

Attach to BGMA 54269, April 1961

meeting with BERNHARDT, 24 March

3. FRIESEN. The following points came up:

a. BERNHARDT said he also had been checking further into FRIESEN's background, particularly into the time that his RSHA work had been Abteilung VI B (Aufklaerung Schweiz). BERNHARDT said he had been interested to discover that FRIESEN's predecessor in Abt. VI B was Dr. Klaus HUEGEL, who appeared in Switzerland after the war as a witness against German agents arrested during the war. BERNHARDT also had discovered a mysterious note in an UPHILL dossier indicating that HUEGEL possibly was connected with the Rote Kapelle. BERNHARDT said he had not been able to determine who had written the note but that it was rather tantalizing. BERNHARDT said HUEGEL presently was working as a "Prokurist" for Porsche-Diesel in Friedrichshafen. BERNHARDT added that HUEGEL since the war had numerous rather odd connections including contacts with former SS General WOLF, with SKORZLNY, with PANNWITZ and several others of the same ilk. BERNHARDT said that even if it did not turn out that HUEGEL could shed any light on FRIESEN's wartime activities, he appeared to be an interesting person in connection with information on HACKE.

b. BERNHARDT said that another interesting aspect of the FRIESEN case was the fact that for some time now DR HERDER had been convinced that the only logical explanation for the LENA case, the way it has developed and hung on, etc., is that FRIESEN is a Soviet penetration of UPHILL. BERNHARDT said that HERDER had approached KLAUSNER some time ago and proposed that this was the case. KLAUSNER had pooh-poohed the idea. Later HERDER approached STURM and made the same pitch he had made earlier to KLAUSNER. HERDER apparently went into considerable detail in tracing the development of the LENA case and some of the weird things that had happened and claimed that it was not possible to explain the operation other than the fact that FRIESEN was a Soviet agent. STURM also had brushed HERDER off. Now that the information has come to light, STURM has taken a considerable interest in HERDER's thesis and has ordered Dr. ALBERTI to do a thorough analysis of the case from beginning to end. BERNHARDT also said that although FRIESEN presumably does not know that HERDER really has in the back of his mind, he is aware that HERDER has been taking pot-shots at the LENA case and claimed that there presently is very bad blood between FRIESEN and HERDER.

c. After noting that this was very interesting and that the LENA case indeed had its peculiar aspects said that there was still another operation handled by FRIESEN which was equally peculiar and mentioned the UJNUTLET case. specifically commented on the rather weird fact that the KGB have, via UJNUTLET, ostensibly put through a query on BERNHARDT said he is only vaguely aware of the UJNUTLET case and that he most certainly would look into it in greater detail.

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