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CAPTURED		Stufab. (5)		Additional	
Last name: SCHWEND		SS Sturm. (4)		Fritz (6) SFX	
First name: WENDIG		Fritz		Classification	
Middle name: SCHWEND		WENDIG (4)		Document	
Last name: SCHWEND		First name: WENDIG		Middle name: KLEP, Fritz	
Address: Rotal della Gitta		City: Abbazia		Country: Germany	
Street: Trieste		City: Trieste		Country: Germany	
Local Address:		Street:		City:	
Local Address:		Street:		City:	
Date of Birth: 1920		Birthplace:		Nationality:	
Height: 5'8"		Weight: 150 lbs		Complexion: Light	
Hair: Brown		Eyes: Blue		Distinguishing Features:	
Service: Amt VI		Position: Official in Abbazia		Cover: Subject is in charge of all espionage activities in ITALY. His associate is Hauptsturmführer KLEBENS. The HQ of this activity is Schloss LABERS near MERANO approximately V846927 on Sheet 4.	
Remarks: was in 1940-41 agent for Amt VI SS Leitabschnitt München & Amt Berlin SOI Det. II AG; at 7th Army HQ.		Remarks: SECRET work concerned with Swiss.		Remarks: SECRET	

SCHWEND, SS Sturm. Fritz
 WENDIG, KLEP, Fritz

It is reported that HILLER in 1943 ordered the manufacture of false pounds, francs and dollars, with the intention of selling this faked currency in occupied Europe against gold, jewels and other valuables. HILLER appointed SS Stufab. Dr. WENDIG (qv-Ger) as head of this operation. WENDIG died in 1944 and was replaced in 1944 by Subject who still goes by the name of WENDIG. Valuables purchased by the sale of this faked currency were in reality used to finance RSHA operations. At the approach of the Allied armies in Germany, Subject evacuated to Leran (North Italy) with important stocks of faked currency and valuables purchased therewith. Others involved in these operations under Subject are said to be SS Stufab. DAUSER, Graf WENZEL, and George SPITZ (all qv). Subject is now believed to be hiding in Liran.

FPA-7052
5/17/45

It is reported that the false money used by the RSHA (see above source) was sold on the black market against gold and jewels which would then be supplied to agents as payment.

LSA-002-519
5/19/45

Subject, the paymaster of the buying agents involved in the RSHA financial operation, has been arrested; also arrested was Oenter (qv). Subject was in charge of European financial operations for the RSHA under Stuf. SPADIL (qv). Subject at present is being interrogated by SOI in an effort to determine the whereabouts of other persons involved in the RSHA operation and to discover the location of any arms dumps or caches of valuables.

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LWX-4
6/10/45

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Subject was interrogated again at 7th Army ID. He has written a report ** 1348 which is in process of being translated. In view of the fact that there is LIX-010-618 evidence that Subject is lying, a thorough interrogation when the personnel 6/15/45 is available is planned. It appears that most of the personalities involved in the RSHA operation are still located at Merano.

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Information from this source refers to WENDIG - probably meaning FFX-7055 Subject but may possibly be SS Stabst. Dr. WENDIG, (qv-Ger); DAUSER (qv) 5/16/45 introduced George SPITZ (qv) to Subject c. end of 1943. DAUSER had secured identity papers for SPITZ but Subject said that SPITZ could not have them without doing something in payment. Therefore, upon threat of reprisals, SPITZ was sent to Belgium by Subject to buy foreign currency, gold, jewelry and pictures. SPITZ learned that 50 agents were being run for this purpose throughout the occupied countries. The Brothers ELASCHKE & a certain WAGNER (qv-all) were particularly active in this RSHA financial operation. Also, chief advisor of Subject was GYSSLING (qv).

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In order to gather further information on the RSHA financial operation LIX-61 and to discover the location of the agents involved, Subject and George 8/2/45 SPITZ (qv) were taken by SOI to Merano, where Subject formerly has his headquarters. In Merano it was found that the following agents of Subject had been arrested: Oscar and Rudi BLASCHKE, Harald WAENINGER, Dr. Giovanni NEUHOLD, Dr. George GYSSLING and Jack Levi's VAN HARTEN (all qv). Subject is now engaged in writing a history of the entire RSHA Financial Operation which will be forwarded.

