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SECURITY INFORMATION

25 April 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: STC/SPB

SUBJECT : PIEPER, Hans

1. Field investigation results have been received on subject. A check of GIC and CID files revealed no information on subject.
2. A check of OSO files revealed: "Subject's reference (point 15b of Form IX) was a former Reichstag deputy and a member of the German C.P. Central Committee in 1932. He was accused of the Reichstag arson, but was released. It is rumored that the subject sold out to the Nazis. Subject may now be living in Berlin."
3. [] was queried concerning the above report. Much of the information in the above report was explained in field dispatch; however, the field security office was confused by the fact that subject used (15b) as a "character reference". The following explanation was received from []:

"In compliance with your request contained in a field dispatch it is pointed out that subject's form IX was not filled out by him personally but by the case officer on the basis of information furnished through a cut-out."

It appears to us that the misunderstanding arises out of the fact that the word "reference" was misinterpreted by subject. During the Third Reich subject was a member of the Gestapo and, as such in charge of surveying Communists and former members of the Communist Party. In view of this, subject felt the need of giving the name of a witness who could testify that subject never employed methods not normally used by police forces. In fact, subject was assigned to the surveillance of the person cited as witness.

In this connection it is further pointed out that subject is not in contact with any OPC staff officer nor the principal indigenous agent."

4. In view of the above report, the field security office has no objection to subject's being granted clearance.

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