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VERY LEAST UNWITTING INFORMANTS. BRITISH WERE FIRST TO DROP THIS THEORY AND FRENCH SOME YEARS LATER. (HERDER MADE NO MENTION OF US POSITION.) IN PURSUIT OF GEHLEN THEORY, HIS ORGANIZATION ACTIVELY COLLECTED INFO ON KAISER, LEMMER AND MANY OTHER POLITICIANS, INTELLECTUALS AND BUREAUCRATS. HERDER HIMSELF, AS CE AIDE TO GEHLEN, PERSONALLY SPENT SEVERAL YEARS STUDYING NAZI AND POSTWAR FILES ON ROTE KAPELLE AND ANTI-NAZI RESISTANCE (INCLUDING GISEVIUS, VON SCHLABRENDORFF, ETC) AND CAME TO CONVICTION THAT SOVIET APPARATUS IN NAZI GERMANY WAS FAR FROM EFFECTIVE, ENJOYED LITTLE REGARD IN MOSCOW, AND THAT ITS INFORMANTS IN GERMAN RESISTANCE CIRCLES AMOUNTED TO A HANDFUL OF PERIPHERAL FIGURES, MOST IF NOT ALL UNWITTING. HERDER WAS UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO PERSUADE GEHLEN OF VALIDITY OF HIS FINDINGS, ALTHOUGH THE WESTERN SERVICES HAD LONG COME TO SAME CONCLUSION.

3. AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRG, GEHLEN CONTINUED TO HAVE HIS ORGANIZATION ACTIVELY GATHER INFO ON FRG PUBLIC FIGURES UNTIL ABOUT 1956. SOMETIME IN THE 1950'S, STATE SECURITY HANS GLOBKE VISITED PULLACH, SCANNED THE DOSSIERS ON FRG PUBLIC FIGURES (INCIDENTALLY REMOVING HIS OWN FILE), AND

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ORDERED GEHLEN TO SEQUESTER ALL THE DOSSIERS IN HIS OWN VILLA AT PULLACH HQS.

4. THE OTTO JOHN DEFECTION STRENGTHENED GEHLEN'S CONVICTION THAT THE ANTI-NAZI RESISTANCE FIGURES HAD BEEN SOVIET AGENTS, AND SINCE JOHN'S DEFECTION CAUSED THE BFV TO BE DISCREDITED AND IN A SHAMBLES, THE GEHLEN ORGANIZATION WAS THE ONLY FRG SERVICE ACTIVE IN THE INTEL FIELD, EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL, FOR SOME TIME. HOWEVER, AS THE BFV REORGANIZED IT SLOWLY REASSUMED AUTHORITY OVER INTERNAL SECURITY, AND BND DOMESTIC COLLECTION GRADUALLY BECAME THE EXCLUSIVE PERSONAL PRESERVE OF GEHLEN, WITH A VERY FEW PRIVATE SOURCES OF THE GENERAL STILL CONTRIBUTING TO DOSSIERS IN HIS VILLA. WHEN WESSEL TOOK OVER THE BND, HE EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN DOMESTIC COLLECTION BUT TOOK NO POSITIVE STEPS TO BAN COLLECTION, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT HAD SLOWED TO AN IMPERCEPTIBLE AND LARGELY INCIDENTAL DRIBBLE. ALSO, WESSEL DID NOT ORDER DESTRUCTION OF THE DOSSIERS, AND THIS, ACCORDING TO HERDER, WAS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF WESSEL'S CAREER AND COULD BRING HIM DOWN.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT EVEN IN THE

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LATE 1960'S THE BND WAS COLLECTING INFO ON HERBERT WEHNER,
HERDER REPLIED THAT WEHNER AND EGON BAHR WERE AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT CATEGORY. HERDER MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON
BAHR, BUT SAID THAT BECAUSE OF WEHNER'S COMMUNIST PAST, THE
POSSIBILITY THAT HE WAS STILL A SOVIET AGENT COULD NOT BE
COMPLETELY DISCARDED. HIS DOSSIER IS THEREFORE AN ACTIVE
ONE.

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