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Gerhart Eisler is identical with Hans Berger of the

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Gerhart Eisler is about 50 years old. He was born in Vienna, Austria. His first steps in politics were made when he joined the Wyneken movement, a German Socialist youth movement. He adhered to an Austrian branch of this movement which called itself Hydra. Other members of this group were Paul Hagen and Ruth Fischer. The whole group, in the summer of 1919, joined with the Communist party of Austria. Eisler became a contributor to a magazine called Kommunismus in 1920. The magazine printed articles by Lenin, Trotzky, Karl Radek, Bella Kuhn, Eugene Varga. Kommunismus collapsed about the same time as the Hungarian Communist regime. Since there was no field for Communist activities in Austria, Gerhart Eisler took up residence in Berlin. Gerhart Eisler's sister, Ruth Fischer, had made a meteor-like career in the Communist party of Germany, and Gerhart Eisler soon became an insider of the party. There can be no doubt that Eisler at the same time became an agent of the Comintern organization. Gerhart Eisler who is very ambitious, got entangled in intrigues against Ernest Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist party, with the result that Moscow stepped in, disqualified Eisler for Germany, but sent him on a mission to China. This was around 1929. In the following years Eisler had performed several missions for the Russians. During the Spanish Civil War he worked in Spain for the GPU

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It may be of interest in connection with your inquiry about Gerhart Eisler that Eisler is one of a group of sixteen German Communists who have applied for permits to return to Germany, "to participate in the building of a freedom-loving and democratic Germany and in the re-establishment of the labor movement." The group's intention was announced in an elaborate "Declaration" released to the press 4 June.

Other members of the group are: Ernst Kruger, Hans Marchwitza, Philip Daub, Else Steinfurth, Lisa Kirbach, Max Schroeder, Alfred Zahn, Karl Obermann, Gustav A. Deter, Maria Deter, Albert H. Schreiner, Emma Schreiner, Lore Heinemann Kruger, Albert Norden, and Herta Norden.

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