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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NKVD AGENTS - GUSTAV HAHN

1. Source considers it likely that HAHN works for the Russian Intelligence Service, because he has done this kind of work before (see below under 2 and 3), is pro-Russian, if not pro-Communist, in his leanings and should, therefore, be potentially valuable to them. It should be stressed, however, that no direct evidence is at present available that HAHN, provided he managed to get out of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp alive, has actually been recruited by the Soviets.
2. HAHN went to Spain in 1935 at the instance of his brother who was an engineer in that country. He was unable, however, to find work in Spain and finally drifted into Loyalist rotspanisch circles who won him over to work for them. He was trained as a W/T operator and employed as courier on a regular run between Paris and Madrid, forwarding intelligence material.
3. In 1941 HAHN went to Italy under orders from Moscow and worked in Italy as a W/T operator for the Soviet Intelligence Service. Source believes that HAHN worked for one Ermanno HARLEY while in Italy. Either in 1941 or in 1942 he was arrested by the Italian Police. Before the Allied landings took place in Italy, HAHN was brought back to Germany and, end of 1943, placed in the Buchenwald Concentration Camp in Thuringia. Until the end of 1944 he kept up a correspondence with his Italian fiancée who was under arrest in BERLIN.
4. HAHN felt strongly attracted to the Russian people, but was undecided in his sentiments toward Communism. He wanted to learn more about Communism as it worked out in Russia itself and had been promised a trip to Russia by his employers.
5. HAHN is between 30 and 35 years of age. He was born in Berlin and grew up in wealthy circumstances. HAHN graduated from High School (gymnasium), but owing to his parents' death, was unable to attend a university. His father, source believes, was a high school principal (Gymnasialdirektor).
6. Source speculates that, after the United States had overrun Thuringia, HAHN was released from the Concentration Camp, and that he lives in BERLIN at present. He suggests that we check HAHN's name and personal data against the Buchenwald Registration files that were set by the U.S. authorities; these files are likely to contain HAHN's present address.

SCI COMMENT: Buchenwald is now in the Russian Zone, but files may have been removed when the American Army turned Thuringia over to the Russians early in July.

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ZIGZAG was of great value to us in use against GIS targets before the end of war. He is a walking encyclopedia and knows everyone in Abwehr and Gestapo circles.