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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

- REFS: A. EDNA-07224, dated 17 September 1965
 B. EDNA-10444, dated 13 October 1965
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1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerns the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers' School at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Fuerstenberg/Mecklenburg in SIPO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939, has been provided by alias CASTRO:

a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIPO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Einsatzgruppe s.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei der 14. Armee).

b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenfuehrer UDO VON JOYBACH (born 24 July 1895 in Schwanevitz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIPO Colonel, Dr. JOYBACH and a 350-man Special SIPO Detachment under SS Oerfuehrer, Dr. Otto RASCH (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIPO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officers' School in Berlin/Charlottenburg, whose commanding officer was Brigadefuehrer Otto HELLING (born on 24 February 1894 in Werdhausen) as well as from the student body of the Fuerstenberg/Mecklenburg Police School, whose commanding officer was one SS-Oberfuehrer THEOMER. HELLING's Deputy at the time was Kriminalrat BRUNSCHE (born on 7 June 1902 in Bamberg on 14 February 1906 in Appertal).

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c. Others who served in the Special SIPO Detachment were:

Dr. ~~BARTMANN~~ Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/P. Land
 Dr. ~~BARTIS~~ Frau, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zerbst or 2 March 1906
 in Weide
~~BUCK~~ Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser
~~JOHNER~~ Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling
 Dr. ~~WUCHEN~~ Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Baumberg/Rhein
~~KOENIG~~ Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Lack
~~KUSCHERL~~ Frau, born 16 February 1902 in Schaplitz or 11 Dec. 1902
 in Danzig
~~SCHLIDE~~ Frau, born 9 March 1886 in Wehrenbach or 25 Aug. 1913
 in Konstanz
~~SCHMIDT~~ Albert, born 6 May 1889 in Zeppenfeld or 16 Nov. 1918
 in Allersberg
~~SPIDORHAUER~~ Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde
~~WETTERL~~ Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Sulzbury
~~WEIMANN~~ Frau, born 5 Aug. 1906 in P. ettenberg, or 1 Sept. 1909
 in Seesen/Harz
~~WESSIG~~ Theodor, born 4 Feb. 1907 in Bad R. zlin/P. Land
~~WILKINZ~~ Georg, born 30 March 1912 in Freist
~~WINKELSTEIN~~ Heinrich, born 1 June 1912 in Kempten/Bay
~~WERNER~~ Eugen, born 29 Dec. 1912 in Peina.

2. CASTROP has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:

a. when and from what organizations the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WOTTSCH;

b. where and for how long they were operationally engaged in Poland and into what organizations they were assigned after service in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROP's information, most members of the von WOTTSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapostelle Kattowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapostelle Kattowitz.)

3. CASTROP states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the HDC staff in efforts to track down the information called for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIDE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROP has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIDE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.

4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. WORTNER, Josef - EGMA-43135, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HDC traces; EGMA-41856 dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HDC trace results.

b. WILDMAN, Georg - EGMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HDC traces for CATIDE; EGMA-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HDC trace results.

c. GERNER, Eugen - EGMA-67267 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HDC traces for CATIDE.

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