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SPECIFIC— Gertrude KOESSLER, Suspected IS Agent

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- References:
- a. EASA-2991
 - b. SALZ-2198
 - c. SALZ-2422
 - d. SALZ-2451

Introduction

1. This dispatch treats the subject of Gertrude Waltraud KOESSLER, born June 1931 in Salzburg, presently living Salzburg, Maxglaner Hauptstrasse 8, employed by the Salzburg Finanzamt, a suspected intelligence agent. This is probably the first correspondence from the field dealing solely with the KOESSLER case and we shall break the body up into: Background and History, Our Work to Date, Problems, and Our Intended Course of Action in the Future.

Background and History

2. This case actually began in the fall of 1953 when Gertrude KOESSLER began to visit SOB agent, GRALLSPICE 1, at his apartment in Salzburg. GRALLSPICE 1 leased this apartment building from Helene WUK, dob 15 December 1912 in Abramszell Hall, Tiro, Austria. Completely unsolicited, the KOESSLER girl visited GRALLSPICE 1 and during his wife's absence spent a considerable amount of time with him. In January he received a series of telephone calls from an unknown person followed by what appeared to be an intelligence recruitment by KOESSLER. GRALLSPICE 1 declined the approach and, since he was considered a sensitive case by this Mission, he was emigrated immediately to the States to be out of harm's way. This, of course, solved the problem of GRALLSPICE 1 but left us with a question as to the details regarding Gertrude KOESSLER and her possible IS connections.

Our Work to Date

3. Name traces were submitted first off on WUK, KOESSLER and Erwin WAGNS, a third person figuring in this affair. All local traces including GRALLSPICE 1 on KOESSLER and WUK were negative. However, a CIC report stated that WAGNS was a Communist and had been charged by the editor of the Salzburg Communist newspaper to organize a Communist Party Cell within the Salzburg Finanzamt. We have, nevertheless at this point, no reason to suspect that KOESSLER is necessarily connected with WAGNS.

4. We had decided originally that the most efficient and probably quickest way of solving the problem would be to have KOESSLER and WUK arrested on CIC warrants and then given a thorough interrogation in an effort to break them down and

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make them confess their IS connections. However, about the same time the Commanding General of USFA "lowered the boom" on CIC arrest warrants, especially those based on meager evidence and we were forced to disregard this approach.

5. It was then planned [] would visit the KOESSLER girl on a "social" basis and attempt to draw out the necessary information through a friendly interrogation. [] learned that KOESSLER's father was a police officer thereby erasing this approach. (It was later learned that KOESSLER's father was a police official but had died in 1935.)

6. At this point it was decided that we would have to mount some kind of an operation against KOESSLER in order to get a little bit more for a basis for interrogation should we ever find ourselves in a position to pull one off. The obvious method, of course, was a surveillance and one was initiated on 18 June (please see Surveillance Log). This surveillance actually gave very little concrete evidence that KOESSLER is involved in IS activities. However several things were established which certainly add to the suspicions of this case. KOESSLER, who apparently is a secretary or clerk in the Finanzamt, (she's only 23 years old) seems to have pretty free movement during working hours whereby she gets on her bicycle, goes off for an hour or two, wanders out with Frau WUK, etc. Her visiting Markus Sittikus Strasse #14 where one Veronika KNOLL lives, a suspected RIS agent, is also a very interesting note. We regret that we were not able to determine whether it was KNOLL whom KOESSLER visited on that particular day. The fact that Erwin WACHS, Hans WIEDER and a few other persons, all former NSDAP members, are now Communists and are working in the Salzburg Finanzamt (WUK was also a former member of the NSDAP), is noteworthy.

Problems Encountered

7. The biggest and about the only problem is that of trying to run a full scale 18 hour a day surveillance with a small handful of staff members. It is not only difficult for reasons of efficiency but also quite insecure. The main problem to be solved, therefore, is to obtain additional persons for the surveillance team.

8. Another problem is that the Salzburg Finanzamt as well as KOESSLER's home is an almost unsurveillable area. Surveillance team members are practically forced to sit on the door step of the Salzburg Finanzamt and of subject's apartment in order to insure a complete and thorough surveillance. We have found that unless the surveillance team watches every entrance and exit every second, it is quite possible for KOESSLER to slip out, get on her bike and be away before the surveillance team has a chance to react. (By this we do not mean to infer KOESSLER is lurking behind the door waiting for the surveillance team to turn its back so she can escape. It merely means that the physical locations are such that KOESSLER could easily disappear around a corner and down a side street unless constant observation is maintained at all times.)

Our Plans for Future Activity

9. We intend to recommence the surveillance in the very near future. We feel that in view of our limited surveillance capabilities, it may be more rewarding to maintain an 18 hour a day surveillance on Veronika KNOLL's apartment

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Chief of Operations, Salzburg

30 June 1954

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Memorandum for the Record - Gertrude KOESSLER Case

1. As per SSALZ-2451, it had been our original intention to arrest Gertrude KOESSLER and Frau Helene WUCK on a CIC warrant, bring them to CIC Sub A Headquarters for an interrogation as to their alleged IS activities. However, since General Arnold has ordered all arrest warrants to be cleared through him and since it seems that no warrant would be assured without very definite concrete evidence, it was not considered possible to try to bring KOESSLER in under these circumstances.

