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Attachment B to HRID-2271

Dr. Johannes von LEERS

The (inn) VON LEERS cited in Attachment B to Reference is Dr. Johannes von LEERS aka Dr. Omar Asin von LEERS aka Dr. Hans A. MULES. Subject, an ex-Nazi and notorious anti-Semite, is well-known to Headquarters and there is voluminous information on him. The following background sketch was prepared from material in Subject's 201.

Dr. Johannes von LEERS, born 25 January 1902, Vietslubbe, Germany, went to high school and studied law in Kiel, Rostock and Berlin. He then took up a diplomatic career and in 1928 belonged to the German Foreign Office. Subject switched to journalism and did national socialist propaganda. He belonged to Nazi Party in 1929; since 1932 belonged to SA (Storm Troops); since 1934 belonged to NSV (Nazi Party organ); since 1938 belonged to German writers organ and German press organ (under Nazi government); since 1942 belonged to National Socialist Party organization. In 1935 was made a Stabsbannfuhrer (mayor) in the SA. At the same time he was chief of a Hitler youth newspaper. Before the war, he was director of high school for politics in Berlin but had differences with Rosenberg, then Nazi leader, so was thrown out of that job. Among other things was a university professor in Jena, allegedly specializing in "racial aspects of legal, economic, and agricultural history. After war he succeeded in escaping from Soviet and American custody. Up until 1950 he lived in Germany then moved via Spain to Argentine where he is said to have used the alias "Dr. Hans A. MULES" and to have set up an antique shop. While in Argentina, Subject played a leading role in the Nazi emigre group there and was a major contributor to Der Tag, Nazi magazine published in Buenos Aires. In April 1956 Subject went to Cairo as political adviser to the Egyptian Government Information Department, allegedly having been hired to strengthen the Egyptian Government's anti-Israeli campaign. Subject resides in Cairo, Meadi #21, Ave 83. From a report dated 24 October 1957: "In all his activities von LEERS is assisted most actively by his 20-year old daughter Gesine. She speaks Spanish, French, and English, and is learning Arabic; she expects to become secretary to the Arabian ambassador in Cairo. Mrs. von LEERS is obsessed with astrology and takes little part in her husband's work."

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Incidentally, another desk has advised that UPSWING asked for biographic data on von LEERS last year and that on the basis of a ( ) an agent of the German Station report, von LEERS is probably a contact of Willy REINSNER, suspected of being UPSWING.

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