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SUBJECT: Vetting of Kptstuf (P) Knud WIRSICH

TO : OO L-2 GERMANY

This Report is intended to supplement both the KX-1 Vetting Form for WIRSICH (2 Aug 45) and the FIR on WIRSICH (6 Aug 45). This is merely a list of people who have known WIRSICH during the period when he was connected with the Underground Communist "Cell" and the suggested bits of information which they are in position to confirm.

1. Friedrich RÖTZER; about 60 yrs old Berlin lawyer; his Berlin office was at Rankenstrasse 4 or 5; half-Jewish, World War Veteran; left Germany in 34/5 fearing consequences for having defended the German Communist THALMANN.

Should confirm that:

- a) NEUER (through WIRSICH) hired him to defend THALMANN;
- b) WIRSICH and his wife, former Inge v. MANDEL, belonged to the circle around Walter KOHN, alias KOCH, and later BRESE;
- c) WIRSICH was at one time employed in his law office;
- d) In addition to WIRSICH he also employed Georg GOTTSCHEK, Wolf Dieter FRIEDEL, and Bora THIELE;
- e) He knows ALEXANDER-KATZ, Ilse JÜNNERMANN, and Evelyne ROBERTSON;
- f) He left Germany with Evelyne ROBERTSON and should know her present address.

2. Dr. ALEXANDER-KATZ, 55 to 60 yrs old Berlin lawyer; his last known address: Berlin/Zehlendorf, Idweg. Left Germany sometime in 1936.

Should confirm that:

- a) Through his friend Ilse JÜNNERMANN he knew that WIRSICH belonged to anti-Nazi circle since 33;
- b) He was acquainted with Evelyne ROBERTSON and Inge v. MANDEL who at that time lived with his close friend Ilse JÜNNERMANN;
- c) In 1935 Inge v. MANDEL did some work for him;
- d) He often played tennis and went swimming with WIRSICH at a summer house of some Jewish family in Schwanwerder, at the Wannsee.

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- e) He knows the whereabouts and possibly the house address of Walter KOHN, alias KOCH;
- f) He was aware that WIRSICH was member of the "II" for different than the usual reason;
- g) He often discussed the details of a book, he was writing, with WIRSICH (Name of the book: "Internationales Warenzeichen- Gebrauchsmusterschutz und Patentrecht");
- H) He often made short trips, and ate at the "Kurfürstendamm" Cafe in WIRSICH's company.

3. Evelyne ROBERTSON, British subject, from Scotland; about 35 to 40 yrs old. Until 36 lived in Berlin, Wilmerdorf, Nassauischestrasse 44.

Should know ~~XXX~~:

- a) Address of RÖTTER with whom she was very friendly;
- b) Georg GOTTSCHIN with whom she often took long walks in the Laub Forest, N of Spandau (WIRSICH has photos of the two);
- c) Details concerning the work and membership of the "cell" headed by Walter KOHN, alias KOCH;
- d) That Inge v-MANDEL had given her own travel pass to Walter KOHN's girl friend Thea;
- e) and confirm that the "cell" met twice a week in her apartment, usually in the evening;
- f) Details concerning emigration of RÖTTER;
- g) Something about "ERNSI";
- h) That WIRSICH re-entered the "II" only because Walter KOHN asked him to;
- i) Through Dora THIELE about the fact that WIRSICH had taken a young non-Jewish communistic girl across the Czech border as he was instructed to do by Dora THIELE;
- j) The name of Dora THIELE's present name, and possibly her address in the vic. of Farnberg;
- k) The whereabouts of Ilse JÜNNEMANN.

4. Walter KOHN, Alias KOCH; about 45 yrs old, blond, blue eyes, well built. Lived with "Thea" and in the apartment of her mother in one of the side streets N of the "Kurfürstendamm" Cafe, where Thea worked as a sales girl in the Salamanderfiliale (Thea is about 35 yrs old).

Should

- a) Confirm that WIRSICH joined the "II" because KOHN had advised him to for his own reasons;
- b) Confirm that he contacted WIRSICH through Dora Thiele October 1933 in Berlin; met WIRSICH for the first time in the Quick Cafe in the Joachimthalerstrasse; later met WIRSICH at Klopstockstrasse 15; later still met him many times at the apartment of Evelyne ROBERTSON;
- c) Acknowledge that he was the chief of the "cell", and furnish all details about it and WIRSICH's participation in it;
- d) Give details (name, address, position, etc) of the blond emissary of his, whom he sent from Paris to contact WIRSICH and get from him news and information in 1936.