2. It was therefore decided that [] would approach KOESSLER directly in a semi-official capacity and try to interrogate her on a more or less friendly voluntary basis (see SIN/583). Therefore, on 13 May 1954 or thereabouts, [] went to KOESSLER's home at Maxglanerhauptstr. #6 at about 1730 hours with the intention of inviting KOESSLER to dinner or a glass of wine, to confront her with our proposition and to try to begin the interrogation. [] went up to the KOESSLER apartment on the third floor of Maxglanerhauptstr. #6 and knocked on the door. As we knocked, the outer door swung gently open exposing an inner door. On this inner door was a sign reading "Gustav KOESSLER, Kriminal Revierinspektor". Seeing immediately that this would not be the best circumstances under which to force an interrogation on this person's daughter, [] hastily left the premises without waiting anyone to answer the door. [] immediately confronted [] on this latest development and it was agreed to postpone the proposed interrogation until it was determined what role exactly the KOESSLER man played in this drama. [] traces were initiated immediately on Gustav KOESSLER and it was learned that he was formerly a Kriminal Revierinspektor but had died in 1934. A few weeks later this entire KOESSLER affair was discussed with [] who recommended that a surveillance and proper operation be mounted against the girl and the idea of interrogation be temporarily abandoned.

3. Therefore on 15 June 1954 [] drove to the vicinity of KOESSLER's home and parked his car up the street from her house on Josef Gruber Strasse. It was thought that the most feasible or most positive way of identifying the KOESSLER girl (C.O. Note: We had no picture and only a vague physical description of her) would be to follow all the 20-21-22 year old girls emerging from Maxglanerhauptstrasse #6 and see which one of them went to the Salzburg Finanzamt. On this particular morning at about 0720 a girl about 20-21 left the

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apartment building on foot. The girl was rather heavy set and generally did not match the description of KOESSLER given by Grallspace 1. About five minutes later, 0725 hours, a young girl about 22, chubby cheeks, protruding lower lip, emerged from the house, got on her bicycle and started on her way to town. In his car case officer following this girl who went directly to the Salsburger Finanzamt, arriving there at about 0740 hours. She parked her bike in a small courtyard just inside the Finanzamt located Kaigasse 12. A surveillance team was organized on 27 June 1954 and actual physical surveillance began on the morning of 18 June (please see surveillance reports which follow).

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Chief of Operations, Salzburg

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Surveillance - Gertrude KOKSSLER

EVENTS - 18 June 1954

1. As per arrangements made on the previous day, the surveillance team consisting of [] rendezvoused in front of the Provost Marum's office, Camp Riedenburg, at 0700 hours. [] proceeded to the area of Subject's house by bicycle and took up a position about 200 yards from the house on Warner Gasse. The remaining members drove in NV-143 to Subject's house and parked about 75 yards away on Maxglaner Hauptstrasse, house number 12. [] took up position just across the street from Subject's house. It had been agreed that when Subject emerged from the house on her way to work, [] would identify her to the other members of the team by an innocuous signal. (NOTE: None of the other members had ever seen KOKSSLER previously.) All members of the team were in position by 0715 hours.

2. At 0725 hours Subject, wheeling her bike, came out of the house, got on her bike and started east down Maxglaner Hauptstrasse. [] gave the signal and [] took out after subject on her bike while the remaining team members in the car waited for about three minutes and then drove on to the Finanzamt passing both [] and Subject. (There was no detour by which the team could have reached the Finanzamt ahead of Subject and still not have had to pass Subject.) Subject was wearing white strap shoes, white socks, black sweater and a dark blue dress.

3. Subject arrived at the Finanzamt, Kaigasse 12, at 0740 hours, and parked her bike in the small courtyard of the Finanzamt. In order to cover all entrances (Kaigasse 12, Kapitelgasse 6, Kapitelgasse 5) team members were spread quite thin in the area. She did not emerge from this entrance again until 1005 hours, although [] feels that he saw her come out of the side entrance on Kapitelgasse and cross over to the other Finanzamt building on the Kapitelgasse 5 about 0805 hours. The surveillance team consisting of [] continued the surveillance until 1015 hours when they broke off shortly for a breather. At 0815 hours, [] went into the Finanzamt located at Kapitelgasse 5 and where subject was suspected of working, even though she went into Kaigasse 12. Pashette eased the place for entrances and exits, checked the names on the various office doors. About 0830 [] was on the top floor in the Buchhaltungstelle, when a young girl, believed to be

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KOESSLER (the hallway was dark and positive identification was difficult) came out of Herr Beringer's office and went into another office. Later in the morning went back to this area and copied all names on the doors. (see name checks)

4. The surveillance team continued surveillance through to 1400 hours without seeing KOESSLER again. [] believes he saw her leave the Finanzamt at 1205 hours on bike with a blond haired young man. But since the surveillance team's bike was at the other end of Kapittelgasse it was impossible to follow her.

5. The surveillance, held down in the afternoon by [] continued. The remaining members of the team were instructed to be back in the area at 1600 hours so that a full force would be on hand for the evening hours, when she came out of work. However at 1555 hours Subject, on foot, and another unidentified woman wheeling a bike, came out of the Finanzamt at Kaigasse 12 and walked to the Cafe Posthof. While [] waited outside, [] followed the two into the cafe taking a table at the other end of the room. [] later reported that while subject and the other woman were in the Cafe the Herr Ober announced a telephone call for Frau WUCK (or similar sounding name). The woman with Subject answered that the Herr Ober was to tell the party she was not there. However she changed her mind and took the call. While the two were in the cafe, [] arrived back in the area. [] immediately apprised them of the situation. Just at that moment, however, KOESSLER and her friend came out of the cafe. [] followed Subject back to the Finanzamt (Kaigasse 12) while [] on bike tried to find and follow the other woman. However she was away before [] could take off after her. (The other woman was about 35 years old, heavy set and what appeared at a distance to be ruddy complexion.) After losing her, [] returned to the Finanzamt where members of the team were ready to pick up subject as she quit work.

