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PANZINGER has been in Russian custody for a couple of years. He has been a prisoner-of-war in your country.

M He has been condemned to death and in other words this prisoner has been 25 years imprisonment and then in '55 he has been sent back without amnesty. He was taken out of prison and then given back.

F Just given back to Germany - not without being recruited by KGB ?

A When he was arrested ?

F In '45, I think - PANZINGER - yes, in '45.

M In connection with this Adenauer visit in Moscow.

A Yes, I know. But my idea is that we can't exclude for example that when PANZINGER was arrested in '45 and was in custody there practically - they worked with these people very actively since their imprisonment in view of their opportunities in Germany and in view of choosing their friends for recruitment. In that way maybe - It's I don't recall but there were such cases. I mean it's not just my idea but there were some cases in which they made new recruitments in Western Germany on the basis of spotting which they received from persons who have been in their prisons. In that way, for example, old friends of RISCHKE and RUDLOFF who we found out

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had been in prison in the Soviet Union and in that way it's possible that namely they established that RISCHKE was an intelligence officer through such people.

M: PANZINGER has been recruited by the RIS, by the KGB, during his stay in the Soviet Union and when he came back he revealed this fact to Western authorities. He was given from the Police, from the Verfassungschutz, to us because he had been put out of prison to penetrate the BND organization and he was taken over by KURT and he was run as a case up to the very last day when FELFE went to prison.

A PANZINGER ?

F PANZINGER, yes. It was a big operation - intended to be a big operation.

M: It was the basic operation of the last three years. That operation which gave to KURT and HANNI the opportunity to go to Berlin, to Vienna - to Geneva ?

F Travel to Berlin, travel to Vienna.

M And to meet there ALFREDs from Karlshorst. And it was an operation against the security of our Service because it feigned that all the things which had been written in that book "Die Graue Hand" and revelation story published in the Soviet Zone of Germany against the BN Service - quite a ridiculous book

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R The book by MADER. The book by MADER that we looked at much earlier called "Die Graue Hand".

F "The Grey Hand" - A German publication of information blackmailing against -

R It was the book after he wrote the book on Allen Dulles "Allen's Gangsters in Action". Then he wrote "Die Graue Hand". Both of these books you've seen but perhaps you've forgotten.

M Quite a ridiculous fabrication because it doesn't reveal -

R It was what he was referring to as the attack against the GEHLEN Service.

F Yes, it is.

M Chiefly destined to the population of German Democratic Republic because they are forced to believe things of that kind. It was not revealing the real status of knowledge of the RLS or the KGB concerning our organization but by this operation the KGB tried or was successful in making us believe that all these tiny and ridiculous things were all they had at their disposal. It was a big operation, a big op -

F Disinformation or misinformation or as you call it -

A It has political character and misinformation of course.

F A very cunning thing.

M And it was the rule of PANZINGER. PANZINGER first has been run by different men but as it revealed and came out very clearly that it was Soviet Intelligence who stood behind that.

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