

Extract of EGLA-13644, dated 29 April 1955 - Dienststelle 2 - Summary of Activities
(original filed Dienststelle 2)

5. Vienna Operations Group: ^{WALTER KAINZ} The groups activities for the year were highlighted with the arrest of V-11 801 by the Austrian police. The arrest supposedly came about through chance. One day while picking up mail at her post office box, a woman found a letter which she discovered contained intelligence material. Her post box and the one maintained by V-11 801 were both registered in the same last name. The woman turned over the letter to one of the local police. The result was that V-11 801's apartment was raided and his field safe and its contents were confiscated. The field safe contained just about every communication sent from headquarters to the field. In addition there were agent lists and lists of prospective recruits. Among the recruits and agents were members of the Austrian Foreign Ministry. Stating it mildly, this annoyed GRENCOULF-1 and, of course led to the temporary disintegration of the Vienna Operations Group. Since this time the group has operated on a very cautious basis achieving little or no success. The effort has been directed in the main at local traveller types. Individually the group has the following appearance:

- a. V-11 801: After the above fiasco in which V-11 801 was arrested and interrogated by the Austrians, V-11 800 thought it was advisable that V-11 801 be removed from Vienna and sent on a protracted paid vacation. He was brought to Salzburg with his family, interrogated by V-11 800, told to be a good boy and sent on his way. He returned to Vienna about two months later to resume his duties as chief of the group.

The fact that Austria regained her independence after the war and is no longer a part of the Reich seems to have finally penetrated the ZIPFER mind, at least partially. The main factors in the formation of this decision were the following:
1. The connection to the Austrian police of the Dienststelle 2 principal agent in Vienna, V-11 801. As you realize the documents taken at the time of V-11 801's arrest showed very clearly that ZIPFER was engaged in an all out attempt to recruit official Austrians for the OIS. This precipitated the agreements reached between ZIPFER and GRENCOULF-1 which were to the effect that ZIPFER would maintain a hands off attitude on any Austrians in official status with the Austrian government.

V-1482 known V-1480 personally.

V-1484 had occasional meetings with V-1480.

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