

VIA AIR
(Specify Air or Sea Pouch)

DISPATCH NO. EGLW-374

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

NOV 24 1953

TO Chief of Mission, Frankfurt
Attn: Chief of Base, Pullach/ E
FROM Chief, EE

DATE

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/ZIPPER/
SPECIFIC Traces on TRISKA, Helmut

✓ 9134.2

References: EGLA-6025, EGLA-6027 and EGLA-6028

1. The following traces are available on Subject:

Cards in headquarters: Helmut TRISKA, b. 1910, Austrian; deputy of Gauleiter Vienna. Is said by some to be ambitious and sly, thinks himself the most important figure in Austria. Said to have been Kultur Attache at Budapest and most powerful RSHA representative in Hungary. Also direct relations with HIMMLER and is an important member of KALTENBRUNNER's Vienna circle. HOETTL is said to be under the influence of TRISKA and MECKEL. Subject was Councilor of Legation in the German Embassy, Budapest Apr 44 to Nov 44. Cooperated closely with Dr. HOETTL of VI-E Hungary.

XX-5882, 3 Apr 45....A group of SS people wishing a separate Austria under SS control (to which source feels HOETTL is close, along with TRISKA and MECKEL).

In April 1946, it was reported that the War Room had a trace on TRISKA who arrived from Italy at Camp 76. He was to be held but not interrogated unless specifically requested. TRISKA believed id/w TRISKA, SHAEF Card 125161. Former SD, Balkans expert and Kultur Attache Budapest.

SHAEF Card 125161: height 5'9", well built, athletic appearance, healthy complexion, speaks French, English and probably Hungarian.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2003 2005

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

WA-108

DIST.	Action	Info
25.30/18		✓
25.50/18		✓
INDEXED: ✓		
270.2 Henne		

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

EGLW-374
Page two

Comes from Lower Austria. Political adviser of Dr. JURY, Gauleiter of Niederdonau from 1942 to 1943. He had also been in the Foreign Office for a very short period. He fell out of favor with RIBBENTROP since he had belonged to the young anti-RIBBENTROP group around LUTHER. After serving with the Waffen SS, TRISKA managed to get back to the Foreign Office and was sent to Budapest as Kultur Attache. Later he was supposed to go to Italy. (This information from the SHAEF card duplicates the information obtained during the interrogation in January 45 of Ernst KALTENBRUNNER on miscellaneous personalities known to him.)

Interrogation of Hamut TRISKA, First Secretary, German Embassy, Rome. 27 July 45, G-2, 5th Army.

b. 10 Feb 12, Knittelfeld, Steirmarck, Austria

Father: Vinzenz TRISKA

Mother: nee Inu, Hermine Sophie

Wife: nee Inu, Johanna

Child: Anneliese

Education: 1918-1922, Elementary School at Unzmarkt, Austria
1922-1931, Public School, Wiener Neustadt, Austria
1931-1936, University of Vienna
1936-1938, University of Munich

Military Service: 15 Jan 43 to Dec 43, Waffen SS Panzer Grenadier, Private.

Diplomatic Service: 1940, entered Foreign Office, Berlin, remained there until April 1943. 17 Mar 44 to 11 May 45, Fasano, Italy to learn Italian, no official position.

Identity Documents: Diplomatic passport No. 508, issued by Auswartiges amt 17 Mar 44.

Honorary member of NSDAP, joined Feb 1929; member of Allgemeine SS.

Interrogation of SS Sturmbannfuhrer Dr. Wilfried KRALLERT, 17 Aug 45:

Personalities of the Foreign Office... Helmut TRISKA, Legationsrat with an unknown appointment in Italy since 1944. NSDAP Gauamtsleiter fuer Volkstumsfragen, Gau Niederdonau until 1939. 1939-41 in Abt Deutschland of the Austwaertiges Amt. 1941-43 Waffen SS. 1942-44, Kulturreferent in the German Legation at Budapest. Aged about 35, married and is Austrian. About 175 cm. tall, oval face, light brown hair, blue eyes. In Italy in the beginning of 1945.

MGMA-559, 18 June 48: a Dr. Inu TRISKA is mentioned in connection with the student camp at Nurnberg, as a student representative.

CIC V-24681, 8 Oct 51: The national headquarters of the Nationale Jugend is located at Vienna IV, Wohllebengasse 17. The Vienna city headquarters is also located in this office.

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

EGDN-374
Page three

The Vienna Group has its meeting place at Vienna XXI, Schendenorfgasse, where they meet every Thursday night for schooling. The leaders who are employed at the Wohllebengasse office include Helmut TRISKA, Klosterneuburg, Theodor Koernergasse 17.

CIG L-26093, 13 May 52: Helmut TRISKA, a former functionary of the Nationales Jugend was recently released from prison and is again officially affiliated with the NL. He is presently working together with the Land Leader of Lower Austria, Hans BIND. In the past few weeks numerous meetings have been held in the small towns of Lower Austria with exceptionally good results. Former members of the Verband der Unabhaengigen have shown exceptional interest in the NL.

MAV 4648, 7 Jul 52, enclosure 8: Member of Nationale Liga with Lothar WINTER.

MASA 1187, 14 Oct 52: At a meeting of the leaders of Nationalen Liga on 3 Nov 51, Helmut TRISKA, secretary of Bundesjugendsekretaer was present.

EAV 506, 9 Feb 53: Lothar WINTER and Helmut TRISKA, two officials of the National Youth of Austria, were tried on charges of reactivating the NSDAP (prior to Sept 52).

2. A fragmentary trace indicates that in March 1953, Subject was in contact with a member of ECIC.

3. As you may already know from your study of the [] file, KUFIRE was instrumental in preventing the issuing of visa of para 2, ECLA-6027 for operational reasons. It would seem that in the light of this information, that TRISKA's claims of para 2c ECLA 6028 are open to some question.

Distribution:

3--Pullach (DIRECT)
3--Frankfurt
2--Vienna
2--Salzburg

16 November 1953

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION