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Subject: MULLER, Heinrich
Head of Amt IV RSHA

IB/B3/PP. 3103

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Reference your signal 204 dated 061550A Feb. and further to our IB/B3/PP. 3103 of 11th March, 1946.

2. We now hear through the Potsdam police that MULLER shot himself, his wife and his three children on 27th April, 1946.

3. A further child, a daughter, is stated to be still alive and possibly at WURZBURG a M, where MULLER had a house and some relatives. No further details are known but in view of MULLER's standing it would probably be very easy to locate this house and obtain confirmation of MULLER's death.

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Testimony of Dr. Wilhelm Heettl,
taken at Nurnberg, Germany, 1600-
1630 on 8 December 1945 by Lt. Col.
Smith W. Brookhart, Jr. Also pre-
sent: Mr. Leo Katz, interpreter and
Mr. James P. Buck, Court Reporter.

COL. BROOKHART TO THE WITNESS THROUGH THE INTERPRETER:

Q. Referring to your message of 6 December concerning information which you have about SS Gruppenfuehrer Mueller, tell us what you had in mind.

A. I seem to have gotten on an interesting trace by a mere accident. The other evening I had a conversation with a witness by the name of Zeischka who also belonged to the resistance group within my RSHA organization. We discussed the possibilities of finding the Chief of Gestapo Mueller. Zeischka told me something that I believe to be so complete that I think it is of interest. Eichmann told me something one time which I had not thought of as significant up to this time. He described to me a bombing attack on Berlin whereby his office on Kurfursten Strasse was hit and burnt. He said: "At the time it was possible for us to get out by means of a secret passage. We emerged at the site of ruins and then we were able to come back and help the fire department put out the flames in our office." During the conversation he interrupted himself and said, "Oh, you don't know anything about my Fox Den (Fuchsbau), only Mueller knows about this." And that terminated the conversation at the time. Now Zeischka told me about a conversation with Eichmann that he had in March or April of this year. Zeischka did not consider this conversation significant that he held with Eichmann because he thought that Eichmann could not return to Berlin, that he would have to remain in the Austrian Alps and therefore the whole conversation was of no significance. Eichmann told him the following: He had a secret passageway or secret cellar constructed by 100 Jews

about ten meters deep. * They were working on it for a whole year. In this subterranean den (which he also called "Fuchsbau") he said foodstuff for one to two years had been deposited and also water storage tanks. This fox den had several exits in the ruin fields of Berlin and also machine gun positions and ammunition dumps. So that at the time when Eichmann told this to Zeischka it looked like this was to be the last refuge of Eichmann, but because Eichmann, however, could not return to Berlin and had to remain in the Austrian Alps, the possibility is given that this place of resort, this place of refuge may have been used by Mueller who was the only one else who knew about it. Also to strengthen the belief that only Mueller knows about this is the fact that Eichmann said at the time, he had had this subterranean building -- which was very large -- constructed without the knowledge of any of his superiors, even Kaltenbrunner. Only Mueller knew about it. Eichmann said also that because of the size of this building, of this construction, which was not necessary for the war, he had difficulty with the building control organizations in Berlin and that it reached the office of Speer and that it was taken care of by Mueller for him, that these difficulties were taken care of by Mueller for him. I don't want to jump to any conclusions but because of the fact that Mueller was last heard of in Berlin and he is the only one who knows about this fox den, he might be holding out there or using it as an escape channel.

Q. What is your best estimate of its location?

A . I would assume that it has to be somewhere in the vicinity of the air raid shelter of Eichmann's office in Berlin, and that this office would be connected in some way by a secret passage to the air raid shelter of Eichmann because he told me that at the time they used this passage, this escape, and that it was then bombed.

Q. Did you connect up this escape passage and this fox den as a being one and the same?

A. I believe that they are both the same thing. The way of escape would be through this. Because Eichmann in his conversation to me at the time said, "We emerged amidst the ruin fields of Berlin" and later he also said to Zeischka that the fox den had its exits in the ruin fields of Berlin.

Q. What did you take that to mean?

A. I took that to be the means of escape — the escape routes just like a fox den has several escape channels; in case one becomes blocked up you can use another one. I think that from a practical standpoint the idea is very good and tenable even today, because all these houses and ruins are in danger of collapsing at any moment and nobody will enter these areas and it is quite possible that if there is an exit in the middle, it is still being used to hide.

