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TO: Chief, Foreign Branch M
ATTENTION: []
FROM: Security Control Division, Austria
SUBJECT: DURST, Joseph, alias WIENINGER

1. The attached MIS interrogation report on Subject is thought to be of interest because it contains information on several personalities whose names appeared frequently in the SYMPHONY Project and who, during the war, figured prominently in GIS activities in the Middle East on which our headquarters has maintained extensive records. According to SYMPHONY report LSI-295, DURST was working for the British I.S. as of 10 June 1946. In a previous report, LSI-257, it was claimed that DURST was working for the American intelligence. There is nothing in the attached interrogation report to substantiate these statements.

2. Following his arrest, DURST was first interrogated by CIC Vienna. The CIC report, dated 7 October 1946, has not been copied, since it does not contain any information not presented in the MIS report. Appendix D to the CIC report is transmitted herewith, however. Appendix D contains traces on personalities mentioned in the DURST report which were found by CIC in the files of the Austrian Political Police (Staatspolizei). The referat in the Austrian Political Police which compiles these records does not have access to any AST records. It is headed by Hans (Johann) MARSALK. Since, as is known to you, the Austrian Political Police is Communist-dominated and serves as an instrument of the Russian Occupation Forces, it can be assumed that any information in these police records is available to the Russians. Two CIC reports on the activities of Referat 4 are being copied for transmittal to you.

3. Attention is directed to paragraphs in Appendix D on WENDER, KLATT and LUKAWIENSKI (Lukawiecki in our records). We have received confirmation from other sources that MAHR and KONITZ are now working for the British I.S., as is stated in the STAPO references.

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1 copy USNIC/SIIR22/SP4, Case No. G-3424 (SP)
IR of DURST, Joseph, alias WIENINGER — *see files for extract re Wender*

2 copies Appendix D to CIC Report dated 7 October 1946,
Case No. V-1874, DURST, Josef @ WIENINGER

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SEDLACEK Rudolf., born 3rd June 1902 in Vienna, married, no religion, dentist, residing: VIENNA VI, Mariahilferstrasse 88a /I/I/4
Wehrpass Nr.: Wien I/02/V/61/2

Ord.Bl. 6, 14, 16/2 19/3 Act 227 (Stapo references)

Corresponding to a report S. was an illegal party member of the NSDAP since 1933 with No. 1 606 650. This Viennese dentist was an intimate friend of the famous chief of "MELDEKOPF" of the Ast-Abtlg. III F, Vienna I, Biberstrasse 22 as well as Budapest GFRORNER (Dr. SCHMIDT). After GFRORNER was arrested, he became his successor. His activities in the frame of the AST took place in Sofia, Istanbul and later on he was liaison man between the German and the Hungarian Abwehr. He was close by connected with the NILASCH-movement in Hungaria. S. was together with Dr. FABIAN active in Sofia and for a long time in Istanbul. In Istanbul he also practised his dentistry to cover up his activities. The present location together with the former Ast-Agent PESSE Otto, of Subject is supposed to be a camp near Salzburg under American jurisdiction.

FIEDLER Ferdinand. Cover name FLANDERER or PERRY

Ord.Bl. 14, 19/3 Act.No. 54 (STAPO References)

F. was working at the AST as a V-man (confidential informant), office-chief (professional agent) with Dr. SCHMIDT (right name GFRORNER) in Budapest and before that Prag. Concerning infames and denouciations to the Gestapo he was not better than his chief.

MAHR, Arthur. born 18 Mar 1911 in Pressburg (GEULLER Dr.) married, r.c. business man
Soldbuch (Soldier's paybook) No 2434, Wehrpass Nr. Wien I/II/V/96/3, residing in the year 1938 in the "Pension Stadtpark" and 12, Schoenbrunnerstrasse 194, at Mrs. SPENGLER Er. 1941: Vienna I, Elisabethstr. 5/I/2 at Miss KUEHNELT, Isabella

Act No 54 (STAPO references)

M. who was named Dr. GEULLER, Dr. LEHAR or Dr. SCHMITZ was chief of the AST-detachment in Vienna for the near East. He was a Czechoslovakian citizen until 1938 and resided in Pressburg. Since 1938 he resided in Vienna I, Biberstrasse 11. Present location is Klagenfurt. There he has a large well-covered office and is probably in the British service and in connection with FSS.

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LAUER Josef, born 15 Nov 1893 in Vajeska, Hungary, home district Budapest, chauffeur was residing in Vienna 12, Seumegasse 10/21

Act No 411 (STAPO references)

L. was the private chauffeur of the AST agent DURST (WIENINGER) during 1943 until 1944 in Budapest. After DURST was arrested in the year 1944 he came to the German embassy and stayed there until the beginning of the year 1945. In Mar 1945 he came to Vienna and was for a short time the chauffeur of PESSER O.