6. At about 1705 hours she came out alone on her bike and peddled down the Kaigasse, turned right into the Chienseegasse and then left down an alley, across a vacant field and onto the Sebastian Stief Gasse where she turned right (heading south) on the Rudolfskai. [] followed immediately behind her on bike while the remaining members tried to follow in the car. However [] lost Subject in the evening traffic on Rudolfskai. (NOTE: It was later learned that Subject probably turned into the Gewerbe Schule located Rudolfskai 42 (same building as Army Education Center).) The team quickly reassembled at Subject's house waiting for her to return home. However she did not and the surveillance was broken off at 1930 hours. Surveillance was broken off until morning of 21 June 1954.

NAME CHECKS

7. By comparing the last names taken off the doors in the Buchhaltungstelle with the occupations given in the Salzburger Adress Buch, case officer was able to learn the first names and addresses of these persons. All names given below appeared on the doors in this particular section except that of Erwin WAGNS (see SID/375 and SID/386). Karl BERINGER, Otto MARCHNER, Franz PICHMUELLER, Frieda ZELL, Therese SIEGESLEITNER, Karl WIEDER, Hans WIEDER, Hermann RABER, Josef KITZLER, Hans FRECHTL, Hans HIRNSPERGER, Franz KIZINGER, (fnu) HINTERMUELLER, (fnu) TUTSCH, (fnu) DANNER, (fnu) KOLOPAR, (fnu) BRANDSTAETNER, (fnu) KRATZGEBNER, (fnu) GEBHARDT, and Erich DETTER.

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8. The name check results from the SOB, G2 and CIC files are as follows:

- a. (fnu) ~~BRANDSTAETNER~~ - no traces
- b. Karl ~~BERINGER~~ - G2/CIC file, V-24735 dated 29 Nov 51 states that one Karl ~~BERINGER~~ is a retired Austrian Army officer residing at Vienna IV, Prinz Eugenstrasse 18, Apt. #5 (until 1948), nothing derogatory is known of Subject, (EE, no traces)
- c. Erich ~~DEITER~~ - no traces
- d. (fnu) ~~DANNER~~ - EAS-100, 29 May 1953, Land Salzburg Gendarmerie Revierinspektor (fnu) ~~HOLLEIS~~ reportedly was Communist Party member in 1945. ~~HOLLEIS~~ now belongs GeVP Kameradschaft der Exekutive and holds close contact with Gendarmerie Revierinspektor (fnu) ~~DANNER~~ of Salzburg Sicherheitsdirektion, section state police. G2 cards list Johann ~~DANNER~~, dob 8 Nov 1899 in Freistadt, resides Fanny von Lehnerstr. 6, Salzburg, functionary of Arbeiter Turn-u. Sportverein, Salzburg-Itzling, believed to be a Commie-front organization. Friedrich ~~DANNER~~, dob 3 Aug 1925 in Salzburg, resides Elisabeth Kai 50, Salzburg, salesman, Waffen SS in WW II, height 1.85 cm, wt. 72 kg, slender build, dark blond hair, wears SS tattoo, released from Orr and Hallein 18/2/47
- e. (fnu) ~~GERHARDT~~ - no traces
- f. (fnu) ~~HINTERHOELLER~~ - no traces
- g. Hans ~~HUMSPERGER~~ - G2 card lists Johann ~~HUMSPERGER~~, born 1 Oct 1908 at Aigen, NSDAP 1937-45
- h. Karl ~~GAP~~ - G2 card lists one Karl ~~GAP~~, dob 1903, residing Wien 20, Pater Abel Platz 16, Ortsgruppenleiter der Ortsgruppe Marchfeldstr., Kreis 2, Aufgarten, Wien
- i. Elfriede ~~GAP~~ - no traces
- j. Ilse ~~GAP~~ - no traces
- k. (fnu) ~~HOLDFAR~~ - no traces
- l. (fnu) ~~KRANTSCHNER~~ - SOB files state one Karjeten ~~KRANTSCHNER~~ CIC Source Idem 13/6477, G2 files, British letter dated 29 Apr 1949, mentioned one Dr. Anton ~~KRANTSCHNER~~ and brother Bruno as possible RIS or CIC agents. Anton in Badgastein in 1948 and Bruno in Vienna in 1947. Probably not i/w Subject. British letter dated 28 Oct 1949 mentioned one Friedrich ~~KRANTSCHNER~~ as posing as a British Intelligence officer in Vienna. Speaks English, Russian, Swedish, Danish and Dutch. Probably not i/w Subject.
- m. Josef ~~KITZLER~~ - CIC Report #5424 dated 12 Apr 1949, a report on Trade Union of Railroad Employees, mentions one Josef ~~KITZLER~~, possibly i/w Subject, as SPOE member from Electoral Dist. #37, Grossweilersdorf station, born 6 March 1893 in Griefenstein, Austria, Roman Catholic, married, resides Altenberg, Berggasse 10
- n. Frans ~~KIZINGER~~ - G2 card lists one Frans ~~KIZINGER~~, born 7 Aug 1893 in Onigl bei Salzburg, postoffice official, member NSDAP and RKB

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e. Otto WARCHNER - no traces

p. Frans RICHLMUELLER - CIC report S-21222 dated 24 Feb 54, mentions one Frans PICHMUELLER, Auersbergstr. 49, Salzburg, as invited to a meeting of former members of the Brandenburg Regiment, former German Army Division, on 13 March 1954 at the Rupertihof Hotel in Salzburg

q. Hans FRECHTL - no traces

r. Hermann RABER - no traces

s. Therese SIEGESLEITNER - no traces

t. (fnu) TUTSCH - CIC report S-8385 dated 8 Aug 46 mentions one Karl TUTSCH alleged GIS agent, Rochusgasse 5, Salzburg, born 15 July 1899 in Vienna. Traveled to US in 1925-33. Returned to Austria in 1933. Wife is Maria Anna KILLEX, worked with Abwehr as photo technician and interpreter, later attached to German Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria. After WW II worked as interpreter with Red Cross in Salzburg, before CIC recommended dismissal in 1946