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1. XX 583 (8768) 7/27/44
2. B 1819 (B 2037) March '45 (d)F-0
3. A-54760 B-2460 Bern:Z D-2 April 10, 1945
Early in 1944 Himmler formed independent command known as SPECIAL COMMAND SCHWENDT. SS Lt. Col. SCHWENDT was placed at its head. SCHWENDT's mission was to purchase abroad a variety of objects - gold, diamonds, securities, raw materials, finished luxury products etc. and report directly to Himmler. Large sums of English bank notes were placed at SCHWENDT's disposal. Latter's office was at Trieste, then Merano, then Milan. Purchases were stored in Merano in the SS-Truppenwirtschaftslager, former Alpini depot. From there they were gradually distributed among important party members or hidden in caves in the Reduit.
4. FFX-7052, 5/17/45. 1b
5. LIX-002-519, 5/19/45. 1b
6. ** 1332, LIX-4, 6/10/45. 1b
7. ** 1348, LIX-010-618, 6/18/45. 1b
8. FFX-7053, 5/16/45. 1b
9. LIX-61, 8/2/45. 1b
10. B-1819, (B-2037), F-1 6.3/45. 1b
11. LIX-50, 7/20/45. 1b
12. XX-8568, 6/21/45, p.23. (6th Interr. on Klaus HUEGEL) 1b
13. ** 1658, JZK 1947, 8/9/45 (Interr. on Hildegard BEETZ)
14. XX 7047, 6/8/45 (Interr. of H. KAPPLER). mhc

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B-1819
(B-2037)
F-0
c.5/45

Source gives information on one Bela TAR, possibly connected with Subject: TAR wanted to return to Switzerland and in order to get permission he was introduced to WENDIG (Subject?) and KLEMP (qv) who proposed to him that he return to Bern and get a job with the American or British Legation in order to secure information. TAR was also to get a package of dollar and pound notes a week which he was to sell on the Swiss black market.

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Subject was formerly in charge of purchasing agents for RSHA Amt II. Subject has been moved to Stadelheim Prison, Munich, from 7th Army IG. George SPITZ (qv) visited Subject at Stadelheim and persuaded Subject that his best chance would be to confess his activities with the RSHA and to cooperate with SOI. Subject agreed to collaborate and to write out a history of his own activities and a list of the RSHA personalities known to him. He also agreed to turn over to SOI all hidden valuables which he knew of. Subject was taken out of Stadelheim Prison and accompanied by SOI representatives and SPITZ was taken to a small town in the Austrian mountains where he had buried some gold. The gold was dug up by Subject. It amounted to 7139 pieces of French and Italian origin and, according to Subject, the value of the money is about 200,000 dollars. This money had been buried by Subject a few days before the arrival of the Americans. The burial place was known also to Subject's secretary and probably to other members of the RSHA. The money constituted a possible threat to Allied security as it could have been used to finance anti-Allied activities.

LEK-80
7/20/45

SCHWEND, Friedrich (aka Dr. Wendig, aka Wenceslay or Wenceslau TURI)

HEQA-3669
18 Nov 59

(Also requests traces from ~~Schwarz~~ Lima, La Paz & hqs on GLAVAN-which already sent) Requests traces on subj, who has apparently been SIME's principal source of info on Aloy Wenceslay GLAVAN (see file in Peru CE section on GLAVAN) - Schwend is a German who claims to have worked for a U.S. service on Corrie related matters foll his capture as a German tank officer, ¹⁹⁴⁸ ~~1945~~ and of M.V.II.

HPLA-3564
25 Nov 59

No info on Glavan - foll was found on Schwend: On 30 Jan/44 Fritz Schwend, alias ~~Wendig~~, foreign currency operator for CIS and wife, Hedda, were rptd living in Lima under name Wenceslau Turi. Subject was arrested and interrogated by OSS in June 1947 in an attempt to recover hidden CIS funds. He was reported at that time as living from proceeds of these funds, which he succeeded in camouflage from the Americans. Another report says subj took the name "Turi" in order to secure false papers and come to Lima.

HEQ-W-2309
info Lima, La Paz
Guayaquil, Sucre
17 March 1960

additional info on
Forwards complete hqs traces on subj (and GLAVAN)

HEQA-4030
15 Aug 60

Both Schwend and Glavan could not be found by SIMK in Guayaquil. No passports or tourist cards issued either person; official SIME conclusion is that the two of them left the country clandestinely, probably north to Columbia. (See doc for further details)

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Subject was taken into custody...

