active in neutral countries, where he works thru branches of his organization. These branches specialize in the delicate missions of the Nazi leaders in connection with their preparations for escape. They are headed by the most experienced agents of the Nazi Party foreign organization and the Gestapo and have ample funds at their disposal.

RX 468

RBX 33

3/7/45

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BOHLE's job: Officially, the loyalty of the Organizations abroad. Actually, his task went much further. It consisted in undermining the countries, where the AO was playing an important role. Thus, in Switzerland, the SS activity of certain Swiss circles was extended more and more.

BOHLE made exorbitant mistakes in South America and was then dismissed from his post of Secretary of State of the Foreign Office. Was dismissed around 1941 with the provision that this dismissal would become public, only after the War. He remained Chief of the AO; only his position with the Foreign Office was cancelled and, thus, his influence with that Office brought to an end. He was very dangerous. His main job was always Propaganda among the Germans, and at the same time, an intensification of the Diplomatic missions' activities. Bohle was never satisfied and kept on complaining and asked us (source is German diplomat) to take a greater interest in the representing of the Third Reich's ideas.

BORMANN represented the Party Organization abroad. He was very powerful. The influence BOHRMANN-BOHLE was much wider than that of Ribbentrop.

XX 8349

Interrogation of H. BLANKENHORN  
3/14/45

BOHLE, Ernst Wilhelm

Cable from VOLBERG, Lisbon, to BOHLE as follows: "For HUEBNER, SCHMIDTDECKER or CHRISTIANS. As per my letter 1st April to EWE personally mothers, children can remain here. Please send very urgently decision or authorization." W/T 4/19/45

From PANKOW, VOLBERG, Lisbon: "For Gauleiter. On April 20 Reich German Community and Argentine Germans in Portugal in a celebration will think of their Fuhrer and vow to him today ever unchanging fidelity and perpetual readiness." W/T 4/19/45

PANKOW, Lisbon: "For HELLERMANN we refer to letter VOLBERG to Gauleiter of the 1... likewise telegram to AA I request news by wire by return regarding mothers with children of the Argentine group." W/T 4/18/45

BOHLE, Ernst Wilhelm

XX 8635  
7/26/45

See Interrogation File

- NSDAP Folder

British ask whether he has been reinterrogated as requested.

London,  
KEL-4206,  
19/6/47.

Final interrogation report FBI 10 25 July 45  
HQ US Forces in Europe Interrogation Center  
APO 655

SEE LOND 4663 ( IN 29002) and KARL 4914 (IN 32774)

New info shows Subject though acquitted of certain charges at Nurnberg, was sentenced 15 Apr 49 to 5 years in prison for belonging to 'Criminal organization'. Transferred same day from Justice Prison Nurnberg to War Crimes Prison #1 at Landsberg.

IN 32842  
KARL 4929  
27 May 49