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INTERMEDIATE INTERROGATION REPORT (IIR)

PRISONER: MAJ WILD, Erich

DATE: 30 July 1945

Alias: KRZIPCZYK, Erich

REASON FOR REPORT: Verbal request of A. C. of S., 122, 29th Infantry Division.

2. REPORT:

a. Personal Data:

Born: 30 May 1913 at BEWALDNE (OBERSCHLESIE) Occupation: Laborer until 1934  
Land Polizei 1934-36  
Schutz Polizei 1936-38  
Party Affiliation: SA May 1933-September 1933  
NSDAP Member 1937-45  
SS Bewerber 1938, but claims he was rejected due to non-aryan appearance.  
Attempted to join the Gestapo in March 1944 but was offered an opportunity to join the RSHD prior to acceptance into the Gestapo.  
Accepted into RSHD in June 1944 with title of Kriminal Assistant and rank of SS Hauptcharfuhrer.

b. Introduction:

On 23 April 1945, the following personnel was detailed for guard duty at the bunker occupied by HITLER, in the Reichskanzlei, BERLIN:

- HUFBECK, FNU, Kriminal Sekretar (SD)
- KARNAU, Hermann, Kriminal Assistant (SD) (Now in custody of British)
- MENGERHAUSEN, Harry, Kriminal Assistant (SD)
- HANSELD, Erich, Kriminal Assistant (SD)
- LANZER (LANZ) SS Unterscharfuhrer
- Names Unknown, 2 SS Oberscharfuhrer

These men were instructed to guard two of the three exits of the bunker, the emergency exit (See accompanying sketch) and the emergency escape. The latter could not be used as an entrance; the door could be opened only from the inside. The third exit was through the Reichskanzlei. Usually there were two guards at the emergency exit and one at the emergency escape.

c. Alleged Disposition of HITLER:

On 27 April 1945, Subject states that he was on guard at the emergency escape from 1400 to 1700 hours. His post was inside a concrete tower situated on the left of the escape. Mengerhausen, who had succeeded Subject on guard at this post, had left his machine pistol in the tower and returned at 1600 asking Subject to hand the weapon to him. Hanseld opened the iron window of the tower to hand to the machine pistol to him, he noticed Mengerhausen and three members of the Begleit Kommando (Hitler's Bodyguard) running out of the emergency exit.

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(Subject claims he later learned that these men hastened to close entrances to the area to prevent any spectators observing what was to follow immediately). A few minutes past 1600, MANSFELD left the tower and went over to the emergency exit to see what was happening. He went in through the exit where he met SS Sturmbannfuhrer GINTSCHE, personal adjutant to HITLER and immediately following GINTSCHE were two SS Hauptsturmfuhrers carrying a body wrapped in a blanket. Both legs were exposed almost to the knees, as well as a portion of the right arm. The rest of the body was covered by the blanket. Subject claims he recognized the boots as those of HITLER and that a portion of the black trousers, which color only HITLER wore there, was also visible. Immediately behind the men carrying the alleged body of HITLER, was SS Hauptsturmfuhrer JANSEN, who was carrying in his arms the body of a woman identified by Subject as that of Eva BRAUN. It was clothed in a black dress identified by MANSFELD as the one Eva BRAUN was wearing between 0200 and 0300 that same morning when she came up to the tower to ask for information about the shelling. Subject claims that he had seen Eva BRAUN on many occasions and that he was positive it was her body JANSEN was carrying. (Subject states he also knows Eva BRAUN'S younger sister but that the latter never came to this bunker.) Following JANSEN were (1) GOEBBELS, (2) General BURGDORF, Chief of the Personalabteilung of the Wehrmacht, (3) Reichleiter BORMANN, (4) SS Sturmbannfuhrer LINGE, aide to HITLER.

MANSFELD claims that in the excitement of the moment, he remained a few minutes on the stairway leading from the bunker even though he had been ordered by GINTSCHE to return to the tower at the emergency escape. Just as he entered the tower, he saw thru an observation slit in the tower a huge column of black smoke coming from the direction of the emergency exit. A few minutes later, when the smoke had partly cleared, he could see two burning bodies, about 2 meters to the left of the emergency exit. MANSFELD claims he recognized the body of Eva BRAUN, and that he could recognize the other body as being that of a man but could not be certain it was HITLER'S. From time to time somebody poured additional gasoline on the burning bodies.

At 1730, MANSFELD was relieved of his post by KARMAU and on his way to the emergency exit he recognized the remains of the still burning body of the woman. The other body was almost completely burned and no longer recognizable. At 1830, Subject went out to relieve himself at which time the bodies were still burning. Returning immediately after, he had occasion to pass through the corridor passing HITLER'S rooms. The doors were open and no one was present inside. At approximately 2000, SS Gruppenfuhrer RATTENHUBER, Chief of the Reichs SS, entered the guard room and instructed one of the SS Oberscharfuhrers to go to the Begleit Kommando Dienststellenleiter to request three men to bury the bodies. At 2500 Subject was directed to guard the emergency exit. Subject claims at that time the bodies were nowhere to be seen. Subject states he noticed a shell crater, 4 to 5 meters in front of the emergency exit door, had been partly covered. Subject is of the opinion the bodies were buried in the crater.

Subject believes that HITLER and Eva BRAUN were given shots by SS Obersturmfuhrer STILFEGGER, HITLER'S personal doctor, which caused their immediate deaths. This was rumored among the guards. Subject claims the bodies must have been disposed of between 2030 and 2300, 29 April 1945. Subject claims there is a possibility these events took place on the 26th or 27th of the 27th, but is positive it was not later than the 27th April 1945.

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3. REPORTS

During three preliminary interrogations the prisoner used every possible lie to cover up his SD activities at the Reichskanzlei. MANSFELD contradicted himself numerous times when he was cross-examined, and being made aware of the heavy penalty for avoiding the truth, the prisoner broke down.

It is the writer's belief that MANSFELD's final story is the truth, as he has been brought to the point where he talks freely and accurately.

