

figures, the Deutsche Union, Die Bruderschaft, and the Deutsche Bewegung, of whom Subject was either a member or had been reported to have been affiliated".

4. Attached is a copy of a 66th CIC biographic report on Subject. This information is also FYI only and may not be passed to CATSUK.



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KOSTITZ, Eberhard Arthur Graf von

Born on 15 February 1906 in BERLIN-Wilmersdorf, KOSTITZ resided at HAMBURG, Oberaltenallee 80e in 1950. SUBJECT is the son of Graf Arthur von KOSTITZ and Hedwig von KOSTITZ nee KILLER, both of whom formerly resided in BERLIN-Charlottenburg. Graf Arthur von KOSTITZ, a former Hauptmann and bank official, died on 15 January 1929. SUBJECT was married to Hilde KOSTITZ, born on 6 April 1909, on 25 September 1931 in HAMBURG. SUBJECT is the father of Burkhard von KOSTITZ, born on 1 July 1932 in HAMBURG, and Margit von KOSTITZ, born on 20 September 1936 in HAMBURG. (B-3) In 1950 it was reported that SUBJECT had been separated from his wife for some time. (U-3)

Following attendance at public schools in SPANDEU and KASSEL from 1912 to 1923, KOSTITZ entered military service on 1 April 1925 as an officer candidate with the 3rd Prussian Cavalry Regiment. Commissioned on 1 February 1929, SUBJECT subsequently was promoted to Oberleutnant on 1 February 1933, Hauptmann on 1 April 1936, Major on 1 January 1941, Oberstleutnant on 1 June 1942, and to Oberst on 1 January 1944. (B-2)

During his army career, KOSTITZ was assigned to the following organizations on the dates given:

1 April 1925	Reiter Regiment 9
1 December 1928	Reiter Regiment 16
1 January 1930	Reiter Regiment 9
1 October 1934	Reiter Regiment Pothmann
15 October 1935	Reiter Regiment 4
1 December 1935	Panzer Abwehr Abteilung 16
25 May 1936	Panzer Regiment 4
5 October 1937	Kriegsakademie
1 August 1939	Appointed to the General Staff
5 November 1939	Armeekorpskommando 18
1 May 1941	Fachreserve of the GEM
1 July 1941	General Staff (Ic) of the 1st Armeekorps
15 February 1942	General Staff of the 7th Panzer Division
10 May 1943	Kriegsakademie
15 February 1944	Fachreserve of the GEM
9 July 1944	Chief of the General Staff of the 57th Panzer Korps
22 December 1944	Chief of the General Staff of the 2nd Army (B-2)

Immediately after the war KOSTITZ allegedly was given the task by the US Army of denobolizing the German Second Army. SUBJECT reportedly completed this

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work with such efficiency that he was given letters of commendation and was not forced to be discharged through a prisoner of war camp. (C-3) Records indicate, however, that NOSTITZ was discharged from FZE 314, HLU ULD on 4 December 1945.

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Following his release NOSTITZ went to HAMBURG to live with his wife and her family. SUBJECT obtained a position as a salesman with the Deutsche Vacuum Cell Gesellschaft in HAMBURG, and is known to have been working for this company in 1950. In September 1950 NOSTITZ reportedly was a leather goods salesman in HAMBURG. In addition, SUBJECT allegedly was involved in the business activities of the German and British.

(S-3)

NOSTITZ is an old personal friend of FIP Rendantag Deputy Klaus von MANTZUFFEL, born on 14 January 1897 in POESDAM, residing in 1953 at MANSB, Horstwegallee 68. MANTZUFFEL is a former professional soldier who served in the German Army from 1916 to 1945, attaining the rank of General der Panzertruppe. (S-2) SUBJECT's friendship with MANTZUFFEL reportedly dates back to a time when NOSTITZ was a battalion commander in a regiment commanded by MANTZUFFEL. An admirer of MANTZUFFEL, SUBJECT allegedly has aided MANTZUFFEL's views on several occasions. (C-3)

It was reported in April 1950 that NOSTITZ had aided MANTZUFFEL in drawing up plans for a future German Army. Allegedly MANTZUFFEL submitted these plans to Chancellor ADENAUER after many speeches had been delivered by American and British statesmen in favor of German participation in the defense of Western Europe. Although this reportedly was done in all honesty and sincerity, MANTZUFFEL allegedly was denounced subsequently as a militarist. NOSTITZ and MANTZUFFEL then dropped the whole proposal in disgust. In March 1950 NOSTITZ is reported to have felt that the Germans would be complete idiots if they insisted on having an army while they were still under an occupation, that the army would be directed and supervised by foreign generals, that it would be of no significant size or strength, and that it would be nothing but a burden on German taxpayers. (C-3)

Views widely at variance with those were expressed by NOSTITZ in May 1950. SUBJECT allegedly favored the creation of a free, united, and strong Europe as a "third force", which, by its very existence, would guarantee peace and relieve the United States and the USSR of their fear of one another in Europe. Within this united Europe, NOSTITZ wanted a Germany with its borders as they existed on 31 December 1937, with political sovereignty and economic autonomy. Moreover, SUBJECT reportedly felt that a guarantee would have to be given that the territory between the "Iron Curtain" and the Rhine River would be defended and not given up in case of a Soviet invasion. Moreover, NOSTITZ wanted this guarantee to be extended eventually even farther east than the "Iron Curtain". SUBJECT considered

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Desirable the creation of a complete German force within the Army of the European Union, a force which would be organized according to the requirements of modern warfare and would be strong enough in size to guarantee adequate defense. (C-3) No information is held concerning the specific details of SUBJECT's military views. (B-2)

Politically, NOSTITZ has been actively interested in several organizations. On 30 March 1950 SUBJECT attended a meeting of the KZJ in HALBROD. In late March 1950 NOSTITZ reportedly was affiliated with the Deutsche Union. (C-3) Although not a member of the Bruderschaft, SUBJECT allegedly maintained contact with certain members of the Bruderschaft during 1950. (C-2) On 24 September 1950 NOSTITZ attended a meeting of the Bruderschaft held in BIELEFELD. (C-3) On 2 and 3 June 1951 SUBJECT was present at a reunion of former members of the German Army Cross-Deutschland Tank Division held in KESSEL. It is noted that former General ~~XXXXXXXX~~ FILL gave an address at this meeting. (B-2)

On 5 January 1952 NOSTITZ took part in the founding meeting of the 'Gesellschaft fuer Wehrkunde in MÜNICH and was elected to the Vorstand of this organization. (B-2)

In a news article appearing in Neues Deutschland on 18 December 1953, a Graf Frau von NOSTLITZ, alias NOSTITZ, was mentioned as deputy to the head of the Generalvertretung of the Gehlen Gruppe in BRUNNEN. NOSTLITZ was described as a former Wehrmacht Oberst, residing at HAUSEURO-Uhlenhorst, Bülzweg 22. (F-6) No information is held concerning whether NOSTLITZ is identical with SUBJECT. (B-2)

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