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Care of the American Consulate
Luanda, Angola

Dear [REDACTED]

The second major objective in your instructions was to observe and report upon all Axis activities in Angola. In this connection we have been busy during the last few months in compiling a suspect list of all Axis individuals in the colony. These names have come from numerous sources including names furnished by our Allies, names sent in by our own representatives, and intercepts of telegrams and letters. The job of checking and rechecking this list goes on constantly. Names of certain individuals originally reported as suspect have been fully cleared as a result of further investigation. It is relatively easy for a name to be placed on a suspect list unjustly, and then through liaison transmittal to be placed on other suspect lists. Such was the original experience of two Americans in the colony, McGowan and Helpert, who have since been cleared.

We are enclosing a list of names selected from our master list on which the information is incomplete and, no doubt, in a number of cases inaccurate. We ask that you check these names as thoroughly as possible. First determine whether they have any direct Axis connections or whether they could clearly be classed as suspect or engaging in activities harmful to the cause of the United Nations. Secondly, we desire much more complete information than is now compiled against them, such as their exact address, age, background, contacts, et cetera.

We would also appreciate any additions which you could make to these names in the Lobito area. We suggest that you turn over the names of Guimaraes and Strowall to [REDACTED] for checking from Mossamedes. When we receive your comments on this list we will add them to our master one and when it is reasonably complete we will send you the whole list for future reference.

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Sincerely,

A. W. Schmidt

Enclosure

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SUSPECT LIST OF INDIVIDUALS --- ANGOLA

- Aguiar, Jose: Portuguese (mother German by birth); Accountant in N'Hia Agricola Ltda; In N'Hia Plantation near Quilenda; Agent of German S.S.; His father who is also suspect, works at Banco d'Angola.
- Bagdahn, Hans: German; Coffee and maize cultivator; Capoco, (or Baghdan) Nova Sintra, Bie.; Suspected Nazi agent.
- Bassio, Emico: Italian; Angola; One of heads of local Fascist Party and Axis agent; House is used as a meeting place for BRUNO REISS (q.v.) and others.
- Coelho, Manoel: Pro-Nazi Portuguese; proprietor of restaurant at Nova Lisboa where such Nazis as Goldschmidt (q.v.) and Fonseca (q.v.) meet; Nazi reunion held at restaurant Nov. 18-20, 1941
- Fonseca, Joachim: Pro-Nazi Portuguese; attended Nazi reunion at Coelho's restaurant in Nova Lisboa Nov. 18-20, 1941.
- Fristkorn, Fritz: German; Chicuma, Canda; Nazi propagandist
- Gartner, Eva: German Jew; % L. Gartner, Nova Lisboa; Implicated in importation of gas cartridges, espionage; Daughter of L. Gartner, trader of Nova Lisboa.
- Garuti, Mario: Italian; Planter; Babacra; One of leaders of local Fascist Party in touch with Bruno Reiss and others.
- Gesterlind: German; Part proprietor Fazenda N'Danga and Fazenda & Ombongo; Adherent Nazi cause and considered dangerous; Was sergeant in last war is partner to ROUSELLE (q.v.)
- Guimaraes, Venancio: Portuguese; Trader, planter, and industrialist, local representative of Vacuum Oil Co., owner of fishing vessels under name of Sociedade Maritima Ltda.; Sa'da Bandeira (S. Angola); suspected to be implicated in separatist movement, close relation with Ossewa Brandweg in South Africa; maintains social and commercial relations with Germans in Angola; Shady moral and business reputation, and is regarded with great suspicion by the Portuguese Police.
- Halpert: American; in shoe business, trading under the name of Angola Traders; Nova Lisboa; Reputed to have Germans working for him and some people consider him suspicious. *See Ben Clemit*
- G.K.

- Kath, Carl: German; 48 years; Coffee planter; Rēgion de Dembos (Quiloxi) Ambrizette; Arms traffic.
- Kuhn, Gerard: German; Trader and planter; Chicuma, Ganda; Nazi Propagandist.
- Mass, Hans: German; Chicuma, Ganda; Nazi Propagandist.
- Oetersagen, Otto: German; Fazenda Capunda, Vouga, Bie.; Suspected Nazi agent.
- Petersen, Alfred Heinrich Wilhelm: German 28-29 years; Ex-employee of Casa Hollandesa; Angola; Active member local Nazi party; Has contacts in Mozambique, which he visits.
- Schlachter, Max: Swiss; Chicuma, Ganda; Poses on occasions as member of British Intelligence Service.
- Schmidt: German; 27-28 years; Lobito; Would have been expelled for espionage but for intervention of Consul Martin.
- Storberbeck, von: German; Fazenda Dongo, Chicuma; Highly suspect as Nazi propaganda agent.
- Strowall: German naval officer at sa da Bandeira; active in German espionage in Angola.
- Udschmann, Fitz: Commerical agent of Libreria Lello; gets as much gasoline as he wants from Carvalho and Freitas, agents for Vacuum Oil Co., and known to be selling gasoline, etc. to German subjects.

Possible Suspects in Benguela--Lobito

An interview in December 1942 with subject who lived in Angola 1939-1941 produced the following on Axis agents and sympathizers in Angola.

The British Consulate calls the office of the Wurmen Line the "Second German Consulate".

Among the German Nazi leaders in Benguela was a Mr. Weier who was a dentist, but who had far more money than it was believed a dentist could have earned, and a Mr. Franz Reglin, who entertained all the newly arriving Nazis. Once, by mistake, a man named "Dunkel" visited the subject's family, instead of calling on Reglin, and told them how he had already been in Poland and Norway, how he had come ostensibly to Angola to buy a farm, but really to spread propaganda in the southwest. They sent him to the British consulate, the subject said.

There are two brothers named Rodriguez in the customhouse in Benguela, one of whom told the subject very openly he was a Nazi and distributed Nazi literature.

In Lobito, the sailors on the ship going to Portugal made friends with German men and afterwards seemed to have a lot of money which, Subject believes, they got for carrying messages to Germans.

Subject also named the following as Nazi Sympathizers:

Gerhard Kramer, Benguela, to whom Franz Reglin (see Above) sold his house.
Judge Dr. Costa, a Portuguese of Benguela, who lived almost exclusively with Germans.

Dr. Carlos Lofgren (a medical doctor of Benguela) who hobnobbed with the Nazis in the province.

Mr. Goldschmidt, owner of the Atlantic Hotel in Loanda, which was patronized by Nazis.

Mr. Seguerra, in the customs at Lobito.

M. Figuerido of the Figuerido Irmao, in Benguela, bought sisal, coffee, etc., from the German farmers.

Captain Cardosa, a friend of Figuerido's, commander of the boat "Lourenco Marques"
M. Aguiar, of the Bank of Angola in Lobito, who married a German.

Although Subject does not remember now in each case specific incidents about the above, interviewer is of the impression that Subject is levelheaded enough so that the accusations are likely to have basis.

Memorandum to Field:

The following notation regarding a suspect was picked up several months ago:

"BLUMES - German born, is still a German subject. Manager of an American firm in Lobito. Portuguese do not associate with him."

The reference to an American firm in Lobito has been puzzling to us and no doubt is inaccurate. Please check this thoroughly, if there is any substance, report the details fully.