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CO, Hq, 66th CIC
Attn: S-3 Section

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21 January 1958

T. C. Hughes, Jr., G2 USAREUR Liaison Office, OCA, American Embassy

BIV Personnel

Re: WENGER, Erich
and
MISCHKE, Paul

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. Reference is made to your letter of 14 January 1958, file AEUC-SCCS-XE-281890 Vol 3/XE-348450/DE-383202, Subj: Paul MISCHKE and Erich WENGER.

2. Erich WENGER, alias Eduard WOLTERS, has been the SUBJECT of previous reports by this office, the latest being our memorandum of 11 March 1957, file BV-57-1052, Subj: WENGER, Erich. His present BIV assignment is that of chief of Section IV/B of BIV Department IV, the CE department. Section IV/B handles all BIV CE operations and directs the operational CE activity of the BIV CE organization. WENGER is subordinate to Richard G. RIKER, head of department IV.

3. Paul MISCHKE, born 26 October 1902 in Breslau, is currently employed at the BIV as a CE case officer in section IV/B-1, a sub-section of Section IV/B. His immediate supervisor is Steffen REINHOLD, head of Section IV/B-1. REINHOLD is, in turn, subordinate to WENGER.

4. MISCHKE's status with the BIV has been that of a so-called "freier Mitarbeiter," i.e. a more-or-less covert, unofficial employee. Although, in practice, a full-fledged BIV operational CE case officer, the BIV has maintained the fiction of his "unofficial status" because of the fear of some embarrassment resulting to the BIV owing to MISCHKE's former service with the Nazi Gestapo. We do not have an alias listed for MISCHKE. However, since he is an operational, source-handling CE case officer, there is no doubt that he uses an alias--- or several--- from time to time.

5. With regard to your mention of a contemplated invitation to one or both of these men to visit Hq, 66th CIC Group, USAREUR, it is presumed that such an invitation would be extended in connection with a desire on the part of the CE Division of your Hq to discuss CE operational problems of mutual interest. Should this be the case, the invitation should be extended to Herr WENGER. MISCHKE, in view of his status, is not qualified to represent or commit the BIV except with regard to operational activity in connection with a specific case which he may be handling for the BIV.

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6. Should your Hq. extend invitation to WENGER, protocol considerations may require invitation to his chief, Richard GERKEN, as well. It is difficult for this office, however, to make any firm recommendations in this regard without full knowledge of the purpose, extent and duration of the contemplated visit. It is, therefore, suggested that, prior to extending any invitation to BIV personnel, your Hq. advise this office of the purpose of the visit, together with all pertinent details such as contemplated duration of the visit, position and rank of CIO personnel who will wish to discuss matters with concerned BIV personnel, etc., in order that we may be in a position to furnish your Hq. with appropriate comment.

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paul WENGER-f
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