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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT SUBJECT: HOSFITE, Eberhard Graf		2. DATE SUBMITTED 28 April 1950	
Re: Right-Wing Political Activity		3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. L-723	
4. REPORT OF FINDINGS			
1. REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Reference is made to Agent Report, Subject and File Number as above, dated 27 March 1950.			
2. SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION: Previous investigation revealed that SUBJECT was allegedly involved in right-wing political and possibly also involved in military activities. Previous report gave details concerning SUBJECT's past military and political life.			
3. PRESENT INVESTIGATION: Present investigation failed to reveal any affiliation either between SUBJECT and the "DEUTSCHE BEZUGS" and the "HEIDERSCHAFT", or between von MANSFUEHL and the "DEUTSCHE BEZUGS" and the "HEIDERSCHAFT." Reports received indicate that SUBJECT does not know of the existence of the DEUTSCHE BEZUGS. He has heard of the organization only through the local newspapers. SUBJECT has heard of the HEIDERSCHAFT, but believes it to be unimportant from a political standpoint. SUBJECT did state, however, that the HEIDERSCHAFT had been reported to have affiliations with the "DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT." SUBJECT did not elaborate on this statement any further stating merely that he had heard of an affiliation between the two organizations. SUBJECT stated that neither von MANSFUEHL nor himself were affiliated with the HEIDERSCHAFT. SUBJECT admitted that both of them are presently affiliated with the "DEUTSCHE UNION," an organization that is quite active at the present time in the British Zone of Germany.			
SUBJECT was unwilling to discuss the DEUTSCHE UNION, HEIDERSCHAFT, or the DEUTSCHE BEZUGS, but appeared eager to discuss the organization and activities of the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT. He stated that the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT was rapidly gaining strength in the British Zone. The "LAGERGESCHAFT YEMER DEUTSCHER" headed by Geistlicher Rat GOKHEL in LIPPENADE (L53/244) is strongly affiliated with the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT in the British Zone. He stated that the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT in Niedersachsen and in Rheinland-Westfalen is known by the name of "LAGERGESCHAFT." Paul MERKES (who represents the "bought out") and Gerhard SPINDLER have reportedly joined the directorium of the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT in Nordrhein-Westfalen. In Niedersachsen, the Geistlich Rat GOKHEL and one Mr. (NW) WEISS from YEMER (L53/108) Altes, are among the directors. SUBJECT stated that the First Chairman of the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT is known to be August HANSEN, a former member of the Bavarian OSU Party. SUBJECT knew nothing concerning a reported split between the DEUTSCHE GEMEINSCHAFT.			
5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT JAMES L. BAXTER EQS, 2524 OGD BSE, RSO X, APO 171		6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT <i>James A. Baxter</i>	

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SCHAFF and the TFD and Gerhard SPINDLER. He stated that as far as he knew, the organizations were all closely affiliated in the British Zone of Germany. SUBJECT also reported that the BRIGADE BEWEGUNG was quite active in the British Zone at the present time. They have gained considerable strength during the past months, and appear to be gaining in popularity particularly in the HAMBURG (LSA/XSS) area. They are presently publishing a newspaper called the "DEUTSCHE BEWEGUNG." This group is still operating illegally.

5. Although SUBJECT denied affiliation with the BRUDERSCHAFT or any of the "military" organizations, he made the statement that his "his group" was against re-militarization, because such activity would only serve to excite the Soviets, and be of no practical value to Germany. SUBJECT appeared very bitter concerning military matters. He stated that von MANNHEIM had finally submitted plans for a future German Army to Konrad ADENAUER after many speeches had been delivered by the Americans and the British to the effect that Germany must participate in the defense of Western Europe. SUBJECT stated that von MANNHEIM submitted the plans in all honesty and sincerity, yet, he was at once labeled as a militarist. (It is quite probable that this proposed German Army was to have been headed by von MANNHEIM.) SUBJECT stated that both he and von MANNHEIM had long since dropped the whole proposal in disgust, especially when it became known that a German Army, if formed, would probably come under a West European defense command headed by Allied leaders. SUBJECT stated that the Germans would be complete idiots at the present time if they insisted on having an army, when they are at the same time being occupied by an enemy. The army would be directed and supervised by foreign generals, and at the same time be nothing but a burden on the taxpayers as it would be of no significant size or strength. (SUBJECT insinuated that he may have helped von MANNHEIM to some extent in drawing up the army plans. It is naturally not known whether he was boasting about this, probably not, as he is a brilliant military strategist and a close friend of von MANNHEIM.)
6. Investigation reveals that SUBJECT and his "group" are very much in opposition to Otto KEMER at the present time. SUBJECT and KEMER have been close friends for many years but appear to be at odds at the present time. SUBJECT insinuated by his manner of speech that he was backing von MANNHEIM completely at the present time. General Felix SENDER, previously reported to be a friend of SUBJECT, is allegedly unknown to him. SUBJECT stated that Heinz GUDERIAN is presently living in an old peoples' home in DIERANSKIL (no.a.), in Bavaria. He was reported by SUBJECT not to be active in politics at the present time.
7. SUBJECT attended a meeting of the "KAMPFBUND GEGEN UNRECHTSCHLICHKEIT" (Fighters Against Inhumanity) in HAMBURG on 20 March 1950. The meeting was sponsored by Dr. Rainer HILDEBRANDT, the state leader of this organization. The local (HAMBURG) leader of the organization is a former German General Staff Officer, (JHU) BRITZHAUPT. Approximately 800 people attended this meeting, including 200 Communists, who succeeded in breaking up the meeting. Dr. HILDEBRANDT closed the meeting shouting, "It started once before like this in 1933..."

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8. SUBJECT has not been in contact with von MANTZUVEL for several weeks. MANTZUVEL was in HAMBURG recently (supposedly to contact SUBJECT) and stated that the DEUTSCHE UNION was in the process of publishing a newspaper. This paper will be called "DAS GEWISSEN." SUBJECT and von MANTZUVEL both have a sympathetic attitude in regard to the DEUTSCHE UNION and its activities. Both of them seem to think that this political party will be the salvation of Germany within a short period of time.

9. UNDEVELOPED LEADS AND FUTURE ACTION:

To determine the political affiliations of von MANTZUVEL and SUBJECT. To check the authenticity of the information contained in this report that originated with SUBJECT. To also determine if SUBJECT and von MANTZUVEL are involved with the HEIMERSCHIFF or the DEUTSCHE BEWEGUNG.

10. AGENTS NOTES:

a. Background Information:

None.

b. Clarifying Comments:

The Source of this report was unable to effect a meeting with von MANTZUVEL during the recent weeks. This attempt is still being made, in order to determine the true political status of von MANTZUVEL and SUBJECT. The information contained in paragraph 4 of this report is "old" information, but was submitted here as an evaluation of the statements made by SUBJECT to Source, then to report on present political activity in the HAMBURG area. It is quite possible that SUBJECT is holding back in his conversations with Source, therefore, all information divulged by SUBJECT will be submitted. He has denied having any affiliations with the HEIMERSCHIFF, yet he practically admitted his "military" activities in regard to the "plans" submitted to ADENAUER by von MANTZUVEL.

c. Agent's Opinion:

It is the opinion of the undersigned Agent that SUBJECT did not state his true political attitude and activities to Source during their recent conversation. This was probably done because SUBJECT does not feel that he should accept Source at face value, as they have not met for several years and SUBJECT has no idea of the true political attitude of Source at the present time.

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d. Specific Recommendations:

It is recommended that the investigation of SUBJECT and von KAFFRUPPEL be continued until such time that their political activities are revealed.

e. Evaluation:

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