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1. Sonderkommando PANNWITZ took over the Rote Kapelle assignment in Paris from REGER (now UPSWINGER) in 1943. REGER had been responsible for capturing two important SRIS agents, Henry ROBINSON and LEOPOLD TREPPER. Shortly after PANNWITZ took over TREPPER escaped. Long-time SRIS agent, Victor SUKOLOV, KENT was doubled by PANNWITZ and they worked together. There is a possibility that KENT turned PANNWITZ. HIS Rote Kapelle study states that KENT and PANNWITZ left Paris together in August, 1944. Possibly in Alsace in W/T communication with Moscow, Oct. 1944. Later reported that KENT was in Bregenz. BIS study further states that while PANNWITZ reputedly arrested in Vorarlberg by French in May 1945, KENT escaped probably into Switzerland or Soviet Zone. This misinformation in view of PANNWITZ's recent return from a Russian POW camp.
2. Personnel of PANNWITZ's Paris Amt located and debriefed after the war. These included Rolf Werner RICHTER, Waldemar LENTZ, Hans KURFESS, KOPKOW, Walter HAECKER and Willy BERO. POB has only extracts, see below, but debriefings available Washington. RICHTER reported he saw PANNWITZ in April 1945 in Hof, Bavaria. PANNWITZ was with his secretary and mistress Hilda KEMPA, KENT, SS H/Schaf OSSIG, Kriminal Sekretar ROELICK. PANNWITZ then planned to go to Bodensee.
3. Dr. Otto Hermann Waldemar LENTZ, DOB: 2 Dec 1909, POB: Darmstadt, journalist, long-time pre-war Russian contacts. Worked in Koenigsberg monitoring broadcasts from USSR, 1936-1938; father in consulate at Danzig which Nazis considered suspect; involved SCHULZE-BOYSEN group, Berlin. 1942 arrested but released and sent to Paris to work under PANNWITZ. At end of war, LENTZ was again suspected of SRIS activities. Told SCHULZE-BOYSEN's brother-in-law, Johannes HAA S-HYK in 1947 that he had seen Guenther WEISENBORG, who said Russians wished him to keep in touch with Germans who were members (ex-members) of the Rote Kapelle.  
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4. Only info we have on rest of group is an fnu KOPKOW suspected of working for BIS in January 1953 and Wilhelm BERG, whom DIR 49025, 20 April 1955, calls "expert on Western aspects of the Rote Kapelle; handled Alexander SAUTER for the Gestapo".
5. In May 1956, RISCHE told [ ] that he and Dr. ALBERTI were former colleagues of PANNWITZ, the latter being especially friendly with him. RISCHE felt that seeing PANNWITZ would be embarrassing as he might wish a job, etc., which request Dr. ALBERTI particularly would find hard to refuse.

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