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1. On Tuesday, 18 February 1947, source saw Pregnant for their regular weekly meeting, and was able to report some progress in his relations with Frau BLUM. He stated he had met her by appointment at the Cafe Wien on Kurfuerstendamm. There she had confessed that he had not been able to see her much of late because she was now living in an American billet, with an American woman from her office. However, BLUM also consented to visit friends of source's in the French Sector, but not until sometime in the latter part of March, when the weather would be warmer. Source, remembering Pregnant's dissatisfaction with his performance from the previous week's meeting, asked if he was not satisfied with his present progress. Pregnant replied that he was satisfied only when "he could talk to a person, face to face, in a cellar".

2. A current interest of Pregnant's is one Werner BUETTNER, who is an acquaintance of source's. Together with a brother, BUETTNER has a sign factory at Berlin-Neukoelln, Schinkestrasse 20 (American Sector). Formerly, the factory made munitions, but during the war made road signs, etc., under Wehrmacht contracts. Source visited BUETTNER at the latter's home in Eichwalde (near Berlin), Kaethe Kollwitz Strasse 62 (Russian Zone), and reported the fact of his visit to Pregnant. Source feels that if BUETTNER were to become of intelligence interest, he would hear of it immediately.

3. Later during the same week, DOOCIA appeared at source's flat and requested him to visit a certain Albert FUCHS before his next meeting with Pregnant. Source followed instructions and went to FUCHS' studio at Berlin N 54, Ruecker Strasse 4 (Russian Sector). FUCHS, who has his home in Berlin-Frohnau (French Sector) is an artist in metal ornamentation (wrought iron, bronze, etc) for important building projects. During the war he worked on public buildings; after the war, one of his commissions was for British General Robertson's (Deputy Military Governor) residence in Berlin. According to his statement to source, he also has commissions in the Western Zones, which he visits frequently. In conversation with FUCHS, source learned he had known Alfred ROSENBERG well, but he could not establish that FUCHS had been connected in any way with the Ost-Ministerium.

4. On Tuesday, 26 February 1947, when source saw Pregnant to report on his visit to FUCHS, Major CHERNIKOFF (see MGB-1340; BSC/Ops/007) was present. Operationally, the Major's presence did not seem to have any special significance. The meeting progressed smoothly and uneventfully. Some mention was made of Oskar HARTWIG, journalist, who sits at a desk at ADN facing source. HARTWIG, who was formerly with the Berlin DENA office, resigned from there after a series of quarrels and appeared shortly thereafter at ADN. Pregnant told source cryptically that 'he had already bought some newspapers from HARTWIG'. HARTWIG, born 14 November 1905, spent some time in Brazil. He returned from Brazil with his family in 1933. He is separated from his wife, who lives at Berlin SW 61, Yorckstrasse 22 (American Sector). As a matter of fact, the wife does not know that he is in Berlin and reported that his address was Munich 25, Kyreinstrasse 16.

Field Comment: Although FORD's current production is hardly worthwhile from a CE point of view, contact and close control is being maintained in anticipation of warmer weather and the defection of "PREGNANT".

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