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SPECIFIC - Max Gerhard FISCHER; aka Major ROHLEDER, TRIEMSCHEIDER, (Capt.) Gerhard FORSCHNER and Jaan ROHTLA

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1. Subsequent to the dispatch of enclosure to TCS-1124, it was ascertained that the source of this report was not [] as originally thought, but instead it had been prepared by a German friend of the latter by the name of Jaan ROHTLA and that [] had merely been responsible for it as intermediary to the office of the Military Attache, Santiago. An effort was then made to ascertain further details regarding ROHTLA in view of the potential value of the information he had submitted. All efforts to locate ROHTLA through Chilean police files proved negative, as no such name had ever been recorded. Therefore, [] was requested to obtain further details on ROHTLA from []. However, this did not prove very productive until on 30 December 1950 [] reported that he had received a communication from ROHTLA to the effect that the latter claimed that he was able to arrange contact with a group of scientists in the Soviet connected with atomic matters. According to [], ROHTLA claimed that he had a contact in Turkey with a Major IRENOV, who maintained clandestine contact with a Professor REIFFER, a former assistant to Professor EINSTEIN, Professor ACVIT and Professor KANNEMANN. REIFFER, under the pseudonym of NEDEMAIER, had been in contact with Madame CURIE in Paris during the war on scientific matters. He is also said to be a friend of a Professor ITSCHNER (sic), in whose father's home in Zurich, Switzerland, LENIN had lived while in exile. ITSCHNER is reportedly close to and trusted by STALIN.

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2. In order to probe the above further, [] was requested to obtain additional details from ROHTLA regarding the above mentioned names. Accordingly, ROHTLA provided the following:

a) REIFFER, Emil: He was born and raised in Switzerland, the son of Swiss parents. He studied mathematics and physics in Germany, where he allegedly gained recognition from Professor EINSTEIN. Later he studied

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at Göttingen under (Professor) PRANDTL, where he studied aerodynamics with particular emphasis on supersonic speeds through the use of wind tunnels obtained through the vacuum of a concrete bunker. Professor PRANDTL had two particularly significant assistants, (Professor) KANDELANN and (Professor) AKERITH (sic). Professor KANDELANN is now believed to be in the United States as is Professor PRANDTL. Professor AKERITH, successor to PRANDTL, is now believed to be in Zurich according to Professor TANK. REIFFER was most active as a liaison man between scientific circles and the Ic/Luft and later the Special Staff of the SD, which was led by HIMMLER's brother as a weapons testing institution for the SS.

REIFFER is the brother-in-law of the well-known STAHL-FISCHER in Basel, a former British informant. REIFFER is presently living in Switzerland with his wife and is in contact with Professor ITSCHNER (sic).

b) (Professor) ITSCHNER: This professor is the son of a well-known historian in Switzerland by the same name, who harbored LENIN during the latter's exile. When LENIN returned to Russia, Professor ITSCHNER accompanied him there where he became a leader of the Political Academy and an official of the Politburo. This Professor ITSCHNER is allegedly accredited with having accomplished the background negotiation for the understanding between STALIN and HITLER, and he remains today a trusted follower of STALIN.

c) (Major) TRENOW: This person is a former member of the Czarist Secret Service and allegedly maintains secret contacts inside Moscow and is believed at present to be in Turkey.

3. In view of the above conflicting details and lack of clarification, this [] was inclined to discredit ROHTLA's statements. However, to take advantage of his offer to be of service to the United States in establishing contact with above alleged persons, this [] prepared a questionnaire for [] to give ROHTLA to complete on the basis that no consideration could be given to his proposal without full knowledge of his personal background. Accordingly, ROHTLA provided the following personal, biographic data, which he insisted was absolutely reliable.

True Name:	Max GERHARD FISCHER
Aliases:	Major ROHLEDER, while in Spain attached to the Ic/Ac of the Condor Legion (S88) Capt. Gerhard FORSCHNER, while in liaison service between the S88-Tc/Ac and the Chief of SIFM (Servicio Informacion Policia Militar), while latter position was held by Col. UNGIA. RIEMSCHEIDER, pseudonym used while in Spain with the Condor Legion.

