

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHODS EXEMPTION 302B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. EGMA-61435
TO INFO	Chief, EE; Chief of Base, Salzburg Chief of Station, Germany; Chief of Base, Bonn; Chief of Station, Vienna		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. <input type="checkbox"/>
FROM	Chief, Munich Liaison Base	DATE 27 February 1963	
SUBJECT	UPHILL/CART/GROOVY/Operations Theodor von ALBERT	RE: "43.3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
ACTION REQUIRED	EE: See paragraph 4	INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED ON QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY	
REFERENCES	EASA-5762, 4 February 1963 (not to Bonn)		
<p>1. Theodor von ALBERT is <input type="checkbox"/> who has been active in the intelligence jungle for years. He has had contact with numerous intelligence types and agencies, among whom were Josef URBAN, Armand FELINER, Georg UBL, French Intelligence, KUGOWN (in 1948), the Salzburg STAPO, Willy HOETTL and CAPOTE. There are also definite indications he had Soviet IS ties as well as intelligence connection with the AVH. 66th ICG dropped him in February 1960 because of suspected hostile intelligence activities. (We wonder whether or not the 66th was fronting for the FIS since we find it difficult to believe that they would employ a man of this ilk.) He applied for a position with TYPENLING in November 1962, and consideration of his application was quickly dropped. In 1954 ALBERT claimed that he was working with a German intelligence organization "of the Bonn Government," but UPHILL (apparently honestly) denied that he was theirs. In 1950 UPHILL files carried ALBERT as a French agent, and there are various other indications in our files that he was active with the French.</p> <p>2. KRAUS is also carried in our files as Karl Lothar KRAUS. Both KRAUS and von ALBERT are listed as old SD-types. KRAUS is identified in a CIC report dated 18 November 1953 as</p> <p><i>In 20V</i> (ing) Karl KRAUS aka Lothar KRAUS CIT-GERMANY Born 10 September 1912 in Munich, GERMANY OCC - SERVICE - SALESMAN</p> <p>KRAUS was in contact with HOETTL and Erich KERNMAYER. Per MHA-10943, 28 March 1952, Karl Lothar KRAUS was involved in selling and/or servicing duplicating machines to KPD installations for OMNIA, GmbH. An UPHILL report had earlier noted that OMNIA is a business enterprise in Munich and reportedly a cover for French Intelligence activities.</p> <p>3. We checked our files on</p> <p><u>Firma OMNIA-KG</u> <u>Munich, Bapauerstrasse 30a, and</u> <u>Munich, Salvatorstrasse 19, WEIR GERMANY</u></p> <p><u>PROBABLE COVER FIRM FOR FRENCH INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES</u></p> <p>and came up with a number of indications that the firm is connected with French Intelligence, but nothing conclusive. MGIA-1291, 17 February 1950, notes that OMNIA Kommanditgesellschaft, Munich, is a cover organization for the FIS and Cdt TOUSSAINT of Innsbruck. OMNIA is also referred to on page 18 of MGIA-11061, 27 March 1952 (in connection with the mention of Karl Lothar KRAUS in the BAUN Notebook) and it is editorially commented that OMNIA seemed to "have provided cover for both UPHILL and the FIS," a rather difficult feat even in 1952. Carded information refers to attachment 4 of MGIA-1488 which notes that OMNIA is a French IS cover firm. Another possible indication of French connections is the use by the firm of "Renault" cars rather than German-make vehicles, and we recently observed a "Renault" with the inscription "OMNIA-KG, KRAUS-WEISS" in large letters on the side.</p> <p>4. EE: We view with some concern the apparent placement of a possible FIS, AVO, or French agent within the FedRep Government. We assume that it would be a fairly simple matter to determine overtly</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VON ALBERT <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
FORM 53b 10-57 (40)	USE PREVIOUS EDITION. REPLACES FORMS 81-28, 81-28A AND 81-29 WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.	CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T	PAGE NO. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED 1/2

HQ COPY

CS COPY

HQ COPY

CONTINUATION OF
DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION
S-E-C-R-E-T

DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO.
EGMA-61435

whether Theodor von ALBERT is in fact with the Bundespresseamt, and thereby protect GREFFIG/1 as the source of the attached tip. If you concur, we suggest you ask Bonn to determine whether Subject does reside at the address listed in reference attachment and also to try to determine whether he is in fact assigned to the Bundespresseamt. If he does hold this position, we recommend that Headquarters prepare a suitable memorandum of warning which could be passed to the appropriate FedRep office via Bonn liaison. Please advise.

5. Bonn: The attachment to reference was a report that Theodor ALBERT had taken a position with the Bonner-Bundespresseamt effective 2 January 1963 and resided at Bonn-Doppendorf, Oberen Lindenweg 83. Ing. Lothar KRAUS, formerly with SD in Belgrad and owner of Firma OMNIA-KG, KRAUS, WEISS & CO., Munich 54, Hanauerstrasse 30 a, obtained the job for ALBERT according to the report. The OMNIA Firm allegedly is a cover firm of the (UPHILL).

Approved: [] [] [] []

Distribution:

- 2 - EE
- 2 - Salzburg
- 2 - COS/G
- 2 - Bonn
- 2 - Vienna

FORM 53c
1057
140

USE PREVIOUS EDITION.
REPLACES FORMS
51-29, 51-29A AND 51-29
WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.

CLASSIFICATION
S-E-C-R-E-T

☐ CONTINUED

PAGE NO.
2/2