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- e) Know that that emissary of his came from Paris, that he used the cover name (or possibly that was his true name) of "RUBINOWITZ" (Silberstein or Goldstein), that "RUBINOWITZ's" cover address was in 1936 that of some Parisian jeweler;
 - f) Know details concerning his successor "ERNST";
 - g) Know details about the young girl which was taken over the Czech border by WIRSICH (the girl's 2 brothers were arrested by the Gestapo);
 - h) Know Dora THIELE's present address and the name of her husband;
 - i) Confirm that WIRSICH and his wife, Inge, gave him their own travel passes for his own use and for his girl friend Thea.
5. Hans GOLDE; about 36 yrs old, small, wears glasses; last known address: Gieselbrechtstrasse, Berlin/Wilmersdorf. Very friendly with WIRSICH. Worked together with WIRSICH in the Berlin Landgerichts Office (Room No 3; Landgerichtsdirktor was GARNSEHL, Legat - HUTH, Landrichter - SCHENCK);
- a) When WIRSICH returned to Berlin in Oct 33, GOLDE just left for Amsterdam;
 - b) WIRSICH and GOLDE corresponded often in spite of WIRSICH's "H-Zugehörigkeit"; and later discontinued on KOHN's orders; GOLDE could possibly have some of WIRSICH's letters;
 - c) GOLDE is an intelligent and resolute man; he would be willing to do anything that he would consider right in order to clarify WIRSICH's position.
6. Rolf STRIEM; about 35 yrs old, small, dark; lover of Tschakowski's music. At one time worked in Berlin Landgerichts Office (Room No 3);
- a) After WIRSICH's return to Berlin in 33 the two resumed their friendship; frequented the quick Cafe, where Wirsich tried to gain STRIEM for the "cell";
 - b) STRIEM knew that WIRSICH was at that time member of H, but maintained friendship with him must the same;
 - c) STRIEM had to quit practicing law because he was Jewish; after that he became a merchant.
7. Ilse JÜHNEMANN; about 35 yrs old, dark, originally came from somewhere around Frankfurt a/M. She was active as an anti-Fascist during the Spanish Civil War in the Province of Catalonia. She is a very good friend of ALEXANDER-KATZ.
- She knows
- a) Details about Walter KOHN's activity;
 - b) The reason why KOHN wanted WIRSICH to re-join the H;
 - c) Something about Walter KOHN's successor "ERNST";
 - d) She might know address of Dora THIELE;
 - e) She might have known about the young girl whom WIRSICH took across the Czech border.

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8. Otto LANDAUER; about 50 yrs old, dark, thick-set, originally from Munich, former president of the Alpenverein, but was kicked out because he is Jewish. Last known address: Mauren No 10, Liechtenstein -(as of 1940).
- a) WIRSICH and Inge became friendly with LANDAUER in 1937, that is when WIRSICH was already 4 yrs in the W;
 - b) WIRSICH and Inge met LANDAUER while vacationing in the Zugspitze (Knorr Cottage), SE of Garmisch/Partenkirchen;
 - c) WIRSICH corresponded with LANDAUER till 1940 (war and strict censorship stopped it);
 - d) Otto's brother was also at the cottage and might help (if located first) in tracing the whereabouts of Otto.
9. Hans LAUSCH; about 37 yrs old; in 1933 was a referendar in Hirschberg together with WIRSICH, where his mother lived. Half Jewish, but a student Catholic, which prevented him from joining any Communistic organization. He made some photos of WIRSICH, who sent them to his future wife while she was in Luxemburg.
- a) WIRSICH often spoke with LAUSCH about politics even after WIRSICH entered the W; WIRSICH tried to gain him as member for the "cell";
 - b) LAUSCH is acquainted with Dora THIELE and Georg GOTTSTEIN.
10. Harry LEPMANN; lawyer from Hanover, last heard of in Buenos Aires.
- a) Inge became friendly with him during her vacation in Bayes;
 - b) WIRSICH maintained friendly with him long after he joined the W (till 37 or 38);
 - c) He is Jewish;
 - d) Did not like to discuss politics.
11. "RUBINSTEIN", Blond, Medium hight, about 40 yrs old;
- a) He might have called himself also Silberstein or Goldstein;
 - b) Said he was sent out from Paris by Walter KOHN;
 - c) He left with WIRSICH an address of a Parisian jeweler through whom he could be reached;
 - d) Spent a few days in WIRSICH's house in 36;
 - e) He was known at some Jewish Organization in Berlin.
12. "ERST", KOHN's successor;
- a) He used WIRSICH's apartment at Westplatz as his temporary office;
 - b) He had a 45 yr old man sec'y and middle aged woman sec'y;
 - c) Should know all the details about the "cell" and WIRSICH's part in it.

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