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I. PRISONER: DESCRIPTION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Walter GIRG was born on 13 August 1919 in Harburg, Germany, in the vicinity of Hamburg. He is the son of Franz GIRG, 61, and of Olga nee BLUNDER, who live at 6 Mozartstrasse in Hildesheim, Hanover. The prisoner has a brother, Rudi GIRG, 17, and a sister, Anna SPIELBOECK, aged 28. GIRG is of Roman-Catholic faith.

The prisoner received five years elementary school education, then went to secondary school for four years, and finally attended Technische Hochschule for three years. He describes his civilian occupation as "student engineer."

GIRG is five feet nine inches tall, weighs 157 pounds, has a ruddy complexion, light brown hair, and green eyes.

II. BRIEF PARTY OR SERVICE HISTORY.

The prisoner entered the Waffen SS on 1 May 1938. His residence at the time was in Austria. He served in the regiment "Der Fuehrer" in Vienna, until the regiment was dissolved in 1942. In March 1944 he became an officer in the Panzer Corps. Shortly thereafter he asked to be placed in a "special use" unit and was transferred to the Jaeger Battalion 502. This battalion was assigned to the SS Jagdverbande in October 1944. In December of the same year he became a Hauptsturmfuehrer (Captain) and company commander. His unit was intended to be a Tank Company, but it never received the armor. GIRG participated in action in Rumania and received the Ritterkreuz in recognition of his achievements.

III. PERSONALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH.

GIRG met and has been associated with Otto SKORZENY, SS Obersturmbannfuehrer, who led several operations behind Allied lines, among them the release of MUSSOLINI from Allied captivity.

IV. TIME, PLACE, SPECIAL REASONS, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST.

After Germany's defeat Walter GIRG went into hiding in the woods and mountains near Kitzbuehl, Austria. He was

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apprehended through information supplied by an SS-Man who had turned informer for CIC. GIRG was taken into custody by the 42nd CIC Detachment in Salzburg.

V. INTENDED SCOPE OF INTERROGATION.

It is intended to interrogate the prisoner concerning his connections with the SS Junkerschule Klagenfurt until April 1944; his connections with the SS Jägerbattalion 502; his connections with the SS Jagdverbande, especially the SS Jagdverband Mitte, to which his unit was attached; the operation Landfried in Rumania for participation in which the Subject received the Ritterkreuz; a similar subsequent Jagdverband operation in Danzig; and the Schutzkorps Alpenland, in which Obersturmbannführer SKORZENY, WALTER and Sturmbannführer RADL were principals. The Subject commanded a unit of the above Corps near Lofer (in the vicinity of Kitzbuehl), consisting of forty to fifty men.

VI. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

All agencies who have any request as to further interrogation of the prisoner on aspects other than the above intended scope should notify this Headquarters.

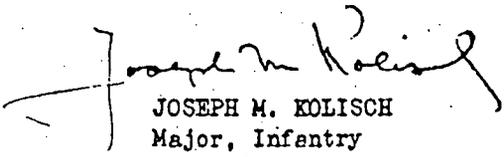
All agencies who have any information on the prisoner or related matters beyond that noted in this Preliminary Report are requested to forward it to this Headquarters.

VII. RELIABILITY.

During the preliminary interrogation the prisoner has shown himself to be intelligent, very cooperative, and willing to disclose information. The information supplied by him can be relied upon.

VIII. DISPOSITION.

The prisoner will be detained at this Headquarters pending detailed interrogation.


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