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66TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS DETACHMENT
REGION III US ARMY

FILE : IIL-13912

AFD 757
29 June 1950

SUBJECT: VETTERMANN, Horst alias STEIN, Hans

RE : Possible Soviet Agent

PERSONALITY REPORT

1. FULL NAME: Horst VETTERMANN alias Hans STEIN
2. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS: None
3. PRESENT ADDRESS: Unknown
4. FORMER ADDRESSES:
 - 1917 - 1931 - ALTENBURG (M51/K27)
 - 1931 - 1933 - MEUSELWITZ (M52/K18)
 - 1933 - 1937 - ROSITZ (M52/K27)
 - 1937 - 1939 - FREIBERG (M51/K97)
 - 1939 - 1940 - WEISSENFELS (M52/399) and with German Army in Poland.
 - 1940 - 1941 - ZWICKAU (M51/K34)
 - 1941 - 1945 - With German Army in Russia and Germany
 - 11 Sep 1945 - 11 Apr 1949 - JOHANNESBOGENSTADT (M51/K51)
 - 11 Apr 1949 - 20 Nov 1949 - AUERBACH/VAGTL (MCA)
 - 20 Nov 1949 - 29 Jan 1950 - BERLIN (M53/275) and Western Zone of Germany
 - 29 Jan 1950 - 5 Mar 1950 - WENHOLTHAUSEN (K52/039), Wenne-strasse 6
 - 5 Mar 1950 - 13 Mar 1950 - TREUEN (M51/K22) and vicinity
 - 14 Mar 1950 - Reported to CIC, MUNICH (M49/K22)
 - 16 Mar 1950 - Brought to ECIC, OBERURSEL (L51/M57)
5. PERSONAL DATA:
 - SEX: Male HEIGHT: 5'8" WEIGHT: 160
 - EYES: Brown HAIR: Dark Brown BUILD: Medium
 - MARITAL STATUS: Single NATIONALITY: German
 - DATE OF BIRTH: 4 July 1917
 - PLACE OF BIRTH: ALTENBURG/Thuringia
 - CITIZENSHIP: German OCCUPATION: Mining Engineer
 - RELIGION: None
 - DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: None
6. POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS:
 - 1932 - 1939 - Member of the Hitler Jugend (Hitler Youth). While a member of this organization Subject attained the grade of Scharführer (group leader).
 - 1930 - 1945 - Member of "BUND DER ARTAMANNEN" (Miner's Guild).
 - January 1945 - 8 May 1945 - Member of the organization "WEREWOLF" (Youth Group).
 - 8 May 1945 to date - States that he has not been a member of any political group.

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7. SPOUSE, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES:

a. Spouse - Single.

b. Relatives - Father - Paul VETTERMANN, born 28 March 1875 at NEUSTADT (M51/K65), was killed during the war.
Mother - Marta VETTERMANN nee TAENGLER, born 16 September 1896, at ALTENBURG/Thuringia, died during the war.
Half-sister - Gerta JAEGER nee TAENGLER, born 1 August 1915 at ALTENBURG/Thuringia. Present address: Grenzstrasse 7, DOMBACH/DIETHARZ (M51/J04). Occupation: Housewife.
Half-brother - Artur VETTERMANN, born 11 November 1904 at CHEMNITZ (M51/K66). Present address: Bismarkstrasse 16, ALTENBURG/Thuringia. Occupation: Bandmaster.

c. Friends and Associates:

(1) Gottfried NOBMAN, address: Sorgaererstrasse, AUERBACH/VAGTL. Occupation: Laundry worker.

(2) Gotthald RICHTER, address: Kete-Kolwitzstrasse 5, AUERBACH/VAGTL. Occupation: Unknown.

(3) Joachim GEORGI, address: Markplatz, JOHANNGEORGENSTADT, Occupation: Manager of grocery store.

(4) Lothar LEBNITZ, address: Oststrasse 1/1, ALTENBURG. Occupation: Auto mechanic.

(5) Hans WERNER, address: Schmoelschaforstat 8, ALTENBURG. Occupation: Auto mechanic.

(6) Dr. Werner SEIME, address: Burgplatz, KAHLA (M51/J65). Occupation: Physician.

(7) Dr. Kurt FISCHER, address: Holzmarkt 10, AUERBACH. Occupation: Dentist.

(8) Gerhardt HARTMANN, address: Amalienstrasse 6, ALTENBURG. Occupation: Unemployed as far as known by Subject.

(9) Giesbert LEBNITZ, address: Oststrasse 1/1, ALTENBURG. Occupation: Optician.