GFAELL, Hans born 31 Oct 1899 in Vienna, Jewish, home district Vienna, business man and manager, residing: Wien VII, Keller-
mann-gasse 6/2/16, departed on 21 Sep 1938.

Ord.Bl., 1b, 6, 14, 1f, 19, 21, Act 71 (STAPO references)

G. was active as a V-man (conf. man) in the AST in the town-office II under the chief MAHR Arthur (LEHAR-GEULLERT) and later on under GFRORNER Karl, (SCHMIDT Dr.) Most of his activities took place on the Balkan, especially Budapest. During his activities at the AST he extorted money from emigrants. One of the victims with the name of ADLER and his fiancee Miss ZVETKOVIC were arrested through his intervention. Later on ADLER came into a concentration camp and did not return from there.
10 July 1946. Corresponding to a conf. information the above named was arrested by CIC in his present location. 24 July 1946. G. is supposed to be employed by CIC, Gmunden.

SCHWARZ, Rudolf, born 6 Febr 1912 in Vienna, r.c. commercial agent, (Kaesten Lilo, PIHULAK, SHOLZ) residing Wien II, Ausstellungs-
strasse 9

Ord.Bl. 1a 1f 7 21 24 Act 257 (STAPO references)

The above named was working as a V-man (conf. informant) in Budapest and on the Balkan, for the town office II, under the chief MAHR, Arthur and later on under SCHMIDT-GFRORNER. He was this V-man who fixed this V.M. toy in Budapest whereafter the resistance movement "FREIES OESTERREICH" (Free Austria) and its leadership, which was in the Semperit factory was arrested with 40 persons by the Gestapo Wien. He is also charged to have acted as a spy for the Gestapo. On the 11th May 1944 he was arrested together with the AST agents WENDER and DURST in Budapest because of the JOINT money and turned over to the Gestapo Wien. At present Sch. is supposed to reside in Velden/ Woerthersee and to be in the British Service (not probably). After a controlled report Sch. is supposed to reside in Styria, in Edelschrott near Graz.

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RUDOLFER, Franz born 13 Sept 1893 in Neuhausl, CSR. married, Jewish, business-man, Austrian citizen came to Vienna from Budapest in 1945, res, Wien I, Perng. 6/4/9 "Pension Moriten", moved on 26 Nov 1945 to 19, Peter Jordanstr. 19/1. Before the 19 Apr 1938 living at Vienna IV, Weyringerg. 51. On the 15 Apr 1939 he departed to Budapest.

Ord. Bl. 21 Act 320 (STAPO references)

R. was active as a V-man in the AST-Abtlg. III F in the town-office II, whose chief in the first time was MAHR, Arthur (GUELLERT-LEHAR). The area of this operations was Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia. As one of the first V-men he was working already before the war (in 1938) in the above mentioned states. R. is anywhere in Linz or Salzburg. It is possible that R. is working with the Americans.

PESSEL, Otto (ottokar) born on 21 Aug 1913 in Leoben, divorced. protest. business-manager, Wien 12, Bischofgasse 22.

Ord. Bl. 14, 19/3 Act 192 (STAPO references)

His mother was the owner of a Viennese Transport business. P. was active as a messenger for the AST and travelled until surrender between Vienna and Budapest. He covered ~~XXXXX XXXXXXXX between Vienna and Budapest~~ up his activities by transporting the newspaper "Voelkischer Beobachter". P. who was introduced by DURST and who at last was an agent of the SD is said to be in Ischl. It is said, that he together with his brother shift huge quantities of jewelery. P. was under american custody in the camp Glasenbach near Salzburg from Sept. 1945 until April 1946. His brother was there from Sept. 1945 until June 1946.

KONITZ, Paul born 16 June 1895 in Vienna, married, Austrian citizen, business-man, Wien 2, Malzg. 16 then from June 45 Wien 7, Apollog. 8/1/14 at Erich BONDI.

Ord. Bl. 6 Act 131 (STAPO references)

K. belonged to the main V-men of the town office II under supervision of MAHR Arthur (GUELLERT) of the AST-Wien, Abtlg. III F. This town office had a MELDEKOPF (report-office) in Budapest, whose chief was KONITZ. His work in the AST might have started in Aug. 1939. First in Prag, later on in Budapest. It seems he is not quite innocent of the arrest of MICHELSEN (MAERZ) in Prag, who worked for the Allies. In Budapest he later on had a private business, which consisted in the selling of motor-cars. Corresponding to his former collaborators KORDA*has a bad reputation.