Q. When were you last in Berlin?

A. It must have been in February 1945.

Q. Would you be able to show the ruin fields in the neighborhood of Eichmann's office on a drawing?

A . There are two ruin fields that I know of, but it is possible that some others may have been added to them in the meantime (indicating on a sketch he has drawn.) If I had a map of Berlin it would be of great help because I am not from Berlin, but I am of Vienna.

A? We will suspend now until we can get a city map of Berlin.

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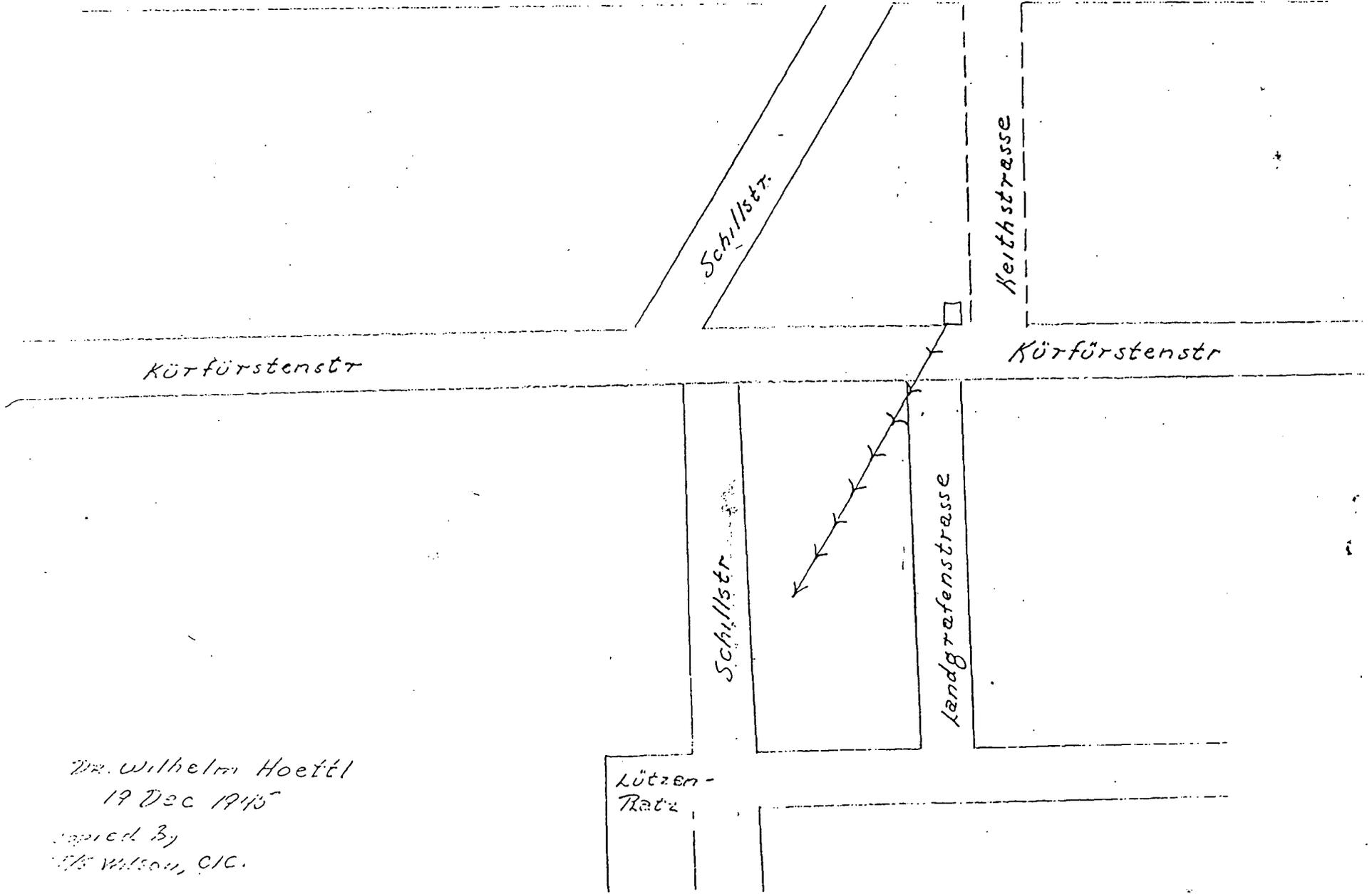
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Dr. Wilhelm Hoetel
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