u. Karl WIEDER - no traces

v. Frieda ZELL - no traces

w. Hans WIEDER - SOB lists one Hans WIEDER, Chairman, Land Salzburg Austrian Amateur Radio Club, known Communist, G2 report lists read resides Plainstr. 20/I, Salzburg, G2 report dated 26 July 1948, CIC report dated 1 April 53 mentions Subject as directing amateur radio group believed to be monitoring U.S. Army radio reports in Salzburg, G2 report S-9267 dated 19 Feb 51 mentions Subject as chairman of above group and uses his transmitter to aid Commies, in contact with leading Commies

x. Erwin WAGHS - G2 card lists one Erwin WAGHS, dob 26 June 1899, denasification case #S-11637, L-26464 dated 7 July 1952 mentions one (fnu) WAGHS, dob ca. 1914 attending KPOe Central Party school in Vienna, S-11563 dated 18 Oct 51 reports one Erwin WAGHS, employee of Salzburg Finanzamt as alleged informant for KPOe, entrusted by Frits LETTNER, KPOe leader, with organizing a Commie cell in Finanzamt.

(Seeing that surveillance of KOESSLER is impossible by any means of transportation other than bike, case officer procured two extra bicycles giving the team a total of three. The new bikes were to be picked up on 21 June in the afternoon.)

EVENTS - 21 June 1954

9. [] began surveillance at 1130 hours from vantage points in the Kaigasse of Salzburg across from Subject's office in the Finanzamt. Subject was first observed at 1205 hours when she emerged from the courtyard with her bicycle. She rode down the Kaigasse in the direction of the Mozartplatz. Subject was lost as she neared Mozart platz since [] were on foot. Subject was wearing a long-sleeved button-up black sweater over a cotton print dress. She was wearing dark-brown sun glasses.

10. Subject's Bicycle Subject's bicycle is an ordinary European-type black woman's bicycle. It has no chain guard and no skirt guard. It does have a braced carrier over the rear fender. Distinguishing features are the fact that the word "STEER" is printed in silver-colored letters on the bar which connects the fork to the front, large sprocket area of the bicycle. The word is printed on the top of the bar. She has a red cable lock and usually locks the front wheel of the bike.

11. Subject was not observed returning from lunch. [] spent the time after lunch to 1600 hours going to the shop owners where the two bicycles were being prepared and were picked up. At 1600 hours surveillance in the Kaigasse across from the Finanzamt office was renewed.

12. Subject bicycles away from the Finanzamt (Kaigasse 12) at 1705 hours. She rode to the Salzburg Gewerbe Schule, Rudolfskai 42, via the Chausseegasse, to the Pfeifergasse, and thence via a circa 50-foot long footpath to the school building.

13. About 1720 hours Subject emerged from the southwest entrance to the Gewerbe Schule courtyard with a man circa 30 years old. They exchanged a few words and departed separately. The man was on foot; Subject rode her bicycle. (Physical Description of 30-Year Old He is about 5'10"-11" tall, tanned, average build, dark brown wavy hair, alert-looking fellow. He wore a tan shirt, tan shorts and white knee-socks.)

14. Subject and her 30-year old friend met again within about two minutes at the Cafe Posthof in the Kaigasse. They took a table in the rear (coffee-house part) of the Cafe Posthof. They played chess until 1850 hours. They exited the Cafe Posthof at 1850 hours via the garden exit. This time they went together albeit still with subject riding her bicycle slowly while the man walked. The two went east down the Kaigasse in the direction of the Neuntalerhauptstrasse. They crossed the Kajetanerplatz and continued on the Schonslgasse to the Neuntalerhauptstrasse. They went one block on the Neuntalerhauptstrasse to the Petersbrunnstrasse. They continued down the Petersbrunnstrasse to the Freisaalgasse. They were lost to [] view for about two minutes after they turned (northwest) into the Freisaalgasse. While [] were conjecturing at Freisaalgasse 2 at 1920 hours about which house subject and her 30-year old boyfriend might have entered, [] noticed the 30-year old man stick his head out a window in the upper stories of Leibermoser Gasthaus zum Schwarz at Freisaalgasse 4.

15. No trace was found of either KOESSLER or her bicycle outside the Gasthaus and/or on the normal shortest route to her own apartment. The Freisaalgasse was deserted at this hour. Either KOESSLER or her 30-year old boyfriend had glanced back toward [] at each corner. Therefore, the surveillance was discontinued at about 2000 hours. About 15 minutes were spent re-travelling routes of the surveillance and filling in notes on the day's work.

EVENTS - 22 June 1954

16. [] went to Subject's house at Maxglaner Hauptstrasse 8 at 0710 hours and took up a position on the corner of Franz HUENNER and Josef GRUENER strasse from which he could watch the exit of the apartment. At 0725 hours Subject emerged from the apartment building wheeling her bike. She mounted and rode off to work. [] followed at a distance of about 60 feet. Subject went directly to the Finanzamt arriving there about 0740 hours.

(Note: [] was already in the area as the second man on surveillance. Pachatte fingered subject to [] Arrangements had also been made for [] to follow subject into the Finanzamt. However, [] lost her in the crowd and was not able to see where she went after entering the main office part of the building.)

17. Active surveillance was kept up by [] until 0945 hours when [] had to attend an operational meeting, leaving [] alone. [] returned at 1045 hours and Lussader reported that subject had not left the area at all. Since KOESSLER apparently has always used the entrance at Kaigasse 12, surveillance was maintained on this exit only. It was too difficult to watch all three entrances to the various Finanzamt offices with only two persons. While [] were exchanging notes at 1050, Subject evidently left the building since at 1100 hours she returned from a small store about 100 yards from the office carrying a Semmel and Wurst. Thorough surveillance had been maintained at all times except for the exchange of notes.

