

EMW: I had Marj check with Betty R. on this, as she was also checking for document she was carding.

Betty R, said she didn't think she got any cards but these, she got these for someone else, and if there were any more, probably been returned to you.

Lou

WENDER, Erich

Special File

AUSTRIA

@ REITMAYER.

OPERATIONAL

See also SFX

LSX-257
15 May 46

Connection with emigration of Jews from Hungary during the war.

LSX-295
10 Jun 46
Vienna

Subject was approached indirectly by WIENINGER when he (Subject) was in Landesgerich jail, to work for the British, and was offered 100,000 schillings bail by WIENINGER's British employers. Subject has been instructed to keep up his acquaintance with WIENINGER and to attempt to penetrate latter's activities.

LSX-182
4/10/46
Interr.
ROTTNER &
NOHL

WENDER is mentioned in the detailed interrogation reports of NOHL and ROTTER. He informed ROTTER in a conversation that a Russian unit was looking for WIENINGER with regard to the GEFROERNER-SCHWARTZ deal. After WENDER's release from prison (he was arrested in August 1944) he lived in GEFROERNER's apartment and was arrested by the Russians while they were looking for GEFROERNER. WENDER then worked for this Russian unit from April to July 1945, in Vienna, St Poelton and Amstetten. One day WENDER met ROTTER in the street and told her that WIENINGER was in safety in upper Austria. WENDER had a card in English and German indicating that he was working for the American Red Cross in Vienna; he had moved from GEFROERNER's apartment.

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WENDER, Erich

SFX

Security of subj - willingness to discuss business with Gross re mission for Roman, contact with Earle, etc., betrayal of Gefroner to Russians and willingness to serve anyone who approached him with mission. Subj appears typical professional agent and no more reliable than most of that stamp. Little reason to assume he can be trusted further than his own immediate interests lie or would maintain confidence any longer than it is to his immediate profit to do so. Contact and use of subj sh'd be predicated on this basis.

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See Austria SF

LSX-633
8 January, 1947
Int. Report
DURST @ WEININGER

Born 16 Oct, 1907 in Czernowitz, Jewish, home-district Vienna, Austria business man, private official,; Residing from 1937 Wien I, Wollzeile 19/36, from 7 May, 1937 Perchtoldsdorf, Wienerstr. 57, departed on the 5 Sept 1939 to Zurich. V-Mann of MELDEKOPF in Budapest under BERCHTOLD. Also enjoyed full confidence of the Czechs. Condemned as a spy by the Swiss at one time and expelled from Switzerland under the name REITMAYER. Said to be working for the CIC as well as for the Russians at present. (Employed by the Russians April-May 1946)

WENDER, Erich

AUSTRIA

LSX_641
15 Apr 47
CETC report

Born 16/10/1907 in CERNAUTI, Poland, Austrian citizen, office employee. Subject claims to have been drafted into the AST in 1939 and to have been given the mission of travelling to Turkey and then to Syria for the purpose of military espionage against the British. He undertook this journey, but turned himself over to the British upon his arrival in Syria, and was later used by them on various operational intelligence assignments. During 1943 Subject was arrested in Budapest for high treason, transferred to the custody of the Vienna Gestapo in March 1944 and liberated by the Russians in April 1945. It is claimed that Subject still receives financial support from the British for services rendered. No further details could be ascertained.

Name appears in a file of ex-Abwehr personalities compiled by the Referat 4 of the Austrian State Police and accessible to all the allied powers.

LSX 41
7/8/45
Klatt Interr.

WENDER Erich SFX

IN 36089

@ Carol Popescu

19 Apr

@ Sheliach ERI

Vienna

Vet as K-2 agent

Born 16 Oct 1907 at Czernowitz, then Austro-Hungary, now Russia

Austrian nationality; father - Maximilian Wender, Austrian, Czernowitz;

mother - Rosa Wurmbrandt, Rumanian, Pascani. Became stateless 1918 as Rumania annexed Bucovina. Now obtained Austrian citizenship 45. 181 cm, 85 kgrs, erect, neat, brown, long, sallow.

rhl

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17 May - Some inconsistencies basis previous info. Pouch follows.

LVX-207

Apr 12, 1946

Austria

Presently implicated black market activities KLEMM gang and may be sentenced along with them for period 1-5 yrs. Ardent Zionist and has extensive knowledge of Joint and Brichad organizations, may later be "sprung" and used in Symphony project. Not considered controlled.

Attached interrogation report subj, former GIS and JOINT agent.

Machine construction engineer; founded firm Michael STEIN and Co., Vienna, 1930; Arrested by Gestapo 1939 in Jew arresting razzia; interrogated; Gestapo interested in linguistic abilities - speaks Hungarian, French, Spanish, Rumanian, German and Yiddish, - as well as travels abroad. Alternative of working for Army or left to fate of other Jews. Acceded and liberated. Taught w/T transmission; to reside Budapest, under cover as traveller for NEMETH and Co., Budapest transport firm.

in Istanbul, contacted one GOLDIN and Maj. O'Leary?, Englishman, aide to Military Attache, British Embassy, contacted subj., telling him proceed to Syria and false info prepared for subj to take to Hungary, and subj asked to collect political and economic intelligence for British. Returned Hungary, and returned to Syria to establish W/T communication. Could not penetrate Syria as British occupied. Then told by Germans to establish intelligence net covering Syria, Cyprus, Palestine and Iraq and establish residence in Istanbul with sufficient cover.

JOINT asked him to establish courier net of intelligence value emanating Budapest. Made 12 trips Istanbul to Budapest and return, taking to Germans DA material from British and returning with political and economic intelligence, using agent to deliver letters everywhere in German-occupied countries and to collect answers.

Germans became suspicious; subj left for Istanbul but taken from train by Gestapo few mins before it left Zwillingrad. Stayed in Sofia 3 days, transferred German military prison Budapest and interrogated. Subj. interned by Hungarians.

Declared insane by a board of paid doctors and interned lunatic asylum of Lipotmezo. There at liberty to receive visitors. Fled from asylum, but again picked up by Gestapo. Fully interrogated and activities of subj as courier for JOINT known to Gestapo so subj confessed fully. Freed Apr 45 when Russians entered Vienna.

Acted as interpreter translating needs of Russians to civilians. Later held by Russians but freed after month in prison. Worked with JOINT as office manager, quitting when learned Jews not being given foodstuffs. Financed POLAK's garage, and arrested by American CID in garage where KLEMM, black marketeer, had an automobile and subj held \$20 bill.

Appears quiet, calm and intelligent. Seems to be telling truth.

X- 46.23
17 May. rh1
Likely subj has colored story or withheld info on assoc with Gross; on other hand, Gross not reliable and accusations of sharp dealing on part of subj in re. Zionist activities may not be true.

Con - Look ^{at them} for ^{work} ⁱⁿ ^{journal}
On Aug 22 - Miss
Robertson (Patsy Robertson)
of FBV - Furbur section
is charged out for the
WIENDER cards (6 cards)

They have apparently never
been returned. Can
you check what she
did with them?
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