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Jaen ROHTLA: At the end of the war he went to Sweden, where he changed his name to ROHTLA in order to evade being handed over to the Soviet.

Date of Birth: 15 July 1913

Place of Birth: Sedlitz, Kreis-Calau (Nieder-Lausitz), Germany

Citizenship: Although born in Germany and a German citizen, at the end of the war in Sweden he joined a group of Estonian refugees and since 1946 has represented himself as a stateless Estonian citizen.

Present Status in Chile: It is that of an Estonian stateless person under the alias of ROHTLA

Address: General Delivery, Concon, Chile

Present Occupation: Fishing business at Concon

Personal and Military History:

1934: Upon completion of secondary school in Germany he was sent as a Hitler Youth leader to visit Argentina.

1935: Worked in Hamburg and Berlin as a member of the NSDAP in charge of the organization of the NS-WELFARE OF GERMANS RESIDENT ABROAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

1936: Entered military police training in Germany.

1937: Entered GEHEILE STAATSPOLIZEIAMT (Gestapo) and was on the staff S88 of the Air Force and the OKW.

1938: Was assigned to Ic/Ao of the Condor Legion in Spain.

1939: Returned to Germany from Spain after being wounded and was transferred to OBERSTLEUTNANT FLEISCHHAUER.

1940: Employed by the organization of (REICHSLEITER) ROSENBERG in the WORLD SERVICE.

1941: Wounded in combat and ordered to Ic/Luft of the OKW on a special mission in Spain.

1942: Became personal assistant to Gauleiter Reichsstatthalter SPRENGER, where he remained in charge of coordination between Party, State and Wehrmacht until the collapse of the Third Reich.

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1946: At the time of the surrender he was in Denmark, where he made his way to Sweden, joining a group of Estonian refugees there under the name of ROHTLA. On June 8, 1946 with a group of Estonian refugees in Sweden, he crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a small, 11 meter boat and landed in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 9 September 1946, where the Argentine Government in recognition of the perilous flight of these refugees issued all of them permits of residence and identity papers. Thus, he has been forced to use the name ROHTLA as his only documentation is in this name.

1947: He organized the AYUDA SOCIAL MADRES Y NIÑOS ALEMANOS in Buenos Aires. Later he organized a travel bureau AGIME in Buenos Aires together with a (Major) Paul WELLS, a retired former employee of the British Embassy.

1948: Came to Chile, where he has been engaged in a fishing business at Concon and Quintero.

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Contacts in U.S.:

None

Father:

Max FISCHER, born in Sedlitz (Kreis-Calau, Nieder-Lausitz), Germany; employee of ILSE BERGBAU A.G. in Nieder-Lausitz; died in combat in the first World War.

Mother:

Anna FISCHER, née RASCHEN; born 11 August 1888 in Rosendorf, (Kreis-Calau, Nieder-Lausitz) where she is still living on the family property.

Wife:

Klara FISCHER, née WULFF; born in Hamburg, 13 April 1914; married in Berlin in 1937; German; divorced; now residing in Hamburg--Langehorn, Chaussee 112, Germany.

Children:

Gord FISCHER; born September 1939 in Hamburg.
Helge FISCHER; born 1944 Frankfurt/M.
Ullrich FISCHER; born 1945 in Hamburg.

Brother:

Erich FISCHER; born 25 October 1911 in Rosendorf, (Kreis-Calau, Nieder-Lausitz); was turned over

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to the Russians at the end of the war and has not been heard of since.

Documents: Argentina cedula, Capital No. 3886692, and Certificate of Good Conduct dated 24 August 1949. This identity card is still valid, and on the basis of these two documents in 1950 in lieu of a passport a re-entry permit was issued in Mendoza, Argentina. The identity paper was stamped with a Chilean visa which has since expired.

Religion: Was baptized and confirmed as an Evangelist.

