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SPECIFIC Hildegard Luise L A E C H E R T - Intelligence Activities

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SUBJECT: LAECHERT, Hildegard Luise - Intelligence Activities

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Introduction:

This report elaborates on Subject's connections with German Intelligence Services prior to and during World War II. Subject claims that her inability to recall facts, more names or personality information relating to War-time activities is due to memory impairment, brought about so she believes, through long imprisonment, during which time she was completely cut off from the past prior to and during the War.

1. Intelligence Training:

Subject states that during the period July 1938 - March 1939 while a member of the NSV of the NSDAP in Berlin, she attended a Colonial School, located on Fahrbelliner Platz in Berlin. The school was under the supervision of former World War I Wehrmacht General Franz Ritter Von Epp who was the "Bundesfuehrer Reichskolonial Bundes". All students were members of the Colonial Bund and of course NSDAP members in good standing. They volunteered for this training which was given six afternoons per week. The object of the course was to prepare each student for general work in former German Colonies in Africa. Subject's training was designed to qualify her for employment as a Kinder-schwester, ideally with a British family connected with the Diplomatic Service. To this end she also took English language lessons as part of the course. Subject claims that early in 1939 she was interviewed at the School by a man unknown to her who said that because of her record in the Party she, as one of a small group, was selected for a possible special assignment in intelligence work in the former German Colonies of Africa. She acquiesced to the assignment and started in a special training activity. She recalls only studying British Armed Forces recognition subjects which included organization of the British Armed Forces, Police Systems, uniforms, weapons, aircraft, marine and naval shipping, etc. Shortly after she began her studies, she discovered that she was pregnant and had to drop out of the entire course at the School. She later heard that the other persons selected never did start on their assignments due to the worsening of relations between Great Britain and Germany. She believes that the intelligence program, if not the whole school project was under the Abwehr, but she is not certain. She was able to recall the name of only one person who lectured to this intelligence group, he being a "Herr Zimmer", whom she described as then being about 50 years of age. She added that he was an expert on Africa whom she believes had been expelled in 1928 therefrom.

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2. Sicherheitsdienst of the RSHA:

In December 1944, while on leave in Austria, she received a telegram from Headquarters of the RSHA instructing her to report soonest to the RSHA Office at the Kanzler des Reichsfuehrers on FoerstStr. at Kaiserhof Platz, Berlin. Upon reporting there in mid-December, she was interviewed by an unknown man who said that because of her loyal Party record and outstanding service to the Fuehrer, she was being considered for a transfer to the SD. She accepted the offer and was flown to Vienna on 1 January 1945, for interview with an unknown official of Ast-Vien. She was accepted by him and was instructed to report to the RSHA Amt at Alexanderplatz, Berlin. Upon so doing she was processed administratively, assigned the cover name, "BRIGITTE", photographed, and furnished with credentials. At the termination of her processing she was given a transportation order for travel by train to Bolzano, Italy. There she reported to a person whose cover name was "TITO", who was the Chief of the SD Unit based at the Internment Lager Bolzano. She described this Lager as being to the North of Bolzano proper, on the outskirts of the City, near a railroad station. In connection with her duties she worked in Verona, Merano, Milano and Bolzano. The main office for the SD was located at Verona. Her duties consisted of the following:

- a. Interrogator of Women suspects and prisoners (working through interpreter) at Bolzano and Merano Internment Lagers.
- b. Handling of Agents who were used to penetrate Partisan Units in Northern Italy; and in the detection of Escape and Evasion nets.
- c. Handling of Lager informants used in general internal security programs within each Lager.
- d. The supervision of prisoner assignment to labor details that were furnished the Organization Todt for their projects, and the munition factories which were located in the huge caves in the mountainous areas in Northern Italy.

3. SD Personalities:

Subject claims that although SD personnel used cover names, their true names in due course would be divulged especially if one had close daily contact with them over a prolonged period of time. After considerable questioning and allowing for time to reflect on the matter, she was only able to provide the following sketchy information:

- a. fnu TITO, a cover name. SD Chief at Bolzano. Wore civilian attire, or uniform with rank of Obersturmfuehrer. Then about 38-40 years of age, small build.

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- SD Personalities*
- b. ¹⁹⁴⁵ ~~fnu~~ MUELLER then about 45 years of age, former member of SD School Staff at Drogau, Mecklenburg, Germany. Worked at Merano SS/SD Lager. Wore uniform with insignia of Untersturmfuehrer.
- c. ~~fnu~~ ¹⁹⁴⁵ KOENIG, a civilian, then about 40 years of age; came from Bavaria. Worked at SD Bolzano.
- d. ~~Hans~~ ¹⁹⁴⁵ HAAGE, then about 40 years of age; administrative Chief at Bolzano Lager. Sonderfuehrer.

4. Field Comments:

That Subject in all probability was connected with the SS and SD in Northern Italy during the latter stages of the War, is evidenced by trace responses. Additionally, she provided the Interrogator with certain facts as to incidents, dates and descriptions of locations which of themselves though not important to her debriefing, did substantiate her story in part as to her employment during this period. During World War II the Interrogator served in Italy and could verify certain facts from personal knowledge. It is believed however, that initially she exaggerated her role in the SD, either in order to impress the Interrogator, or hide information concerning hitherto undisclosed war crimes violations. It is the Interrogator's opinion that she probably spent all, if not most of her time in Northern Italy engaged in SD Lager supervision work. She certainly was well qualified for that type of assignment when one considers her previous experience in Poland. It is believed that the reason she could not provide many details of SD operational work is because she probably had little to do with actual operations except those that were connected with the security of the Lager.

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