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23 February 1954

TO : 841

FROM : 870

SUBJECT : Arwed FLEGEL @ Alfred FRIEDEMANN

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SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. At 1015 hours 22 February 1954, 870 was notified by Public Safety that a man named FRIEDEMANN giving the emergency identification HTB 757 was being detained at GCIS pending identification.

2. At 1030 hours 22 February 1954, 870 interviewed subject and determined that subject had contacted (fnu) von WYSZECKI residing BRUNCGEMANNSTRASSE 8 Berlin Steglitz on 15 February 1954 for operational reasons. Von WYSZECKI was suspicious and refused to talk. Subject recontacted von WYSZECKI on 20 February 1954 and asked von WYSZECKI if he would cooperate if GCIS identified him (subject) as a member of the Western Service. Von WYSZECKI agreed, and subject reported to GCIS at 1930 hours 22 February 1954 to be identified.

3. 870 determined that subject had Munich Ausweis I* 180620 which gave his date of birth as 29 September 1913. 870 then decided to check the emergency identification. 870's book did not carry that number and 870 then borrowed @ EMERICH'S book which also did not carry the number. 870 then returned to subject and requested further identification. Subject stated his true name was Arwed FLEGEL and that he was born 8 October 1914 in Berlin KOEFENICK and further that he lived in BURG on FEHMARN Island off Schleswig-Holstein. Subject gave his V number as 2954. 870 then initiated his cable to you containing above information.

4. 870 then asked subject if someone in Berlin could identify him who himself had a valid emergency number. Subject replied in the affirmative. 870 and subject then contacted subject's firm leader who gave his name as Helmut OHLBRECHT, his emergency number as IVC 823 and his year of birth as 1908. 870 then returned subject to the custody of 870 and attempted to check OHLBRECHT's number. Again neither the book of 870 nor that of EMERICH carried the identification IVC 823. Field Comment. OHLBRECHT is a tailor by trade and his address is 34 FRIEDBERGSTRASSE Berlin Halensee.

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5. 870 then asked subject for more information, if he cared to give it; otherwise it would be necessary for him to spend the night in jail. Subject indicated that a person known to the Meldekopf as Helmut could identify him and indicated a general willingness to talk so 870 took subject for a drive while trying to decide on a further course of action.

6. Subject indicated that he was married and had three children, two boys 16 and 14 years of age and a daughter 6 years old. His family lived in Burg on Fehmarn Island which is a town on a small island in the Baltic Sea off Schleswig Holstein. Prior to the war, subject stated he studied medicine at Humbolt University in Berlin but the war intervened before he could receive his degree. During the war, subject served on the East front as a lieutenant of infantry. Subject alleges he worked for the Org. since early 1951 and had his present emergency number for the past 18 months. Subject asserts he operated in the Zone and primarily in Hamburg. Subject further asserted that he was sent to Berlin in August 1953 and returns to Frankfurt from Berlin monthly on the courier flight and from Frankfurt he is given an opportunity to visit his family in Burg on Fehmarn Island. Subject's expressed interest in espionage was political intelligence and is knowledgeable concerning the SSD and controls in East Berlin.

7. At 1600 hours 22 February 1954, 870 contacted EMMERICH and asked if anyone at the Meldekopf knew of a Helmut who would be willing to vouch for an Org member. After making a check, EMMERICH answered affirmatively. 870 and subject met @ MOMSEN and Helmut at a street corner in Zehlendorf. Helmut was none other than Helmut OHLBRECHT who was previously known to MOMSEN.

8. 870 reported to GCIS that subject was identified and released as of 1430 hours which was the time subject left GCIS in the custody of 870. GCIS called von WYSZECKI as originally requested by subject and stated that subject was a member of a Western Organization. (An approved way of establishing bona fides) Von WYSZECKI has the telephone number 712244.

9. In conclusion, it is believed this case provides new information. 870 found it somewhat astonishing that neither the emergency number of the subject nor OHLBRECHT appeared in the book of 870 or that of EMMERICH. Coincidence or not? In any event, this type of information will not be available once the laminated cards are issued.

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