18. Surveillance was maintained until 1210 when Subject came out of Finanzamt (again out of the Kaigasse 12 exit) and rode down the Kaigasse to the Mozart Platz, across the Residenz Platz into the Franziskaner Gasse. Here she turned right into the Sigmund Haffner Gasse and then left through the Market Place to the Sigmundplatz. Here she got off her bike, fiddled with the peddle a few seconds, remounted and continued home via Neuter Strasse and Maxglanzer Hauptstrasse. [] took cover behind cars while subject got off her bike. Subject did not look back at anytime while cycling home. [] took up positions on the same corner (Hueser and Gruber Strasse) and waited. At 1315 hours Subject emerged and returned directly to work. [] followed Subject back to her office where she arrived at 1325 hours. [] was again in the area and this time was able to follow Subject on into the Finanzamt. Subject went directly to an office marked Vollstreckungsstelle des Finanzamtes Salzburg, Room 25-28. However, the door was locked and Subject went further upstairs. [] was unable to follow her at a close space and lost her.

19. At about 16 hours [] relieved [] [] continued surveillance until 1710 hours when Subject left the Finanzamt (Kaigasse 12 exit), rode straight to the Gewerbeschule, met her 30-year old friend and then they went together to the Cafe Posthof. played chess until 1910 hours when they both returned to the Gewerbeschule. [] took up positions to cover the entrance that she went into. They waited until 2100 hours but no sign of Subject. At 2100 hours they checked for the bike which was gone. Subject either left by another entrance or left with a group of people in which [] were unable to observe her. Surveillance was stopped at this time.

EVENTS - 23 June 1954

20. [] commenced surveillance of Subject at 0735 hours when she arrived by bike at the Finanzamt, Kaigasse 12. She entered the usual entrance at Kaigasse 12.

21. Subject was not seen again until 0945 hours when she emerged and rode via bike to Markus Sittikus Strasse 14. Since [] had to make a short telephone call he was not on hand when Subject came out and [] followed Subject to the Markus Sittikus Strasse 14. Subject parked her bike in the courtyard of Markus Sittikus Strasse 10 and walked to #14. [] telephoned []

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who immediately went to the area to aid in the surveillance. [] took a position on Markus Sittikus Strasse, [] on the Max Ott Platz and [] in front of the Hotel Pitter.

22. Subject evidently stayed in the building until 1110 hours when she came out, mounted her bike and headed west on Markus Sittikus Strasse and Schwarz Strasse. [] temporarily lost sight of her as she left the area. [] followed Subject in his car. She returned to the area of the Gewerbe Schule. [] was not able to follow with the car and by the time he parked and tried to follow on foot she had disappeared, evidently into the Gewerbe Schule.

23. [] then went up to the Finanzamt where he was soon joined by []. No sooner had [] met [] than Subject riding her bike came out of the Chiensegasse and peddled on to the Finanzamt going into the Kaigasse 12 entrance (1125 hours).

24. Since [] had been on the team for almost 48 hours it deemed advisable security-wise to relieve him. Since [] had to leave that afternoon for cache removal detail it was necessary to leave Ingoldisby alone on the surveillance for the afternoon.

25. [] returned on the evening of 24 June 54 and copied the following names off the doors of H.S. 14. Name check results in SOB, G2 and CIC are as follows:

a. (fma) FLEISCHMANN - SOB files list one Josef FLEISCHMANN listed as KPGe member (14 Nov 51, SO 75570)

b. Anna HATTINGER - no traces

c. Karl HATTINGER - G2 card lists one (fma) HATTINGER, born 5 Dec 1897, married, physician, stocky build, weight approx 65 kilograms, was a Sanitätssturmführer in SA.

d. Elisabeth KNOLL - CIC traces in S-1548 dated 15 Nov 46 reports one Elisabeth J. M. KNOLL, probably i/w Subject, formerly lived at 14 Markus Sittikusstr. and currently at 910 Beech St., McAllen, Texas. Subject's father, Johann KNOLL, above address, dob 13 Aug 1886 at Wals, member NSDAP and professional photographer. Mother, Frieda JESCHKE KNOLL, dob 28 Dec 1887 in Linz. Subject born 26 Jan 25 in Atlantic City, N.J., returned to Austria in 1931 with parents, then left for States on 6 July 46. Worked for a while in Salzburg with one Franz THALHAMMER, Rathaus Platz 2, Salzburg. Elisabeth was member of BDM in Salzburg in March 1943. No derogatory information. DF from G2 states Subject granted security clearance on 25 Jan 52.

e. Johann KNOLL - G2 cards list one Johann KNOLL, born 5 Aug 1891, at Morag bei Salzburg, a technician, resides Monfertweg 5; member NSDAP in 1932. One Johann KNOLL, born 15 Sept 1902 in Kramsauer, last address is Fusch in Pongau 19; SA member beginning in 1938; civilian occupation listed as private business.

f. Frieda KNOLL - S-12481 (give I.G. Pachatte) is a report on "Elfriede KNOLL, Employment Applicant", born 4 Feb 21 in Dornbirn, Vorarlberg, Austria. She was cleared for employment with USFA in 1947, 1948 and 1950.

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g. (fnu) LIPA - G2 file L-22496 dated 9 April 1951 mentions one Ferdinand LIPA, possibly i/w Subject or related to same, as an Oberferstgenossenschaftsdirektor, as husband of one Frau LIPA, former secretary to one Friedrich KAKFER-BORCK born 10 July 1910 at Lins who is an Austrian businessman and an alleged USIA agent

h. Carl von STRASSER - SOB lists a Karl STRASSER possibly i/w Subject, name check submitted on 17 Feb 53, G2/GIC no traces

i. Herbert WERKGARTNER (Dr.) - no traces

On the people listed below, the following SOB trace results are:

a. Veronika KNOLL - no traces

b. Fritz (Friedrich) LETTNER - he is listed in 4 Sept 53 and 20 July 53 Gramba reports as CP functionary

c. Martin HUBER (Dr.) - no traces

d. Ferdinand WUGGLER - no traces

26. Subject did not depart her office until 1242 hours. She rode her bicycle down the Kaigasse to the Mozartplatz, across the Mozartplatz to the Judengasse. She parked and locked her bicycle in the hallway of the apartment house at Judengasse 10. At 1245 hours she entered the Cafe Zentral. cursory inspection of the cafe from the entrance failed to locate Subject but showed the cafe to be more in the nature of a small bar where [] presence would have been obviously conspicuous to Subject.

