

DATE: 16 March 1951
PLACE: S-2 Liaison, Kublitzky

Ben
my interest

DATE: end of next week
PLACE: his home

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1. Horst Vettermann, residing at Steinfad 15, Tegel, is a mining engineer who worked in various uranium mines and installations in the Erzgebirge near the CSR border from 1945-50. In September 1950 he left, was debriefed at Oberursel at that time, was recognized as a political refugee and came to Berlin. He has barely been eking out an existence for wife Liselotte and two children with odd jobs, articles for the Illustrierte Zeitung and so forth.
2. From 21 January 1951 to 2 Feb 51 he was again in Johanngeorgenstadt staying with comrades--black of course--from whom he got the attached two maps with legends of the uranium mine installation there. He also had a map of the Von Kamm zur Eger on which he and comrades had marked various mines, sizes locations. We turned over these to me with no particular thought of payment. From what I gathered he had really gone there to dig up ~~material~~ editorial material which he could sell in Berlin.
3. I was interested in the fact that he and comrades had from time to time committed acts of sabotage, mostly on the basis of a specific grievance against the Soviet mine authorities (such as having to work on the Pfingstin holidays) which had been successful. Vettermann was in 1950 Security engineer at one of the Objekte and understands fully the technical aspects of the mines, installations and what should be done most effectively to cause stoppages for several days. I did not go into this subject with him nor does he realize that I might have in mind discussing the matter further with FJCAPE (in case they are capable) in regard to getting in touch with some of his comrades there.
4. Vettermann strikes me as being very intelligent, technically competent, modest and not too observant in political matters (as an ex-Nazi). If we should be interested in further information on this field, he would be a good prospect for getting in touch with people who are still working there. If FJCAPE were interested, also a good prospect.
5. He spoke some about two new installations, or rather cement foundations, which could be used for rocket platforms. He also will draw up diagrams (and you can see they are clear) of the radar installations at Oberwiesen and Johanngeorgenstadt. If we have no interest in him, can take or send MID around to see him late next week. ~~-Paid-him-for~~ I gave him ten marks for his trouble.

NB: He worked in the following Objekte: 1 and 8 (Uranerz), 12 (Bau Objekt), 25 (geological testing station), 31 and 32 (Verhüttungsobjekte) and 175 (Hauptverwaltung Siegmarschönau b. Chemnitz).