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Ernst SOHLANDT

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1. The following information on Subject is from CIG:

a. SOHLANDT, an Austrian, was born at Vienna, Austria on 29 May 1905. He attended Volksschule at Kromstadt from 1912 to 1916, Mittelschule from 1916 to 1923, and received his Reifezeugnis in May 1923. SOHLANDT was an Austrian by birth but resided in Rumania all his life. He did not accept German citizenship after the Anschluss. His description is given as follows: 5'9" tall; 176 lbs.; dark brown hair; blue eyes; fresh complexion.

2. Subject was a reserve officer in the Rumanian Army (rank not indicated) since 1926; recalled to active duty after the beginning of the war, and was released for occupational reasons. He was later re-drafted and released (release secured through bribery and good connections) one week before Rumania surrendered. He escaped to Germany and was ordered to report to the Waffen SS School in Prague but went instead to Vienna and was accepted by the Abwehr as an interpreter with the rank of 1st Lt.

3. SOHLANDT operated Dienststelle SOHLANDT at Meldeskopf Wien (established in November 1944) which was subordinated to Amt VI-2 Ost of the RSHA at Ost Prague. His principal mission was to guide agents, usually one or two Poles or Russians, across the front lines in Poland and Russia. Towards the end of the war, Dienststelle SOHLANDT for all practical purposes ceased operations.

4. Subject was arrested by CIG, Fifteenth Army Group, on 20 June 1946 at Regensburg on the charge of being an Obersturmfuehrer

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in the Waffen SS. However, it was believed he should not be considered a member of the Waffen SS as he had actually deserted before reporting for duty. He, therefore, was released from OIR 91 at Darmstadt on 29 November 1946.

5. A search of the Karlsruhe GIS files on the RSHA, Amt VI, KdM Prague, and others, revealed information on an O/Lt. SCHLANDT who may be identical with Subject.

6. In an August 1945 interrogation of Major Hans VUKITS, former member and chief of III F Ast Vienna, VUKITS reported that after the dissolution of the III F Service in Ast Vienna in May 1944, a Leitstelle Ost was set up in Prague by order of Lt. Col. FREUND (who had been transferred to SCHELLENBERG, Amt VI, RSHA, Berlin) and came under the command of Lt. Col. Robert von TARBUK. This Leitstelle also had a Meldeskopf in Vienna I, Walfischgasse 11. Members of the above-mentioned Leitstelle included Capt. KLAUWITZER, Frau FIEDLER, and Frau SCHLANDT.

7. According to TARBUK in a September 1945 interrogation, he (TARBUK) assumed charge of VI-2 Ost in November 1944 and established headquarters in Prague, 5 Platz der Wehrmacht, together with the Kommando Meldegebiet. Although attached to Kommando Meldegebiet, Prague, TARBUK received his orders directly from FREUND in Berlin. The territory of VI-2 Ost included all of Eastern Europe and the chief function of VI-2 agents was to spy on enemy communications nets. TARBUK listed O/Lt. SCHLANDT and a civilian, von PAHLER, as VI-2 Ost personnel in Meldeskopf. Personality details as supplied by TARBUK differ from those in paragraph 1 above: Frau SCHLANDT, Waffen SS O/Lt.; MK Wien for VI-2 beginning in December 1944; born 1912, Kronstadt Rumania; 1.74 m tall; muscular build, brown hair, brown eyes; German-Rumanian liaison officer in Bessarabia with General KHANZ; lived at the Grand Hotel, Vienna, with office at Walfischgasse 11; last known to have gone to St. Pölten.

8. In January 1946, MIS published a report on the history and operations of KdM Prague. Sources of this information were Obst. DEHMEL, Chief of Aufklärung C, KdM Prague; Fraulein Irene REICHERT, member of Abt III-WI, Ast Prague, and Hptm. Johannes BERTHELMAN, Chief of Abt. I-G, Ast Prague. This record lists Obst/Lt (sic) SCHLANDT on the KdM Staff, VI-2 Ost as liaison officer.

9. Intelligence Division, EUCOM, reports no traces on Subject.