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SPITZ

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PENETRATION PROJECT FOR THE THIRD ARMY AREA

AGENT:

George SPITZ: Born 29 March 1893 in Vienna. Was arrested 13 May 1945 but released as not being in the automatic arrest category. SPITZ is at present at liberty on his farm. He is a Jewish Austrian citizen and an art dealer. 1896-1913 lived in the United States. Returned to Vienna, where he remained until the Anschluss. Moved from Vienna to Belgium, living there until the German invasion. 1940-1943 worked in Munich as an art dealer. 1943-1945 acted as buying agent for Amt II under Fritz SCHWEND.

PLAN:

SPITZ has been in contact with a number of the buying agents of Amt II, and is familiar with the methods of operation both in Germany and in Belgium and Holland, to which countries he made several trips.

It is proposed to return SPITZ to Munich and utilize him to uncover members of Amt II still at large and possible caches of treasures which have not been found as yet. SPITZ will also be utilized to detect any future effort to finance resistance movements in the Munich area by means of RSHA purchases - SPITZ appears reliable and intelligent. He has already furnished a considerable amount of information on target personalities and the location of paintings purchased by the RSHA. His service with Amt II was at least partially forced upon him as an alternative to persecution on account of his Jewish ancestry.

OPERATION:

SPITZ will be allowed to resume his business as an art dealer in Munich. He will be utilized as a long-term informant to assist in the location of Amt II personalities still at large and of RSHA purchases which have not been located.

CASE OFFICER:

Captain MICHAELIS.

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