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KONITZ, Paul (cont'd.)

He was an informant of the Staatspolizei. At present he probably is in the British Service.

Had connections with Russians, dealt with Russian Officers at Baden near Vienna (Russian Hq.)

* Alias used by KONITZ

GLINSERER, Adolf (RITTER ZEMANN) born 3 Jan. 1899 in Vienna, married r.c. embroidery-owner. residing: Vienna 8, Buchfeldg. 3/5

Act 459 (STAPO references)

G.A. was a good friend of FUNKENSTEIN, was active as an informant for the Kripo and as a "WIRTSCHAFTS-confident" He also was a buyer of the goods, smuggled in by the AST-people who were entitled to receive higher amounts of money by the AST people and to pay it away. He supposingly is in the Russian service.

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WENDER (WERNER, REITMAYER) Erich born 16 Oct. 1907 in Czernowitz, Jewish, home-district Vienna, Austria business man private official, from 1937 residing Wien I, Wollzeile 19/36, from 7th May 1937 Perchtoldsdorf, Wienerstr. 57, departed on the 5th Sept. 1939 to Zuerich.

Ord Bl. 1 b 7 Act 290 (STAPO references)

E. WENDER was one of the most important V-men at the "MELDEKOPF" (Report-Office) in Budapest that was subordinated the AST in Vienna, Abtg. Ia. Chief of this office was Graf (count) BERCHTOLD. W. was working for the AST from 1938 until 1943. Originally he worked shortly after the German entry into Austria against the Czechs but he was a Czech agent too? He enjoyed the full confidence of the Czechs and had also after the entry of the German Army into Czechoslovakia connections to his former superiors. In the year 1940 he maintained over Paris and later over Zuerich connections upright. At the end of the year 1940 he was condemned as a spy by the Swiss Police to 6 or 9 months arrest and expelled from Switzerland under the name of REITMAYER- It is said that W. is working presently as well for the CIC as for the Russians. It is said that W. used the name POPESKU also. It is said that he has got a letter of reward from the OKW Berlin for the good job he had done in the frame for the AST.

W. was employed by Russians April - May 1946.

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LOEWY, Alfred technician for advertisement, born 15 July 1899 in Vienna, Jewish, Austrian citizen, Wien II, Taborstr. 57/14, last address Wien I, Annag. 1/4/12

Ord. Bl. 1b, 7, Akt Nr. 150 (STAPO references)

L. was active as a photographer and drawer in the AST Abtlg. III F in the town office II, Wien I, Bieberstr. 11. Chief of the Sect. Major SCHMALSCHLAEGER and chief of the town office II, MAHR Arthur (Dr. GEULLERT-Dr. LEHAR). After the entry of the Red Army into Vienna, L. was arrested because of his AST activities and because of lack of proof turned over to the Austrian "POLIZEIHILFSDIENST". From there he was released. LOEWY now is chief of the "Philatelic Section" of the firm HERZMANSKY, Wien 6, Mariahilferstr. L. is in contact with Russians.

ROTTER, Margarethe, married FELIX, residing: Wien IV., Paulanergasse 7

Ord. Bl. 15 Act 223

Worked together with GFORNER (Dr. SCHMIDT) at Vienna I, Boesendorferstr. in April and May 1945

WIEDEMANN, Sofie Wien 10.

Ord. Ber. 29 Act 404

W. was active as V-man at the AST in the town office in Budapest. Chief of this Office was GFRORNER (Dr. SCHMIDT). The above named was often in the CSR.

LUKAWIEZKY, Graf

Ord. Bl. 21 Act 318 (STAPO references)

L. belonged to the V-men of the town office II, whose chief was MAHR Arthur (Dr. GEULLERT-Dr. LEHAR). This office was situated in Wien I, Baernmarkt "Cafe Pax" and later on in Wien I, Bieberstr. 11. L.'s activities took place in Prag and Poland. After a report from a V-man (?) L. is supposed to have landed in a concentration camp.

KAUDER (KLATT) Richard, born 6 Sept. 1900 r.c., engineer, businessman, residing Salzburg

Ord. Bl. 17, 19/2 Act 111 (STAPO references)

K. who was a former agent for the selling and buying of buildings, was in Sofia until 1941 or 1942, in 1943 the "MELDEKOPF" (Report-Office) moved to Budapest. The superiors of this MELDEKOPF were I L (Luft) with the chief Oberstlt. WAHL. K. is at present in Salzburg, where he is supposed to be working together with his former colleague for the Americans.

KLATT's connections with the American Intelligence organizations are widely known.