

Station: Berlin

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Reference: AB 51

Report Date: 10 June 1946

Source: Savoy

Information Date: 8 June 1946

Sub-Source:

Date Info. Received: 8 June 1946

Evaluation: B-2

SUBJECT: SOVIET AGENT WEINERT - POSSIBLE DEFECTION

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1. As pre-arranged, WEINERT paid source a call on 8 June, immediately after he had seen his Colonel (chief of SNB), to report on the outcome of the meeting.

2. According to WEINERT, he started off by complaining that there was something afoot against him, that he no longer appeared to be enjoying the confidence of his superiors. The Colonel treated WEINERT very coolly, told him to continue doing his work until further notice and again enjoined him not to meddle with the other departments of SNB.

3. WEINERT commented to source that he still felt very insecure about his position and that he was accepting the possibility of getting arrested in the near future.

4. Source, in accordance with instructions, then proceeded to dissuade WEINERT from mentioning to the Colonel his tie-up with Luisenstrasse because this would be incompatible with his solemn and written undertaking to preserve silence about his clandestine work. WEINERT promised to comply with this advice.

5. Source also intimated to WEINERT that it would be inadvisable to enlist British support, should he get into any serious trouble. WEINERT seemed much impressed with source's line of argument and source believes now that in an emergency WEINERT will turn to an American agency.

6. Source eventually succeeded in calming WEINERT down, explaining that Luisenstrasse would get the problem straightened out in short order. In case there should be any deterioration, source advised WEINERT to let him know immediately.

7. At his scheduled meeting with CHERNIKOFF in the afternoon, source mentioned WEINERT's difficulties and expressed as his opinion that Luisenstrasse would have to intercede. CHERNIKOFF replied: "Yes, I believe something will have to be done."

SSU NOTE:

Source believes that once the immediate emergency has passed, he will still be able to prevail on WEINERT to take out re-insurance. He will then offer to WEINERT to find out what American agency is likely to take an active and constructive interest in his problems and as a result of his quest, mention Major BOND's name.

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