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This is a note on some of the recent developments in the OSTRICH case, which I wrote at YB/27/B's request. 27700/A will have seen it. Will you please show it to Hugh T-R. I am afraid it is not easy to produce a complete summary at this stage, though I hope to report again as the case develops.

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AGENTS IN THE OSTRICH CASE

1. OSTRICH was sent to France by Hauptsturmführer BESEKOW of Amt VI S to use the JEANNE organisation for sabotage in France. (See NEBEL report). The JEANNE organisation had been recruited by Gerard LIFF under the direction of BESEKOW and Sturmbannführer HAGEN from the espionage service of Raymond RICHARD. RICHARD himself has been arrested and his espionage service largely but not entirely dissolved; a separate report will be issued on the RICHARD case. Amt VI will know that the RICHARD organisation can no longer be used. The liquidation of the RICHARD service and the further exploitation of OSTRICH are gradually becoming different problems.

2. The OSTRICH case so far involves three controlled enemy agents in addition to OSTRICH himself, and one controlled post-box or place of contact. They are:

- (a) Maurice ZELLER - to be called WREN
(see ZELLER report)
- (b) Madame BELLET - to be called CANARY
- (c) M. Edouard ALLIX - to be called GULL

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The controlled contact or post-box is the Abbe CLERGEY.

The function of ZELLER is to receive at Pierre MORAND's estate, LA ROUILLEE, near Compiègne, the agents whom OSTRICH and Amt VI S may send from Germany by parachute. The function of Madame BELLET and ALLIX is to receive agents sent by René NEY (see NEBEL report) and LAGARDERE from Genary. ~~It is possible that through the use of ZELLER, BELLET and ALLIX it may be possible to penetrate the group of German agents recruited from the~~

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Milice. The most important agent so far discovered in this group is Madame NEY, who was sent into France by her husband Rene NEY; she has been arrested and interrogated without success. Her sister, Madame OZATTE, was also arrested.

3. There are five important agents of the RICHARD service who have been arrested and are being interrogated, namely PONDHELET, PONGIN, LAMBIC, LAMBERT and KAUFZ; in addition the interrogation of RICHARD himself is still incomplete. It is hoped that the information so obtained will enable us to ensure that there are no uncontrolled agents of Amt VI S intended for OSTRICH's use, except, of course, those who have been sent into France since OSTRICH came under control.

4. There are six known agents or contacts outside the RICHARD organisation who are indirectly connected with OSTRICH because they are directly or indirectly connected with Rene NEY or LAGARDERE. They are being investigated. Communications at the disposal of JEANNE, Rene NEY and LAGARDERE are being investigated.

5. LAMBERT, now under interrogation, was responsible for distributing transmitters to the RICHARD organisation. All the recipients of these sets are being investigated. The evidence now available suggests, but does not prove, that none of these sets belonging to JEANNE, have been used. LAGARDERE has succeeded in sending three female agents to Paris with messages; they are believed to have left France via Switzerland. Names and descriptions are attached; the fact that agents were used suggests that LAGARDERE has no communications.

6. A diagram is attached of the network of agents and contacts of Rene NEY as it is at present known; it does not represent the actual extent of the network,

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which is probably much greater. A line between two persons represents the fact that these two persons are known to have been in direct contact. The diagram makes it clear that the security of OSTRICH as a CEA will be endangered if Amt VI or LAGARDERE have reason to believe that Madame NEY has been arrested and her contacts controlled. Notionally, OSTRICH has not made contact with Madame NEY since her return to France. But there are uncontrolled contacts of Madame NEY who know of the existence of the JEANNE organisation and who are trying to discover what has happened to it; it must be assumed that they know that OSTRICH was to lead this organization, and that therefore their curiosity extends to him.

7. ZELLER worked for the Milice and it is hoped that members of the Milice group controlled by LAGARDERE and Rene NEY will try to make contact at LA ROUILLEE. On Amt VI's confidence in LA ROUILLEE depends not only the successful use of OSTRICH, but also the penetration of the Milice group. If Amt VI on information from the Milice group has doubts about ZELLER or LA ROUILLEE, it must also have doubts about OSTRICH and vice versa.

8. There is evidence that the main assignment of the three female agents infiltrated by LAGARDERE was to obtain information about the petrol pipe-lines from Madame NEY; sabotage of this pipe-line will almost certainly be OSTRICH's assignment from Amt VI S. The NEY group are therefore working for OSTRICH and their control and penetration is inseparable from the control of OSTRICH.

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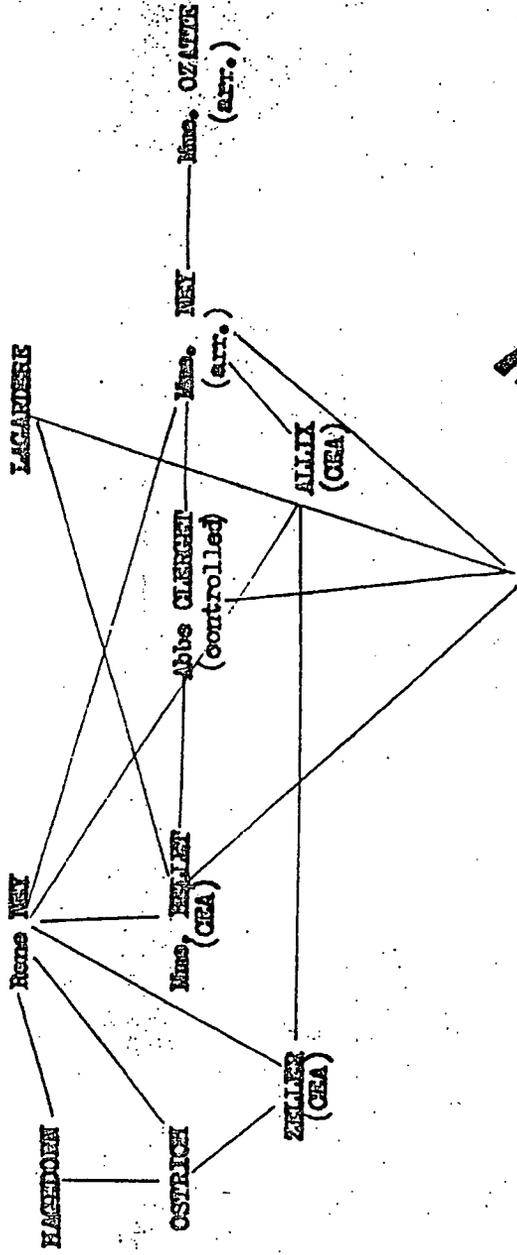
THREE GIRLS

The following are the false names in which the girls travelled to Paris. Their real names are not known, except for their nicknames: MALOU, MIMI or MIRKILLE and MADO.

1. Josiane ROUSSELET - Born 4.1.26 at Belfort.
Shorthand typist.
Genuine facts: Member of J.N.P.
Had lived at Villejff, but left for Germany with her parents on liberation.
Description: Small, dark, clear complexion.
(Probably MIMI)

2. Ginette LEROY - Born 7.9.26 at Belfort
Shorthand typist.
Genuine facts: Engaged to a certain JACQUES who is at present on some mission for the Germans and whose parents are in Paris.
Had been a member of the Milice at Grenoble. Then left for Paris where she worked in the rue Lepelletier Office.
Description: Large, blonde. Died her hair while in Paris. Wore spectacles.
(Probably MADO)

3. Claudine FRANCOIS - Born 6.1.25 at Belfort.
Description: large, dark, pretty.
Her real name may be BROUST.
(Probably MALOU)



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