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SUBJECT: von ALBERT, Theodor (U)

Headquarters, 66th Counter Intelligence Corps Group, United States Army, Europe, APO 154, US Army

TO: Commanding Officer, Region IV, 66th Counter Intelligence Corps Group, APO 108, US Army  
ATTN: AEUO-OICD

1. (UNCLASSIFIED) Reference is made to message, this Headquarters, F-24768, dated 13 February 1957.

2. (CONFIDENTIAL) The contents of the initial vetting report have been noted and coordinated with the appropriate representatives of the Counter Espionage Division, this Headquarters.

3. (SECRET) An examination of the files, Central Registry, revealed no additional information on SUBJECT, and no record on the remaining personalities mentioned in the report except as follows:

a. SUBJECT's dossier, XE-337416, revealed that SUBJECT is believed to be a member of IFC as he had replaced Wilhelm HOETTL who was dropped by the IFC in December 1952. SUBJECT is also mentioned on an unevaluated information card dated 4 January 1957 as residing in Salzburg, Fichtenweg 25. His occupation listed as editor and freelancer for several periodicals. His name was submitted to this Headquarters by DAD for Central Registry screening.

b. SUBJECT is mentioned in a trace from DAD to this Headquarters dated 30 January 1957 wherein it was noted that SUBJECT has had contact with DAD operatives. DAD states that SUBJECT possesses a very dubious background and his connections are widely known in Austria and it is likely that his activities are being watched by the SDU/German Element. Previous history of SUBJECT is such as to practically guarantee that his connection with CIC will become common knowledge in Austria.

c. SUBJECT is mentioned in dossier 13500, wherein he and Ernst Peter RINDL, a reported FIS agent, were alleged targets of a KFOCI Group.

d. SUBJECT is mentioned in dossier 298966 as being a collaborator with Armand FELLNER in the PRESSEAGENTUR INTERREPORT.

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An Agent Report dated 22 March 1951 revealed that SUBJECT worked for FELLNER. Maria ALBERT nee FEST, born 19 June 1925, is shown on the records of the Police Department, Hallwang, Salzburg, as being the wife of SUBJECT, residing with her husband and FELLNER at Hallwang 87.

e. SUBJECT is mentioned in D-418032 as being a net operator for Institut fuer Gegenwartforschung (Institute for Present Day Research) in Salzburg, Austria. During January 1950, he founded the press agency, "Intersport" located in Vienna together with Ernst Peter RINDL and Dr. Herbert KOENIG. It is known that this agency served as a cover for the collection of intelligence information destined for French and Austrian intelligence services. In January 1952, SUBJECT left this press agency allegedly because RINDL, a former Austrian Communist Party propaganda agent in Vienna, had founded Communist cells in England and Canada during World War II, and because Armand FELLNER, who later became a partner in the firm, turned out to be a French intelligence agent. FELLNER used the agency as a cover for his intelligence activities. SUBJECT became active allegedly in the intelligence field in March 1952 when he met Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL and was recruited by HOETTL for work on behalf of the IFG. SUBJECT reportedly ran a network of informants in Austria, submitting reports on the countries of southeastern Europe. In 1954, the BfV reported an allegation that SUBJECT was a double agent of the RIS and the IFG. During 1952, SUBJECT reportedly had contact with the KPO in Vienna, through Heinz SIEGERT, an editor of the National Liga publication.

□ SUBJECT is mentioned in DA-002814 as being associated with Karl Friedrich WAHL during the summer of 1948 in Austria. Through SUBJECT, WAHL met Josef URBAN and Heinz FROELICH. Investigation revealed that while WAHL was employed by a US intelligence agency (RFS), he was also in contact with German agents and possibly RIS agents. URBAN was arrested on 1 September 1948 in Lijz, Austria, as being the leader of the neo-Nazi Austrian Underground movement. URBAN is also mentioned as being a member of a group drafting false information to sell to allied intelligence agencies. Another trace mentions that all contact with URBAN by CIC personnel is to be avoided. Heinz FROELICH is mentioned as being a member of an organization which fabricates information concerning the KPO and Soviets, and is sold to anyone who wishes to buy it. →

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g. Sergei FROELICH is mentioned in D-282722 as being the leader of the Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung (Institute for Current Research)(IFG), branch office in Munich.

h. Peter RINDL is mentioned in dossier 298966, Subject: INTERREPORT OST, as being a Communist by conviction.

i. ~~Adrian OSTER~~ is mentioned on an unevaluated information card dated 26 July 1956 as being a friend of GELMARIUS, fru. Subject: Meeting of Former Abwehr Officers. On another card dated 15 April 1954, OSTER is listed as a Blank Office employee. He is chief of the IFG, Blank Office. He is a candidate for a Spheric clearance and he is a former Major in the Wehrmacht.

j. ~~Sergej FROELICH~~ is mentioned on an information card dated June 1954 as being: Head of the local IFG office in Munich, Isenmingerstrasse 110E. FROELICH is one of OSTER's usual contacts in Munich. (B-2 evaluation)

k. ~~Sergej OKLUV~~, aka S. Ing FROELICH; born 1915 at Riga. FROELICH was an employment applicant with the American Embassy in Bonn in April 1955. (B-2 evaluation) It is reported that he was employed by an Allied intelligence agency until January 1950, at which time he was dropped from employment (reason not known). (F-6 evaluation)

l. Sergej ORLOFF is mentioned in dossier 75981. According to other sources, he was at one time, a confidential man of Heinrich HIMMLER with the ROA. While in the ROA, he met Baron von KLEIST, who was the Counter Intelligence Officer. ORLOFF maintains friendly relations with von KLEIST to this day.

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) In view of information contained in referenced message, no further action is being taken by this Headquarters to employ SUBJECT. SUBJECT is disapproved for utilization as an informant of your Region.

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