Political Affiliations: Although a member of the NSDAP, he claims he was never a thorough believer in Hitlerism and that he has dedicated himself to exposing and branding the errors of post-war Hitlerism. He claims to be a violent enemy of Communism and is not a member of any political party at the present time.

Travel: Aside from the above mentioned travel, he lectured against Soviet imperialism at the May Day celebration in 1941 at Wiel, Rorschach and St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Education: Four years preliminary school, 9 years of reform, Real Gymnasium. Secondary School at Rathemaun at the HINDENBURG SCHOOL in Senftenberg, Nieder-Lausitz.

Language: Fluent German, French and Spanish; fair Latin English and Swedish.

Military Decorations: Medalla de la Campaña de España; Spanish Cross; Merit Medals, first and second class; and the Gold Hitler Youth Emblem.

Writings and/or Publications: In Germany he wrote indoctrination articles on the theme of the Struggle of Destiny Against Red Imperialism. He continued writing for the press in Argentina, where his articles appeared in the German language daily "FREIE PRESSE". In Chile he has prepared 600 pages of the manuscript for his

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book "DIE IRRLICHTER", which concerns itself with the psychological aspects of the struggle against Red imperialism.

Persons Living at Same Address and/or Close Associates:

He resides in the house of ^{TREE} Maria MORGADO de FISCHER, Avenida Borgofia 23623, Concon; where also resides an Italian by name of Franco

← NIVOLARI, in Concon, Chile

Police Record:

He claims that he has never been arrested nor convicted in any court and that no one in Germany is aware of his present identity or whereabouts.

Personal Description:

Age: 37 years and 6 months
Height: 173.5 cm.
Eyes: Blue
Face: Oval-shaped
Posture: Regular
Teeth: Poor
Hair: Fair or blond
Distinctive Features: None
Weight: 84 kgs.

Comments on Intelligence Experience:

Subject claims that his intelligence experience with the Germans consisted of a special police training in criminal and state police groups in the region of Erfurt and later in the office of the State Police in Berlin. Later under orders of Dr. BEST in Department 3, he was attached to OKW in Spain, where he was a close friend of a chief of a special staff of General Franco, Willie KUNN, and the chief of the SIPM, Col. AUNGRIA. (Field Note: Remaining details have not been translated to date by FUGIENT but will be forwarded under separate cover if considered significant.)

4. The above personal data on the source of the enclosure to TCS-1124 are forwarded at this time in order to aid Headquarters in the evaluation of latter information. [] stated that although FISCHER (ROHTLA) is a former Gestapo agent, he is a bitter enemy of Communism and that he sincerely desires to cooperate in any way possible with the United States against Communism and the revival of any resemblance to the HITLER, NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY OF GERMANY.

5. As a matter of possible interest, [] reported that FISCHER (ROHTLA)

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was in contact with an intermediary of Martin BORMANN's. When queried further on this the latter told [] that his contact was with a (Gaulleiter) Willio STÜHR, who was in contact with BORMANN, and he claims that he would be able to obtain BORMANN's whereabouts but that it was a matter of great concern to him as to whether this should be disclosed. He stated that STÜHR was an extremely intimate friend of his and that he was: the chief of the information department under BORMANN and liaison man with Dr. GOEBBELS. STÜHR became the successor to Gauleiter BURKEL as Gauleiter and Reichstatthalter of West Mark, where he distinguished himself by his intelligent procedures during the evacuation of Lorraine and Saarpfalz. A literal translation of FISCHER's (ROHTLA's) report to [] contained the following statement: "The American must also bear it on his conscience and promise it on his word of honor that he does not deliver us to a justice of vengeance, but consider the contact to STÜHR as a secret tie of a common cause in the struggle against the Red imperialists." Neither [] nor [] were able to determine exactly what FISCHER (ROHTLA) meant by this statement, unless he was apprehensive over the possibility that he and STÜHR might be turned over for punitive action in view of their Gestapo record. This [] has no knowledge of Willio STÜHR and is inclined to question the soundness of FISCHER (ROHTLA). Therefore, any enlightenment which Headquarters might provide on the foregoing would be greatly appreciated by this []

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