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Y-2665: Wartime Activities (cont'd)

in contact with agents)

FRIEDEN Comments: Subj was one of best NSMA men in Italy during war; operated in the north, attempting to get a line on NSMA activity. Subject was responsible for a penetration of Ascham's office near Lausanne; the penetration was never caught (name not supplied). As a result of this, he saw reports on the NSMA "wise" mission regularly.

Was on "wise" Desk of A & VI for a period during the war, but proved unsatisfactory for a sedentary job. Placed on leave by FRIEDEN until a suitable assignment (Italy) came up. Worked closely with COOPER during war. Dets-friend of both V-2778 and FRIEDEN. At end of war, entrusted with organizing escape of several high Nazis (with their money) to Switzerland. Captured by Italian partisans; turned over to Americans and then to British. Bears grudge against latter for alleged brutal treatment he received. Has handled political as well as NSMA cases.

Ernst Tracer: Hauptsturmfuehrer Gerung: born ca. 1904; Abt IV "Eipo" and "D" since March until June 1944; probably first arrived in Rome in January 1944 from Berlin in connection with the organization of sabotage operations; was G.C. at Via Tusco, Rome, until 12 May 44, when KOSSELER replaced him; reported to be a very good organizer; formerly a Kripo officer and is said to boast of his knowledge of police work; height 5'6" (168 cm); fat, fair hair, almost bald, large double chin, pendulous lower lip.

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Kriminalkommissar Gerung: born ca. 1912; Leiter Abt III Gestapo Prague in June 1940. (Possibly identical)

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- DOB prior to July 1942
- Recruited V-2778 for [UPDATING]
- 1952: GV I, UV Rhein/Ruhr, Filialleiter, spotter and agent leader of operational group BURK. Operations: Cologne area. Living: Cologne. Subject's Chief: V-2778.
- 1952 to 1953: Operating: Dusseldorf-East Germany. Living: Dusseldorf.
- 1953: GV I, UV 2778; Filialleiter 2665. Operations: East and West Germany. Living: Stuttgart. ("see Attachment to 301A-4677")
- 1954, Early: Transferred to Dienststelle 161, Zweigstelle a; leader of IV e 1. Operations: West Germany and West Berlin. Living: Stuttgart.
- March 55: Subject, V-2778 and V-2772 are old friends who served together in "Eipo" during SW II, according to COOPER. BURK who considers Subject most reliable.

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V-2565: [UPHROG] (Cont'd)

May 56: Establishment of a Handelsvertretung in Düsseldorf, under V-2978 who will have Headquarters in Cologne.

Description: Reside one of a penguin; ca. 5'7" tall and probably tips the scales at 190 lbs. Sandy-colored hair and appears to be ca. 52 or 53 years old. Has rotund little figure; most remarkable physical characteristic is his hands which are tiny and tapered; speaks with Rhineland accent; alleges to be a bachelor (married, but does not live with wife) and does not smoke; devotes himself to cognac with gusto.

Abilities: [SUTZACK] comments: Although he is an excellent case officer, he falls down on written reports; gave [] the impression of being qualified; experienced officer; quite self-assured and by his own admission able to approach an agent or a contact on whatever basis seems appropriate.

Impressions: (3 September 1956) Now coming into his own increasingly as acting chief of the Cologne office pending []'s move. A loud, garrulous police official who has broad sense of humor, he is either sub-consciously or upon direction, attempting to become "salon-fachig"; one of the most noticeable signs of this is the fact that he has taken to wearing a dark blue Fomburg hat which sits comically upon his rather small head. He is currently involved in attempting to line up contacts in the Bonn-Cologne area, and also guiding the destinies of his subordinates.

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