

COUNTER INTELLIGENCE WAR ROOM
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To USFET MAIN.

Reference paragraph 4 of your CI PIR No. 69 of 19.9.45. on Ostubaf Dr. PAETFGEN.

1. Further to our letters of 23.8.45., 1.9.45, and 14.9.45. we should be interested in anything PAETFGEN knows about one Heinrich VOLBERG, recently repatriated to Germany aboard the SS Dottingholm, and at present in custody. The following paragraphs (2 to 4) are a precis of VOLBERG's background.

2. According to von MEYNER, ex-German Charge d'Affaires in Buenos Aires, VOLBERG was the driving force behind the Nazi Party in the Argentine and von MEYNER described him as a very dangerous man.

3. Our records show that VOLBERG has been a very long standing resident of Argentina; that he visited Germany in 1932, returning to Buenos Aires as head of the Bureau for the development of German trade, being virtually in charge of German business interests in the Argentine. He is alleged to have used his position to extract money from German funds to subsidise Nazi activities and propaganda. He is also said to have prepared lists of Allied firms to be boycotted by the Germans.

4. VOLBERG was prosecuted by the TABORDA Committee in the Argentine for financing Nazi institutions and was arrested in January 1942 and relegated to enforced residence in the interior, but under no restrictions, and he subsequently became head of the local Nazi movement. There are indications that this man was connected with the SD.

5. The following questions were sent to the War Room by one of the Special Services with the request that they be put to Dr. Hans W. THOST. Captain Hales in his letter of 4.9.45. (reference J/35) stated that THOST would probably be transferred to Paris. If THOST is no longer available for interrogation, these questions might well be put to Ostubaf PAETFGEN.

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- (a) How many different circuits the telephone experts actually intercepted or tried to intercept.
- (b) What were the sources of each telephone circuit and how many conversations on each were intercepted?
- (c) Whether they were aware of the existence of any other channel of telephone communication between this country and abroad, apart from those which were actually intercepted.

6. We take this occasion to acknowledge the THOST report attached to letter J.35. It cleared up several obscure points for both the War Room and the Special Services.

7. The questions under para 5 are based on statements made by THOST and incorporated into the report on THOST No. 1634/DSDDC/All of 8.7.45. According to THOST, Oberpostrat VETTERLEIN, on

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behalf of Reichspostminister OHNSORGE, approached SCHELLENBERG in the winter of 1942/43 with an account of successful interceptions, on the part of the Deutscher Reichsport, of telephone conversations between London and Washington.

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