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Wernfried PFAFF

Born 14 February 1915 in Brandau, Czechoslovakia, German citizen. During World War II he was with the SD in Czechoslovakia and at the end of the war he was taken prisoner by the Soviets. He was turned over to the Czechs, tried and sentenced to 20 years. In 1955 he was amnestied, and ~~returned~~ went to West Germany. He was interviewed there by Cavata and denied recruitment by Czechs or Soviets, although he said they tried. Testimony from fellow PWs indicates that he was recruited by the Czechs.

In February 1965 the Dutch obtained a lead to Pfaff from a telephone tap. Together with the Belgians, they surveilled a meeting between Pfaff and a known CIS officer, Stanislav SROUBEK, in Verviers, Belgium. The Dutch immediately informed Cavata. Sroubek had come from Prague for this meeting. He was not stationed at The Hague.

In December 1966 the Dutch were asked if they'd heard anymore about Pfaff from Cavata, and said the last they'd heard is that he was serving them as a double agent. His duties for the Czechs were to spot West Germans with Nazi backgrounds and apparently he had been quite successful.

□ □ said that Pfaff's value lay in his contacts among former Nazi intell personnel and that he was highly rated by the Center. In the late 1950s or early 1960s, a BNDnik contacted Pfaff and offered him a job. It was someone he knew from the Nazi era. When this happened the MV broke contact because they were afraid a background investigation would expose them. However they later recontacted Pfaff and put him back to work. □ □ thinks he's still working for the CIS

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but he does not think the CIS is aware of his/knowledge of the case.

In the 1950's Pfaff belonged to Department One but when Department Six was founded in the early 1964, Pfaff was taken over by it. (This from SX-13059)

[ ] said Josef Matejka, the Resident in Holland, is a member of Department Six and the type of person who might be meeting Pfaff.

On 19 December 1968 Munich gave the BND PFAFF's name, orally. Alias Fleming checked and said they wanted details since the BND also had contact with him. DIR 64252.x January 1969, authorized passage of the gist of [ ] information to the BND. Suggested they query Cawhisper (Cavata) because we are not sure the two services have coordinated ~~this~~ their interest in Pfaff. We also had to protect information received from the Duthh on the case.

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