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Subject: Karl HASS

1. Karl HASS, son of Karl and Erna Potin, born at Kiel on 5 October 1912, former Sturmabteilungsführer of the Sicherheitsdienst-VI, Department of Rome and VI Sonderkommando IDA, Villa Bargetto, Parma, arrested at the end of the war as a war criminal, was subsequently treated as a German prisoner responsible for minor crimes. Consequently, during the period 1943-beginning of 1947, he moved from one prison to another, was finally placed in Forte Boccea and later freed and repatriated.

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2. After a certain amount of time (not possible to specify on the basis of data available to [ ] office), Subject returned to Italy and settled in Bolzano under the name of Rodolfo GIUSTINI, son of Rodolfo and of Greta Schneider, born at Dusseldorf on 2 December 1910, merchant, Italian citizen, holding Italian passport No. 1587023, issued by the Rome Questura on 6 April 1949 at the request of [ ]

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3. On 7 February 1952 Subject, under the name of Rodolfo GIUSTINI, founded in Bolzano the MERCITAL firm with offices in Piazza della Mostra 1. Under the same act of constitution, the MERCITAL also set up a branch at Linz - Lechfelner (Austria) (Linz is where "Colonel" Joseph LUONGO resides).

4. On 11 January 1950 Subject occasionally lived at Poggiodoro (Velletri) Villa Emma, with his family. In a meeting with a member of [ ] service, by whom he had been arrested at the end of the war and who had treated him very humanely, he revealed the following in an atmosphere of close friendship:

- a. That he was in the service of the Americans (Colonel Joseph LUONGO) and had been charged with maintaining contact with [ ]
- b. That he had contacts with members of the CIC in Salzburg where he went frequently under the name of Rodolfo GIUSTINI.

5. In 1952, at the time the MERCITAL was constituted, Subject's position had undergone no changes. His commercial activity evidently served as a cover for his CIC-[ ] intelligence collaboration. The CS did nothing to disrupt this collaboration, limiting itself to following Subject's activity in a general way because from many directions frequent doubts had been expressed on the political line HASS' activities were taking. This

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could naturally have an effect on the intelligence considerations.

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6. In 1951 it was possible to determine that Harald EMBKE, German citizen, was a collaborator of HASS. EMBKE, married to an Italian, was engaged in commercial activity. He lived with his father-in-law, Raffaele VANNELLI, Via Appia Nuova 21.

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7. It was subsequently revealed that HASS, in addition to his contacts with [ ] also was in touch with Dr. Vincenzo BELLAVIA (of the Special Office for Surveillance of Foreigners in Genoa) and with [ ] in Bolzano who was later transferred to Rome. In 1951 relations between EMBKE and HASS became cool for reasons not known. Attempts were made to exploit the occasion by playing on the existence of an open break between them. But EMBKE proved himself to be untrustworthy and too venal and the attempt was finally abandoned.

8. Subsequently (end of 1952) the HASS-EMBKE relationship resumed and was strengthened by common interests in business in which they were somewhat successful. In 1952 a new phase in his relations with [ ] service began, since he had been expelled from the CIC - and this appeared to be certain. Subject's activity in May 1952 fell within the framework of the Plan LABLAZE operation.

9. This activity covers a period which can be divided into three phases:

A. May 1952 - beginning of 1953:

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10. In May 1952 HASS moved to Austria and resided at Lambach. He worked for an unspecified intelligence service which, according to his own subsequent statements, was the CIC. Evidently this was a collaboration of minor importance, and probably the result of the intercession of [ ] service.

11. In correspondence which arrived from friends in Rome there were noted indications of his firm purpose to interrupt his collaboration with the American services and to return, as a German citizen, to the Bonn services which at this point were in a phase of advanced organization. Later, Subject did not hide the fact that his official collaboration within an unspecified Bonn service had already begun without the knowledge of the Americans.

