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TO : Acting Chief. FRM

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SUBJECT: SCHMALSCHLAGER, Heinz. Code Name: MALT

1. SCHMALSCHLAGER, a colonel in the Wehrmacht and chief of Leitstelle III/Ost fuer Frontaufklaerung until the surrender of the German armies in May 1945, contacted American intelligence from his hiding place near Nuernberg in November 1945 and offered to furnish information about the Russian intelligence service.

2. Leitstelle III/Ost had been active on the German eastern front and had compiled a considerable amount of information concerning the Russian intelligence service. Under the direction of X-2, SSU representative in Munich, SCHMALSCHLAGER prepared for American use and recovered from caches, the following studies on the Russian intelligence service.

a) Leitstelle III/Ost fuer Frontaufklaerung. (General Information) G-Sits-431 #2, 9 Dec. 1945. 10 legal-sized pages.

b) Schooling of a Soviet Agent. G-sits-466 #1. 10 Dec. 45. 6 legal-sized pages.

c) Accomplishments of Leitstelle III/Ost. Includes statistics on the combatting of enemy agents on the German eastern front. G-SITS-465 #1, 11 Dec. 45, 17 legal-sized pages.

d) Enemy agent activity on the German eastern front. This includes list of names of Russian agent dispatchers and their military unit identification. (G-SITS-477 #1, 16 Dec 45. 8 letter-sized pages.)

e) Charts on enemy agents activity on the German eastern front. The charts include the following:

- I. Enemy strength behind the German lines.
- II. Precis of an original chart which pictured the military and CE situation as of March 1945.
- III. Concentration points of enemy agent activity.
- IV. Enemy agent activity 1 March 1943 to 31 January 1945.
- V. Chart of enemy agents' targets.

G-SITS-479 #5, 17 Dec 45. 7 legal-sized pages.

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f) Enemy agents' activity on the German eastern front. Log of agents dispatched by Red Baltic Fleet RO, RO's of the First and Second Baltic Fronts, RO's of the First, Second and Third Byelorussian Front, RO's of the First, Third and Fourth Ukrainian Fronts, plus RO's of miscellaneous Russian units and missions dispatched by various tactical units. G-SITS-494 #1, 18 Dec. 45. 4 letter-size pages.

g) Missions assigned by various Russian intelligence agencies. G-SITS-492 #1, 21 Dec. 45. 10 legal-sized pages.

h) Enemy partisan forces behind the German eastern Front. G-SITS-493 #1, 23 Dec. 45. 9 legal-sized pages.

These documents were the first comprehensive study of the Russian intelligence service to come to the attention of the American intelligence services.

3. Upon their request, SCHMALSCHLAEGER was turned over to G-2, USFET, in March 1946 and was housed by them at the Military Intelligence Center at Oberwiesl. At the same time, other members of Leitstelle III/Ost were picked up and housed at the Military Intelligence Center. It was G-2, CIB's plan to form "a pool of intelligence about the Russian Intelligence Services." Plans for establishing an agent network under the guidance of SCHMALSCHLAEGER and his Leitstelle III/Ost colleagues was also contemplated by G-2, CIB. The network was to cover the Russian-occupied portion of Germany.

4. SCHMALSCHLAEGER was born 17 January 1893 and once owned a factory in Muernberg. He joined the Abwehr in 1933. He is reported to be a nephew of the late Admiral CANARIS. He served with the Abwehr in Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Vienna. His specialties were the Frontaufklaerung Kommandos and working against the Russian intelligence services. The bulk of his intelligence experience has been of a military nature. He served as liaison between the Wehrmacht and the Abwehr Frontaufklaerung, and generally commanded large establishments.

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