8. PREVIOUS HISTORY:

a. Education: 1923 - 1931 - Attended grammar school "FRAUENFELS" in ALTENBURG.
1931 - 1933 - Attended mining school in MEUSELWITZ.
1937 - 1939 - Attended Mining Academy in FREIBERG.
1940 - 1941 - Attended Mining Institute in ZWICKAU.

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b. Employment: 1933 - 1937 - Worked in GERTRAUDE Mine at ROSITZ as a trainee miner.
8 May 1945 - 11 September 1945 - Was a PW in Camp BREITENBACH and worked as a laborer.
11 September 1945 - 11 April 1949 - Worked in FRISCH_GLUCK Mine at JOHANNGBORGENSTADT as a miner.
11 April 1949 - 20 November 1949 - Worked in OBJEKT #25 Mine at AUERBACH/VAGTL as chief engineer and leader of shaft #7.
29 January 1950 - 5 March 1950 - Worked as a farm laborer in WENHOLTHAUSEN.

c. Military: 14 May 1939 - 26 February 1940 - Subject was in the 11th Infantry Regiment stationed at WEISSENFELS. He participated in the Polish campaign and the fighting around KULNO (NCA).
April 1941 - 8 May 1945 - Subject was with the 102nd Regiment, at ALTENBURG and participated in campaigns around PRZEMYSL (NCA), LEMBERG (NCA), TARNOPOL (NCA), KIEV (NCA), and KHARKOV (NCA). In the fall of 1943 the 102nd Regiment was attached to the "VIKING" SS Division as panzer grenadiers and Subject took part in the flanking battle around KHARKOV with this division. In January 1944 Subject was transferred to the Waffen SS Division "FRUNDSBERG". He was with this division until the end of the war and with this unit made a march toward BERLIN (N53/275). At this time Berlin was surrounded and the division was at KRATZAU (NCA) when the war ended on 8 May 1945. The division received capitulation orders here and attempted to reach a US Army Unit in order to surrender to US Forces. The attempt was unsuccessful and the division was surrendered to the Russian Army. The members of the division, including Subject, were placed in PW Camp BREITENBACH (NCA) by the Russians.

9. REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS REPORTS:

None.

10. REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Subject was employed in the Uranium mines in the Soviet Zone of Germany from September 1945 to 20 November 1949, when he fled to the West Zone of Germany. On 14 March 1950 he came to 66th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, MUNICH, and volunteered to give information. On 16 March he was taken to 7707 European Command Intelligence Center, Oberursel, for interrogation Re: Uranium mines in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

11. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

In interview, Subject disclosed that he was taken prisoner at the end of the war by the Russian Army, and placed in Prisoner of War Camp Breitenbach. From this camp he was forced to go to work in a uranium mine at JOHANNGBORGENSTADT as an ordinary miner. He worked in this mine from 11 September 1945 until 11 April 1949, at which time he was transferred to the mine "OBJEKT #25 at Auerbach/Vagtl. At this mine he held the position of shaft leader of shaft #7 and later the position of chief engineer of the mine. On 20 November 1949 Subject fled from the mine and made his way to the home of his cousin

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Frau Inge RAASCH, Togostrasse 47, Berlin. From Berlin he went to Helmstedt (M53/Y20) where he crossed the border illegally into the West Zone of Germany. He went to HERFORD (L53/B69) where he tried, without success, to obtain work. From Herford he went to GERBACHSHEIM (L50/R47), where he attempted, without success, to get work with the French. Subject then went to WIENHOLTHAUSEN where he obtained work as a farm laborer. He worked there until 5 March 1950, when he quit his job and crossed over into the Soviet Zone of Germany in the vicinity of TREUEN and AUERBACH. While in the Soviet Zone he observed the progress made on the mines in the vicinity since he had last been there and then crossed the border into the West Zone of Germany again in the vicinity of HOF (M51/O99).

12. ACTION TAKEN AND/OR BEING TAKEN:

Subject was interrogated by ECIC, OBERURSEL, Re: Uranium Mining in the Soviet Zone of Germany and by the undersigned Agent. After the interrogation he was going to look for work in the West Zone of Germany.

13. COMMENTS:

- a. Subject's account of his war record does not agree with what is known of the units to which he was allegedly attached.
- b. Suggest Region IV be furnished an information copy of this report.

SOURCE: Horst VETTERMANN

EVALUATION: Overall F-6

APPROVED:

/s/ Charles Hendry
CHARLES HENDRY
Capt CMP
Team Commander
Counter Espionage

/s/ John E. Virtues
JOHN E. VIRTUES
S/A CIC