

HEADQUARTERS

66TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS GROUP

UNITED STATES ARMY, EUROPE  
APO 154

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JUL 25 1956

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SUBJECT: SCHWAB, Alfred H., aka VERBELEN, Robert Jean (S)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2  
United States Army, Europe  
APO 403, US Army  
ATTN: G2CICE

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BY *[Signature]*  
ON AUG 2 1957

1. (SECRET) Forwarded herein is a Summary of Information, this Headquarters, Subject and file as above, dated 23 July 1956.

2. (SECRET) On 10 September 1955, SUBJECT was transferred to this Group by the 430th CIC Detachment, USFA, which had utilized SUBJECT as a coded informant since 1946. While in the employ of the 430th CIC Detachment, SUBJECT's informant control number was 52-54.

3. (SECRET) On or about 1 July 1956, [DAD] requested a Central Registry check of the files on one Robert Jean VERBELEN, born 5 April 1911 in GERENT, Belgium. [DAD] requested the information for SDU/German Element. The following information was furnished by [DAD] which is substantially similar to information on file on one Jean VERBELEN:

"VERBELEN was a member of the Flemish SS in Belgium during World War II and was also a Staff Leader in the Belgian Pro-Nazi Devlag Group. In 1947, VERBELEN was sentenced to death in absentia by a court martial held in BRUSSELS, Belgium. There have been several unevaluated derogatory reports on VERBELEN's post-war activities. VERBELEN is presently in VIENNA and it is possible that he may at present be active for a US intelligence agency. Shortly after World War II, he may have worked for a US Captain (fnu) ALEXANDER."

4. (SECRET) From the information available it is apparent that SUBJECT is the object of a recruitment effort on the part of Special Detachment, USAREUR, German Element. Apparently, SUBJECT is simultaneously the object of a normal police check on the part of the VIENNA City Police. It cannot be determined at this time whether there is any connection between the two aforementioned actions.

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5. (SECRET) Although it is difficult to ascertain whether the 430th CIC Detachment officially had knowledge of SUBJECT's true identity and background, it is believed that possibly SUBJECT's true identity was known in 1946 to a Mister HARRIS, SUBJECT's handling agent at that time, who may be identical with Captain ALEXANDER. Although SUBJECT furnished names of handling agents with whom he had been in contact since his separation from Mr. HARRIS, he gives the impression that he had only a limited personal contact with them. It is highly possible that SUBJECT did not confide in any of these handling agents since no official record was available concerning SUBJECT's true identity. The manner in which SUBJECT disclosed his true identity to the handling agent was peculiar and indicated that if an adverse reaction had been received from his present handling agent when the name VERBELEN was first mentioned, no further information would have been revealed.

6. (SECRET) In view of SUBJECT's present limited value to this organization, of his illegal status in Austria, and of the fact that he is a convicted war criminal, this Group contemplates the following course of action:

a. As a security precaution, all letter drops, contact points and other operational facilities known to SUBJECT will continue to be used by SUBJECT but others utilizing these facilities have been directed to discontinue immediately all use of these facilities.

b. SDU/German Element has indicated an interest in SUBJECT and may possibly be in contact with SUBJECT. Since SUBJECT has been of little or no value to this Group, and since SUBJECT's present predicament precludes further exploitation, this Group contemplates severing all contact with SUBJECT.

7. (SECRET) With regard to SUBJECT being a convicted war criminal, a check of the recent War Criminal and Security Threat files revealed no record of SUBJECT. Therefore, it is requested that this Headquarters be informed of any contemplated action in regard to SUBJECT's status as a convicted war criminal. Further, it is requested that this Headquarters be authorized to pass information on SUBJECT to the DAD Liaison Officer, this Headquarters, for subsequent transmittal to SDU/German Element. Reply to DAD

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Liaison Officer is held in abeyance pending comments from your office.

8. (UNCLASSIFIED) Regrading data cannot be predetermined.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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SOI, dtd 23 Jul 56

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GEORGE T. WAKAYAMA  
Captain, MI (Armor)  
Adjutant

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COLONEL JEFF ~~SECRET~~ CIC GROUP.

M/R: 24 Jul 56

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