12. From that moment Subject made proposals of collaboration to

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[ ] whom he asked to take over a German intelligence office in Trieste which handled the Balkan near east. The chronological events of this period can be summarized in few words: Subject worked in air-tight compartments for both services - the American and the German; he lived in Austria, but as far as the German service was concerned he appeared to be resident in Italy, or at least he was in Italy frequently.

13. From his subsequent statements, it can be assumed that a large part of the material furnished by him to the German service was removed from the offices of the American service where he worked. It is not easy to say which Bonn service he worked for at that time; in all likelihood, as is documented by subsequent developments, at first he maintained, either directly or through his friends, contact with the political as well as the military services of Bonn. With certainty, there never were at the beginning, nor later, nor are there now any contacts with the GEHLEN service - in this milieu he is at least unpopular.

14. Rapidly, and for reasons which are not known, the selection of Subject was made by the HEINZ service who named him as future representative in Italy, officially accredited to the competent Italian authorities. In fact, in his correspondence Subject invited [ ] to arrange a series of contacts among Albanian, Hungarian, Rumanian and other refugees, contacts which corresponded, from a technical point of view, to the sphere of competence of the service headed by HEINZ. In addition, Subject desired that [ ] look for a contact with SIFAR for the purpose of illustrating the situation and arranging a talk between HEINZ and the directors of the SIFAR on the occasion of HEINZ's trip to Rome. [ ] refused to allow [ ] to arrange such a contact with SIFAR because it would have compromised the Plan TABLAZE operation which subsequently was revealed to be greatly useful. Also, in view of the timing and because of a strange sensation of doubt regarding Subject's being a part of the HEINZ service (the only proof was based on conception), it was necessary to accept the hypothesis that Subject was developing a diversionary action against SIFAR. He was not new to this type of activity.

B. Beginning 1953-end 1953:

15. At the beginning of 1953, after a period of disagreements with heads of the CIC in Austria, Subject was relieved of all duty. But it was feared, justly, that he might make dangerous use, against the American services, of the information which he had acquired in the six years he collaborated with the CIC. As a consequence, it appears that he was warned of this at the time of his dismissal. It is probable that the CIC

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received certain information regarding Subject's belonging to Lois HEINZ's service.

16. Subject was therefore able to return to and settle in Italy as the official representative of the HEINZ service. For a very brief period he lived in the home of a Mrs. (fnu) GIUMINI in a villa three kilometers from Genzano, near Velletri; then he moved to Marino, Via Selva Ferentina 7 (DE GROSSI villa) where he still resides.

17. Upon his arrival in Italy, Subject had no credentials of any kind which attested to his belonging to HEINZ's service. However, he was in no way disturbed by [ ] both because it was desired to avoid any friction with [ ] service and because of the fact that through [ ] and through other channels, it was possible to keep a control over Subject constantly.

18. Subject's contacts with [ ] service were immediately revealed to be close and frequent, so much so that the Italian passport which Subject had and which had been issued by the Rome Questura at the request of [ ] under the name of Rodolfo GIUSTINI, merchant, was renewed regularly.\*

19. It does not appear that HEINZ placed adequate financial means at Subject's disposition at the time he transferred to Italy. Subject made up for this by selling to [ ] service intelligence documents and reports which he took from the CIC offices in Austria. Also, Subject arranged through [ ] to be placed in contact with the SIFAR to which it was suggested that Subject's services be used (contacts with ROSSI) from which then emerged the exchange of SIFAR-HEINZ service information.

20. In the meantime (early months of 1953), Subject attempted to begin, in Italy, intelligence work for HEINZ, attempting to find channels for Albania and Yugoslavia. These efforts were unsuccessful, also because all possibilities of achievement were blocked (by [ ]). During this period, for the purpose of sustaining Plan LABLAZE, Subject was furnished carbon copies of newspaper information on Italian political parties which he found interesting for Bonn and even perhaps for [ ] service.

\*Aside from this, Subject's file at the Rome Questura, Foreigners' Office, cannot be consulted without the specific authorization of the chief of that office. Also, an envelope in the file in full view bears the legend "Note! Keep sealed."

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21. Late in the spring of 1953 Colonel HEINZ visited Rome. He was accompanied by Major SCHULTZ, director of the Munich Center of the HEINZ service and Subject's immediate chief (it is an old tradition in the German services, which has to date been respected, that the directorate of the service in Italy be located in Munich).

22. Major SCHULTZ had appeared in Italy previously two or three times to meet with Subject, almost always at Bolzano. It was in this way that he had the well known talks with [ ] and [ ]. It was established that Subject would be the liaison between the HEINZ service and SIFAR and between that same service and [ ] service. There only remains to underline that the two German guests were unpleasantly struck (and even Subject was amazed) by the clearly anti-American tone of [ ] who, in this same spirit, wanted to lay down the collaboration of his office with that of HEINZ.

23. An exchange of intelligence material of reciprocal interest was agreed on with SIFAR; it is not known if the same agreement was reached with [ ] service; in any event, this does not emerge in Plan TABLAZE.

24. With regard to SIFAR, the exchange was supposed to take place through Subject. The material sent to Italy by SCHULTZ was to be consigned to Subject for submission to Colonel ROSSI who, in turn, was to give Subject the SIFAR material. The first time, the exchange of information was effected according to plan. Subject opened the HEINZ folder and looked at its contents.

25. Subsequently, Subject asked [ ] to help him photograph the documents which were exchanged; [ ] on [ ] instructions, placed himself at Subject's disposition to whom he stated that he had a very "discreet" friend with whom he could arrange to have the documents photographed. Subject did not doubt [ ] proposal, which action brought to light what dangerous impropriety Subject was capable of.

26. Subject's declared purpose was to make future use of this film by selling it to the highest bidder. In order to get the time he needed to photograph the documents, Subject always attempted, when it was possible, to prevent direct contacts between SCHULTZ and ROSSI.

27. The exchange of information between the HEINZ service and SIFAR stopped in October-November 1953, at which time the collaboration

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between Subject and HEINZ practically ceased. According to subject, the collaboration was not remunerated and if it were, it was the impression of [ ] that Subject received very little. Actually, his intelligence activity was more or less unimportant.

28. In the winter of 1953 there was a notable pause in such activity by Subject in Italy. As is known, he was engaged in business (importation and sale of German toys) and since that was the period of major development of his affairs, he dedicated himself, together with his friend EMBKE, almost completely to his business.

C. Third Period: End of 1953 to date:

29. In chronological order, the following intelligence activity was engaged in by Subject:

- RIS INPUT NO. 30. Contacts with the BIS [ ] and [ ]: Subject made an attempt, apparently abortive, to transfer over to the BIS;
- b. Visit to the Soviet Commercial Delegation and offer by Subject, apparently not accepted, to turn over the film of the HEINZ-SIFAR correspondence;
- c. Attempt, declared by Subject, to make contact with the GEHLEN service (trip to Munich and Neuremberg) later revealed as a contact with the Otto JOHN group to which Subject allegedly offered the film containing the HEINZ-SIFAR correspondence. It does not appear that the offer was accepted (this was the impression of [ ])
- d. Contacts of a dubious nature with TRANSGLOBO, a firm connected with the DIA of East Germany (now this connection emerges also through the firm's letterhead);
- RIS INPUT NO. 33. Unspecified contacts, shortly before 20 July 1954, of an epistolary nature or through a third person, with Otto JOHN.

[ ] Comment: Unless this was in effect taken up in TRANSGLOBO contact (see covering KAPOK).

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30. As concerns Subject's relations with [ ] service, from signs spotted by [ ] he was able to note that (Subject) never interrupted any collaboration, even though occasional, which was evidently remunerated. Subject's contacts at the time of the writing of this report were exclusively with [ ]

31. From what Subject has reported from time to time, [ ] anti-American attitude, first indicated at the time HEINZ visited Rome, has gradually increased up to last summer when [ ] asked Subject to conduct an investigation against a net of the American service in Italy.

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