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TITLE: (fms) LINHARDT/LINDHARDT; (fms) PACHLER; (fms) SKIDLER/ZKIDLER

1. In about July 1953 Major Vasily Mikheylovich SEREKINOV of the GRU legal residency in Vienna proposed to recruit three Austrians holding positions in the Austrian government, (fms) LINHARDT/LINDHARDT, (fms) PACHLER, and (fms) SKIDLER/ZKIDLER. However, these persons had been recruited prior to that time by a Transborder Intelligence Point (RU). (Which recruiting element was not positively identified, but it was considered probable that LINHARDT, PACHLER, and SKIDLER were being run by a Transborder Intelligence Point located at the Central Kommandatura in Vienna, under Colonel Pavel Mikheylovich PAPPE, or possibly by the Vienna RU Intelligence Point headed by Colonel Mikhail Vasilyevich SEREKINOV.)

LINHARDT/LINDHARDT was described as working in the Austrian "Ministry of State Security" (probably the Ministry of the Interior), as was PACHLER. LINHARDT's position was not further described; PACHLER was referred to as a secretary. SKIDLER/ZKIDLER was then serving as one of the two personal secretaries to Adolf SCHNEIF (then Vice-Chancellor under Julius RAB, now President of Austria).

COMMENT: Following are the results of preliminary Headquarters traces on FIEHLER, suggested as possibly identical with PACHLER:

1. FIEHLER, Dr. Joseph: Drs. Joseph Fiehler and Dr. Peter Fiehler are identical as Dr. Peter Fiehler's address, as reflected in a FOLKI/? report, dated 22 August 1950, in Vienna XVII, Gersthoferstr. 2h, and in the 1950 Vienna Telephone Book, Dr. Josef Fiehler, Kinsbahr, is listed as residing at this address. FOLKI/? files refer to a Peter Fiehler who works in Graf's office, whereas other documents, such as the Antistalander, refer to a Josef Fiehler.

SOB 4573, dated 7 January 1955, to COM, Vienna, states USA, C-2, CIO, Det 35, have no traces on Dipl. Ingr. Joseph FIEHLER.

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Det 35 Report ICR-1641, 19 March 1952 - Report on Otto Schrab disappearance (former employee of 430th OIG Sub Det "C", Vienna). Dr. Josef Pichler is listed, among many others, as having known about Schrab. Pichler is contact to Ferdinand Graf, State Secretary-Ministry of Interior, contact of Albert L. Olson, employed by OIG and Alfred J. Bittner, former employee of OIG, later emigrated to Canada.

ICR 2635, dated 1 February 1952, states WOODBURY 230 check with Dr. Josef Pichler re Kriminal Inspektor Hartl reliability. Pichler stated Hartl was 100 per cent anti-Communist.

MAVA 9763, dated 5 November 1951, re Stephen KIRIPOLSKY and Vojtech CIEKHA. Stephen KIRIPOLSKY states a Josef Hofinger, Austrian citizen of Hungarian origin who was formerly employed with IRO in Vienna, but lost his job through "Czech" ("Czech" is cover name, for an employee in Voice of America or Radio Free Europe who paid HOFINGER sums of money for occasional information). HOFINGER, at present, is trying to get employment with a censorship office in Vienna. KIRIPOLSKY states HOFINGER is in close contact with Ministerialoberkommissar Dr. Josef PICHLER.

2. Traces from [] file on Peter PICHLER.

Report, dated 22 August 1950, Evaluation F-3: "State Secretary Graf and his closest associates". Source is [] whose main informant is Leopold HARTL, GRAF's representative in matters of police and gendarmerie. (Extract re Dr. Peter Pichler); "GRAF's legal consultant, particularly on Nazi questions, is Dr. Peter PICHLER. He is a personal friend and they associate extensively on social basis. Both are from Carinthia and Mrs. PICHLER is a former secretary of GRAF's. Dr. PICHLER was born 13 April 1917 in Carinthia. He currently resides at Vienna XVIII, Gersthoferstr. 24. He is the son of a medical doctor and is a member of a C. V. Fraternity (Cerial Verband). He has a steadfast open character, is smart, industrious, and ambitious. He is quite acceptable socially. He

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is devoted to his family and to his work, but still finds time for sports. PICHLER carries on political liaison in GRAF's name with Villach, Klagenfurt, and to a certain extent, with the other major cities in Austria. The police officials of the larger Austrian cities are all either friends or fraternity brothers of his. He has been connected with private Austrian negotiations with Tito.

MAVA 6671, 21 September 1950. [] Progress Report for August and September 1950; [] held a general conversation with Dr. Peter PICHLER, GRAF's legal consultant on some questions on 7 September 1950. On the evening of September 12, [] was scheduled to entertain PICHLER, HARTL, and their wives; report of this meeting has not yet been received.

MAVA 6482, 28 August 1950, [] Report - Specific instructions given to [] for transmission to [] further information is desired on Dr. Peter PICHLER. ([] Comment: PICHLER is coded in CIO source cards as Informant 1455, working for S/A Albert OLSON, Political and Economic Branch. His address is given as Vienna XVIII, Gersthoferstr. 24, which is a CIO confidential address also occupied by GRAFI 8. His present occupation is given as Secretary to State Secretary GRAF.)

3. Traces on Dr. Erich PICHLER

TS Document 37646, 14 December 1949, MAVA 4328, "7th Meeting with []", reports Paul Wilhelm MEININGER (Minister of the Austrian Legation in Budapest) and Erich PICHLER (2nd man in Austrian Legation, Budapest) were duped into issuing a passport to an agent of the Hungarian Intelligence Service (Rosa Scheber) and transported her valuables from Budapest to Vienna, and later from Vienna to Berne via Austrian courier. Minister Gruber was enraged at both.

From TS Document 57139, 17 April 1951, MAVA 8124: GRUBER requested all Austrian Foreign Office posts in Satellite countries for group movements and concentrations. Erich PICHLER, who has been with the Political Section, has been in charge of this incoming material. He prepares summaries for Gruber.

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MAV 2697, 30 March 1951, Evaluation F-3: Dr. Erich PICHLER, Legation Secretary, Second Class, will probably be sent to Zagreb as Austrian Consul. He is now Legal Section (Abteilung 6 RS) of the Foreign Office, and is scheduled to spend six months as Gruber's secretary in the Minister's cabinet before being sent to Yugoslavia. Source Comment: PICHLER was drafted into the German Army at the outbreak of war. Shortly after his return to the Foreign Office in 1946, he was sent to Budapest. His father, Dipl. Ing. Karl PICHLER, is employed as a senior official in the Ministry of Social Welfare.

BAVA 1707, VEM 641, IS Document 57137, 12 January 1953: Dr. Erich PICHLER and Dr. WOLF, Secretaries to Foreign Minister GRUBER, stated GRUBER would oppose passing microphones to Finnett.

Erich PICHLER, JDN. Leg. 361, listed in 1954 and 1955 Amtskalender as No. 2 Man in ~~Minister's~~ ~~Minister's~~ office located in Bonn. THE AUSTRIAN

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