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Subject has been placed under house arrest at the home of George SPITZ. Subject is engaged in writing up his own activities and a list of RSHA personalities. Another trip with Subject is being planned; Subject will put SCI in contact with all of his agents and also locate the caches of other hidden valuables.* The further position and possible employment of Subject is under consideration and proposals concerning him will be submitted..

* (See source #9 listed here).

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Subject had worked for Amt VI since 1940. Is a German who lived for some years in the USA where his aunts own big factories and millions of dollars. Then he came back to Europe to administrate the European fortunes of these aunts.

LNK-002-1008a
10/8/45
Interr. of H. BERTZ

mhc

JRX-607 Subject head of agency in Merano, organized for commerce of
6-29-45 valuables captured in Italy and particularly for sale of Pounds
fj Sterling. This agency was under direct orders of the Police
Direction in Berlin. Previously the agency had its main offices
in Trieste and Abbazia. It was known as "SCHLOSSLABERS".

B-2037 3/16/45 Rough sketch of the location of Schloss LABERS, near Merano.

XX 10064
Dec 4th 1945
BUSCH Interr.

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SCHWEND, Stubaf. Fritz (@ WENDIG)

Italy 20-1-1948 DPS

9/43 subject established Dienststelle WENDIG which later became sole outlet for counterfeit pounds of Unternehmen Bernhard. In Summer 44 subject met SPACIL (qv) into the scheme as bookkeeper. Subject always kept personnel restricted and kept control of the operation. Made substantial takeoff. Early history: Before 39 managed finances of BUNGE (wheat magnate), in US. Returned to Germany shortly before outbreak of war and offered self to Foreign Office. Assigned to RSHA in semi-advisory capacity. HIMMLER selected him for Bernhard because of financial influence - much Italian real estate and good Italian connections through partnership with rich father-in-law Dr NEUHOLD (qv). An accomplished crook.

XX 10918, (CI-IIR/47)
Hq USFET, MISC, 2/6/46.
Ustuf. Rudolf GUENTHER

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SEE: LNX-15 AGENT SERVICE RECORD, Vet files

AMT VI B; arrested in American zone.

XX 9249 Sep 4, 1945

OUT 58113 WASH 2081
TO [] 30 Jan 1948

Request traces.

TEL W 275 5 Feb 1948

Pouch. Gives biographical info.

MGFA 727 OSOTS 508
16 Feb 48

ODDI gives case to CMGUS Financial Division for investigation. Glavin (denouncer of Subj) claims he is living on camouflaged RSHA funds.

MGMA 365 24 Feb 48

No contact with Subj since late 45. [] may know more about his activities.

MGFA-856 30 Mar 48

EuCOM office no longer involved or interested in Subject.

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Subject permitted to visit his family in Italy and thence migrated to Brazil. He wrote twice explaining his course and affirming that he will always remember the Americans for the kind treatment he received. When he supplies permanent address in Brazil, it will be forwarded to Washington/

FSRO-1546
HSC/Ops/33
19.3.47

Subject reported by Vjekoslav A. GLAVAN (qv) to be living with wife in Lima, Peru under name of Y(or V)enceslau TUR(or H)I from proceeds RSHA funds he succeeded in camouflaging from Americans. Funds forwarded to him by one Carl FLUTTERLEIB (qv), Geneva. Current status Subject requested.

IN-33751
FRAN-628
27.1.48

No further info on Subject.

IN-33727
HEID-2840
27.1.48
CUT-58113
WASH-2081
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Request for traces on Subject.

To: []

Pouch to [] 5.2.48

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LNX 010-910	10 Sept 1946	Agent in RSHA "Financial Operation" in charge of Section Balkans-Italy. Wide knowledge of personalities and underground groups in Italy, Yugoslavia and Germany.	
HSC OPS 33	19 March 1947	Emigrated to Brazil after visiting family in Italy. Wrote to Caviar.	
For documents of which Subject is the source see folder.			
LNX 15		In Vet Files. Agent Service Record.	
HSC OPS 33	19 March 1947	Subject emigrated to Brazil via Italy	
IN 33751	FRAN 628	27 Jan 1948	Subject reported to be living with wife in Lima, Peru under name Y(or V)enceslau TUR(or H)I.
IN 33727	HEID 2840	27 Jan 1948	No connections with Subject. No additional information.