

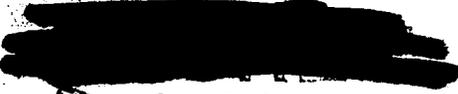
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1. An agent believed to be sponsored by the American State Department has frequently attempted to contact personnel of the Federal Chancellory for inquiries on Federal German employees. This agent has been identified tentatively as Frau Traute HOFFEDITZ (phonetic), a German national, allegedly a native of BERLIN, approximately 50 years old, who is maintaining a photo studio in the vicinity of the Bundeshaus. The photo studio is known under the name of "Atelier Sandau". HOFFEDITZ is attempting to recruit her sources by making generous offers of Lucky Strike cigarettes. She explains that she obtains these cigarettes through her fiance, a British national with whom she expects to leave for South Africa in the near future. In the meantime, however, it has been learned by the Federal Chancellory that HOFFEDITZ's associate in connection with her information gathering activities is a female Allied national identified only as ATTLEE who likes to represent herself as a journalist. HOFFEDITZ's inquiries were primarily on the background of a BARTH recently transferred from the Ministry of Transportation to the BLANK Office and other personalities connected with that agency. Her questions in regards to these items were so specific that they left no doubt as to their true nature. During the conversation HOFFEDITZ disclosed that she had close contacts with the US State Department and that she was counting on its aid in the transfer of her physical effects from BERLIN to West Germany. She claims to have an extensive photo archive in BERLIN-SCHLACHTENSEE. As for her background she disclosed that she is from Silesia, a long time resident of BERLIN, and that her father had been a clergyman. A physical description of HOFFEDITZ reads as follows: Medium height and build, blond hair, well dressed, and of elegant appearance. Very talkative.

2. Notification was received recently by the Federal Chancellory which emanated from an as yet unidentified source in Switzerland that the FDP Bundestag representative, Arthur STEGNER, had been a member of the SS and an agent of the SD during the Third Reich. As a result of this notification the FSA was requested to initiate an investigation on STEGNER. Two conferences took place during the early part of August between Ministerialrat GUMPEL and General Reinhard GEHLEN. On both occasions GEHLEN was accompanied by von LOSSOW. After these negotiations LOSSOW and GEHLEN proceeded to ESSEN for further consultations. In this connection it is noteworthy to add that the GEHLEN organization recently established a new branch office in ESSEN hitherto identified only as Org which for the time being is under the direction of former Kriminalrat and SS Hauptsturmfuehrer Karl SCHUETZ. It is believed that this branch of the GEHLEN Organization will concern itself only with industrial counterintelligence. SCHUETZ started his career during the Third Reich


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as a protege of the Nazi regime and attained rank and position after conclusion of a condensed training cycle designed for a political civil servant aspirant. On the basis of this preliminary training he entered the police career in 1935. According to SCHUETZ the only qualification for a police investigator was a low number on an NSDAP membership book. During WW II he served on assignments at SAARERUECKEN, TRIER, and ROME, Italy. SCHUETZ was chosen for his present position on the basis of a number of articles which appeared recently in the publication "Fortschritt" concerning partisan warfare in Italy during WW II which are believed to have been written by SCHUETZ or at least based on his experiences.

3. In the meantime GEHLEN continues to supply the Federal Chancellery with information which arrives through LOSSOW in sealed envelopes delivered into the hands of GUMPPEL. After perusal by GUMPPEL these reports are submitted to GLOBKE and LENZ and on occasion selected items are forwarded to the attention of Dr. ADENAUER.

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