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1. The following data was extracted from information supplied by It is based on a Lebenslauf, submitted by MAST in June 1947 to the Bundespolizeidirektion Linz, and on some letters from the Police files in Linz.

a. Background info :

Date of birth : 26 December 1897; birth place LINZ/Donau.

Nationality : Austrian

Father : Wilhelm MAST, regular army officer; last assignment as Colonel with Infantry Regiment 95; died in Innsbruck in 1917.

Mother : Hermine MAST, nee Tschurtschentaler-Helmheim, living at present in Hall/Tyrol, Gilmstr. 4.

Wife : Martha MAST, nee Rocabona; married 1925; was registered in 1947 as living at Solbad Hall/Tyrol.

Son : Georg MAST, student, born 1930.

b. Education

: 5 years elementary school in East Galicia;
7 years intermediate school in Innsbruck (Matura certificate);
Attended subsequently K.K. Franz Josefsakademie until the end of 1915;
1921-1923 student at philosophical Faculty of University Innsbruck.

c. Military career: Volunteered for military service at end of 1915; was assigned to the 1st Tyrolean Royal Regiment;

Sent to front in summer 1918;
Transferred in 1917 to the 4th Dragoon Regiment, Wels;
1918, at close of war, in ~~Kittbushel~~ released subsequently from army with rank of Lt.

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c. Military career: (cont. 'ed) From Feb 1942 until end of war in compulsory military service, first as a private in the Landesschuetzen Reserve Battalion in Hainburg, later as technical sergeant in a light artillery unit. (His Austrian rank of Lt. was not recognized).

In 1944, WAST allegedly organized a resistance movement in his unit in Olmuetz, which cooperated actively with the Czech Freedom movement.

d. Professional career: Joined the Insurance Company Universale in Innsbruck in 1923 as a field agent; transferred later to the Insurance Company Providenzia, and worked between 1928 and 1930 for the Bundeslaenderversicherungsanstalt, Landesstelle Tyrol, in Innsbruck.

From 1930 to Feb 1937 wrote articles for various Austrian newspapers on Austrian history, army history, science and politics.

Unemployed after August 1938 (period unspecified).

Worked prior to Feb 1942 (date of induction into army) in the Landkrankenkasse Tyrol in Innsbruck (period unspecified).

Employed in 1947 by the Landesstelle for Upper Austria of the Zentralberatungsstelle fuer Volksdeutsche in Linz, Sailerstaette 14.

In 1948, agent for Universum Publishing house, Reimers Dr. Schott.

e. Political entanglements: Subject was brought up in the Christian-conservative tradition. He belonged from 1918 until the death of emperor Charles I to the Legitimist movement, for which he also wrote articles. He remained in contact with this group, without, however, taking an active part in it. He also maintained contact to national and national-socialist circles.

In autumn 1933, subject was approached by persons belonging to right-wing circles of the Christian-socialist party, as for instance by Colibaumgarten Lt.-Col. Freisauf, Major Rodler, Captain Lominia, (former army officers, living in Innsbruck), and was asked to keep them informed about what was going

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F. Incident: Subject was arrested on 18 August 1948 on suspicion of assault with intend to rob. He was released a few hours later, together with his female companion when it became apparent that it had been a case of mistaken identity. Subject, homeward bound after a drinking spree, grabbed a woman, whom, in the darkness, he believed to be his companion, from which he had become temporarily separated. The screams of the frightened woman attracted the attention of a watchman, who held subject until the police arrived.
(This incident is mentioned in several lengthy reports at Police Hqs).

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