27. Subject emerged from the Cafe Zentral at 1325 hours with another man not previously observed in the surveillance. They exchanged a few words at the doorway and parted. Subject walked to her bicycle and commenced unlocking it. Since a primary purpose of the surveillance was to identify contacts of Subject, [] left Subject and followed the man.

28. Physical Description of Man This fellow is about 32 years old, 5'6" tall, stocky build, slightly ruddy complexion, not tanned, dark brown hair, balding. He has a fat oval-shaped face with large (brown?) almond-shaped eyes. He was wearing a neat well-cut grey suit. He wore a black band on his left sleeve signifying that he was in mourning.

29. This man crossed the Mozartplatz to the Kaigasse. After he turned the first corner in the Kaigasse, [] lost him momentarily. Nothing the entrance to a small dingy Gasthaus at Kaigasse 7, [] stuck his head through the door. [] and the man (who was sitting at a table some 15 yards from the exit) found themselves staring into each others eyes.

30. [] then unsuccessfully tried to catch Subject somewhere along the route between the Cafe Zentral and her home. Again no trace of her bicycle was found in the bicycle rack of her office. [] returned to the Gasthaus (where the man in the grey suit was drinking beer) to re-check the name (Gasthaus zum Wolf) and address.

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31. As [redacted] was making notes in an adjoining doorway, the man passed within two feet of [redacted] but without showing he had seen [redacted]. [redacted] decided that despite the earlier probable compromise, probably little more would be lost by following him to his next stop. This man walked on from Kaigasse 7 to the Finanzamt building. He walked down the Kapitelgasse toward the Kapitelplatz and entered the Finanzamt building (same building as that in which Subject works and parks her bicycle) through the Kapitelgasse entrance nearest the Kapitelplatz at 1358 hours. [redacted] tried to find him on each floor of the building but was unsuccessful. The building, because of the Wednesday afternoon time off, appeared to be empty except for [redacted], the man, and the carpenters and masons repairing the building. Because [redacted] was almost certainly compromised to the man and because Subject had been lost, [redacted] decided to break off the surveillance for the day.

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32. [redacted] saw Subject arriving at her office building at 0737 hours on board her bicycle. She parked the bicycle and departed, presumably for her office. (Dress Subject was wearing a black skirt, her usual black sweater (long sleeves, button-up type) and a bright green blouse. She was wearing white shoes with white ankle-socks. Subject also had her sun glasses.)

33. At 1025 hours, Subject walked from her office building down the Kaigasse in the direction of the Mozartplatz. She was carrying an empty bottle. She entered the Karl Huber & Co. Bier und Mineralwasser Grosshandlung at Kaigasse 13. About a minute later she emerged from the store with a bottle of beer. She returned to her office at 1038 hours. (NOTE: Both at 0737 and at 1025 [redacted] noted Subject looking directly at him from distances of about 15 yards. [redacted] had the distinct impression that Subject was making a mental picture of him.)

34. At 1200 hours, Subject left her office building. She rode her bicycle home via the Kaigasse, Mozartplatz, Domplatz, Neuter Tunnel and the Maxglanzerhauptstr. She took her bicycle to the rear of the house and presumably entered the house (Maxglanzerhauptstr. 8). We do not know if she took the bicycle into the house or left it at the rear of the building. [redacted] watched the house exit Subject has used to now from the intersection of the Josef Gruber strasse and the Franz Kueserstr. Neither person had seen Subject leave up to 1400 hours. [redacted] checked the bicycle rack where Subject normally parks her bicycle at her office. Subject's bicycle was not in the rack during the period 1410 to 1415 hours. When SOB was called, [redacted] were notified to discontinue the surveillance.

(INTERIMINARY NOTE: All during the day including Subject's ride home at noon, [redacted] again had the distinct impression that Subject was checking for surveillance. If Subject is indeed connected with an opposition service, we can definitely anticipate hostile action on their part, probably long distance picture taking such as [redacted] did of Subject.)

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34a. [] upon returning to Salzburg from the cache removal trip, took up the surveillance at 1400 hours. [] reported that he had seen a young man about 30-32 years old, high forehead, brown hair, wearing brown leather jacket and light colored (gray) knickers, loitering in the area and apparently keeping a pretty sharp eye on []. At 1420 hours, while [] was standing around the corner (Kalgasse across the street from Koppinger Bräu), subject came around the corner in the direction of Mozart Platz. She took a very good look at [] and went on her way. A few seconds later the man described above turned around the corner and upon seeing [] stopped short, made a double take and then returned to the Finanzamt area. [] was instructed to leave the area immediately since this seemed pretty much to be a counter surveillance.

34b. At 1430 hours [] noticed a man answering the description of the person above standing on the Kalgasse in front of the Quidemus Autohaus. This person peered around the corner cautiously evidently looking to see if [] was still in the area. Seeing the coast was clear this person walked forward a little and returned to the Koppinger Bräu. He passed [] briefly but paid no attention to him. [] feels certain that this person was unaware of [] role since [] was standing about 15 feet behind him when he peered around the corner looking for []. [] later reported that this person was not Subject's fiancé.)

34c. At this point the surveillance was broken off. Two men from VOB, [] and friend, arrived in Salzburg on the evening of 25 June 1954. They were briefed in and surveillance was recommenced on 26 June 1954.

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(G.O. Note: Additional name trace results were received on Veronika KNOLL (see paragraph 254, page 5). These name trace results consist of a series of surveillance reports by Salzburg ODOPAL. In brief, these reports dealt with the suspected intelligence activities of one Veronika Friede KNOLL, dob 2 April 1922 in Niederthan bei Wals, Upper Austria. According to this ODOPAL report, KNOLL is identical with one Lani RADAR, an Austrian citizen supposedly working for the RIS. This woman, in October 1951, was supposed to have gone to Urfahr to meet with Soviet case officer (fnu) WGORONOW concerning the REISCHKE case (case officer knows none of the details of this REISCHKE case, since the report did not elaborate further on it). On the basis of this information, which they obtained from one of their sources, ODOPAL initiated a 24-hour surveillance of the KNOLL woman, who lives at Markus Sittikus Strasse 14. They determined (a) that Veronika KNOLL worked in the RTO of the Salzburg railroad station, where among other things she wrote up reports concerning the statistics on the movement of USPA troops and material, (b) she contacted under suspicious circumstances one Dr. Nikolaus SUSSKO, dob 9 July 1909 in Vienna, Austria, presently residing Salzburg, Erkershofg Eugenstr. 59, mother's name WLADIMIRE, father's name DIMITER. (Case officer would guess that SUSSKO's parents are of Russian or at least Slavic descent, due to their first names.) KNOLL and SUSSKO, who runs a photographic shop in the downstairs section of the Salzburg bahnhof, often met and exchanged packages and envelopes, although they never seemed to be social friends. ODOPAL conducted a surveillance of SUSSKO, who met with a suspicious person who after meeting with him would board a train from Salzburg heading for Vienna. This contact of SUSSKO would jump on the departing train at the last minute and, according to ODOPAL conduct himself as if he were checking for possible surveillances. A telephone intercept on SUSSKO revealed his interest in one engineer Eugen MARTON, dob 21 March 1893, presently residing in Canada. ODOPAL apparently hastily recruited MARTON as an agent provocateur and threw him in the way of SUSSKO. It seems that MARTON, on instructions from ODOPAL, went to SUSSKO and said that he had no work and wondered if SUSSKO could not help him find some employment. A few days later SUSSKO offered MARTON a job smuggling 300,000 Schillings (believed monthly) to Switzerland, for which he would receive 2,000 Schillings. MARTON would be provided with all necessary travel papers and documents. Just what was the result of this MARTON affair or of the surveillances of SUSSKO and KNOLL could not be determined, since the ODOPAL reports did not state the results. At any rate, ODOPAL seems to presently have an active interest in the KNOLL girl. Veronika KNOLL is the sister of Elisabeth KNOLL (see paragraph 254, page 7) believed to be residing in the U.S.)

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35. The surveillance was taken over on these two days by two VOB case officers who had come to Salzburg to aid in the surveillance. On the morning of 26 June [] fingered KOESSLER to these two VOB staffers, who then took up the surveillance until Monday evening, the 28th. They followed KOESSLER by bicycle for the majority of the weekend but reported no suspicious activities nor did she seem to visit any persons or locations which could be interpreted as being suspicious. However, they did learn that there is more than one entrance into KOESSLER's home at Maxglanerhauptstr. #8. It seems that KOESSLER can come down the stairs from her apartment and turn into the coffee house located on the ground floor of Maxglanerhauptstr. and from there can go out the front door directly on to Maxglanerhauptstr. (it had been thought formerly that the only entrance led out on to Josef Gruber Strasse.) Furthermore, there is a possibility that KOESSLER could go down out of her apartment and then turn

around the building, also exiting on to the Maxglanerhauptstr. If this is the case, the only point from which one can surveil all entrances and exits of her apartment would be directly kitty-corner from the house. This, of course, would not afford any cover for the surveillance team members, and any prolonged loitering on their part in this area would blow them. [] Note: It is not believed that KOESSLER has used these other possible exits or entrances to date. Whenever she has been followed she always entered and exited off of Josef Gruber Strasse.)

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36. Surveillance was commenced at 0725 hours from the streets near Subject's apartment at Maxglanerhauptstrasse 8. [] saw Subject waiting at the bus stop at the corner of Kienarstrasse and Maxglanerhauptstrasse at 0730 hours. A bus was approaching as [] bicycled to the Josef Gruberstrasse to advise his teammate that Subject appeared to be taking a bus to work instead of riding her bicycle as she had done in the past. Since both Subject and the bus were gone when [] returned to the Maxglanerhauptstrasse it may be presumed that Subject took the bus to work. At 0745 hours Subject walked down the Kaigasse from the direction of Mozartplatz. She walked along Kaigasse to Kaigasse 12. She entered her office building at 0746 hours by the usual (Kaigasse 12) entrance. (DRESS: Subject was wearing a pale blue raincoat, no hat or bandanna, brown suede crepe sole shoes, and nylons. She was carrying a maroon umbrella.)

37. At 0750 hours [] saw the same man, NU, whom Subject met at the Cafe Zentral. This man was walking down the Kapitalgasse toward the Kaigasse. He entered Subject's office building at the Kapitalgasse entrance nearest the Kaigasse. (Note: For detailed physical description of this man and for surveillance of his movements see 23 June 1954 surveillance report.) (DRESS: This man was again wearing a neat, single-breasted light well-cut gray suit. He was wearing a plain pale blue shirt and a plain bright blue tie. His shoes were brown. He was wearing a European-style black mourning ribbon on the left lapel of his suit coat.) At 0830 hours this man left the office building from the Kaigasse 12 exit and walked in the direction of the Kajetanerplatz. He talked with a man in a gray and green provincial Austrian suit he appeared to have accidentally met on the street until 0840 hours. This man in the provincial gray and green suit was about 5'10" tall, had a dark complexion, dark brown hair, and was of medium build. The two men talked like old friends. They were standing on the sidewalk near the Cafe Pesthof in the Kaigasse. When the two men parted, the man in the plain gray suit with black mourner's ribbon walked on down the Kaigasse toward the Kajetanerplatz. He crossed the street and rounded a curve in the street at Kajetanerplatz 3. [] was unable to locate the man in any of the shops nearby. [] presumes he walked into an apartment building and walked on stairs. (Note: [] observed this man from as far away as possible since [] and the man had looked each other straight in the eye from a distance of about 15 feet on 23 June 1954. See report of 23 June 1954. [] believed a more aggressive surveillance would certainly have again been detected and would have had no result other than further harrying the man.)

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38. Subject's Bicycle. At 1030 hours [] checked each and every bicycle in the bicycle rack of the courtyard at Kaigasse 12. Subject's bicycle was not in the courtyard.

39. Meontime Activities. At 1215 hours Subject left the office. She walked home via the Gewerbe Schule (which she visited circa two minutes and which she departed again alone), the Mozartplatz, Residenzplatz, Universitätsplatz, Sigmundplatz, Neutortunnel, Neutorstrasse, and Maxglanerhauptstrasse. At 1320 hours Subject left the house where she lives (Maxglanerhauptstrasse 6) via the rear exit and walked to the same bus stop she occupied at 0730 hours. She boarded an M bus. She disembarked the bus at the Griesgasse stop. She returned to her office via the Rathausplatz, Judengasse, Mozartplatz, Residenzplatz, the courtyards adjoining the south wall of the Hauptpostamt, and the Kapitelgasse. She entered the building as always at the Kaigasse 12 entrance at 1345 hours.

40. The surveillance team did not spot Subject again until 1706 hours when she left the office building via the Kaigasse 12 exit. Subject first stopped at a Tabak Trafik at about Kaigasse 18. From there she proceeded on foot to the Gewerbe Schule via the Kretschgasse. She entered the school building at the southwest entrance (as usual). At 1745 hours Subject departed the Gewerbe Schule via the same southwest exit. She was accompanied by the same boyfriend whom she met on 21 June 1954. (The boyfriend was wearing brown slacks and a dark brown button-up type sweater under a tan raincoat. He was again hatless. For a physical description of him see the 21 June 1954 surveillance report.) Subject and her boyfriend walked together to the Cafe Posthof via the Kretschgasse and the Kaigasse. They took a seat at a booth in the rear (coffee house) section of the building and played chess until 1920 hours.

41. At 1920 hours Subject and her boyfriend left the Cafe Posthof via the front exit. They walked in the direction of Hanuschplatz via the Kaigasse, Mozartplatz, Judengasse, and Rathausplatz. Subject boarded an M bus (which presumably took her home) at the stop on the Josefs Kai nearest the Staatsbrücke. Subject's boyfriend immediately crossed to the south side of the street and caught an F bus (marked nach Friedhof) at the stop nearest the Staatsbrücke.

42. Both Subject and her boyfriend continued to employ the common devices for checked for surveillance. Throughout the period each was under surveillance they would double back, look into store windows checking for reflections of those following them, hesitate and look back after they turned corners, lead their pursuers down deserted alleys, etc. Since Subject's boyfriend knew they were being followed and almost certainly recognized [] as their pursuer for the past week, [] chose not to board the bus. To have boarded the bus would have enabled Subject to get a sufficiently clear picture of [] face to later easily, positively, and with certainty have identified same. Surveillance was discontinued at 1936 hours when Subject's boyfriend boarded the bus. [] Comment [] is of the opinion that the most we can accomplish by continuing to surveil Subject is to harry and annoy her. As previously reported Subject has been aware she was being followed since at least 21 June 1954 if not since 18 June 1954. (If Subject is clean [] feels she may be expected to request the Austrian police to haul her pursuers off her trail or to ask the Salzburger Tagblatt to send a reporter and a photographer to record the activities of her molesters. If Subject should be connected with a hostile service, Subject has most probably already notified that service via her emergency

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communications arrangements (in the middle of the night after checking for surveillance for a couple of hours) that she is under surveillance. That hostile service will probably, in [] opinion, succeed in photographing and/or otherwise identifying the KUBARK agent handlers before we ever succeed in establishing any intelligence contacts or communications arrangements of our tail-conscious Subject. The data we are collecting, since Subject knows we are collecting it, can hardly be expected to impress her under interrogation. [] [] therefore recommends that surveillance of Subject be discontinued.

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43. CIC Salzburg traces on Dr. Nikolaus SUSSKO, dob 9 July 1909 in Vienna, revealed that subject was surveilled by the CIC at one time during 1952. This was an answer to a CIC allegation that subject was a Soviet intelligence agent. It seems that SUSSKO was a former intelligence officer for the German Army in World War II and was a specialist on the Eastern desk dealing with Russia and the Ukraine. He supposedly speaks fluent Russian and Czech and maintains many contacts with former associates in the German Intelligence Service. According to the CIC report, many of these former associates are of the opinion that subject is presently working for the Soviet Intelligence Service. However, the CIC investigation came to the conclusion that subject is not engaged in any intelligence activities although the CIC reports are certainly incomplete and the investigation was certainly not very conclusive. The CIC investigation gave the impression that CIC had little interest in the case and hence not too much effort was expended on it. Noteworthy, however in the investigation was the fact that subject has been a silent partner with one (Dr.) Erhart LUEGENDORFF, dob 13 November 1912, former German intelligence agent. The report also notes that subject still meets regularly with Veronika KNOLL, Markus Sittikus Strasse #14. Copies of all the CIC reports dealing with KNOLL and SUSSKO have been requested from Salzburg CIC and if received will be incorporated into the KOESSLER file.

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