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TO : Chief, EE  
Attn:   
FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg HRK  
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/GROOVY  
SPECIFIC: Otto von BOLSCHWING - Local Traces  
REF: DIR-18334  
INFO: Vienna

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1. G-2, USFA, and CIC, Salzburg, files were rechecked on Subject with the following results:

a. Informal file memo signed [ ] dated 22 April 1948 states that one Dr. Bollschiwing, alias Otto MAIER, is working for (the Waldmann-TIB group) and is in close contact with Graf MERAN as well as other U. S. net personalities at the Hotels zum Hirschen and Elefant. (No specific intel. given)

b. CIC report dated 9 August, "Dutch Claim #133 Investigation Report" gives information on attempts to locate Baron Otto von BOLSCHWING, alleged holder of the two items (sic). Apparently the investigators attempted to locate von Bolschiwing at Halbrunnerstrasse 5 and Neutorstrasse 12, Salzburg, without success. (A pencilled note on this report states that von Bolschiwing is a TIB operative, and the Salzburg addresses were listed for purposes of IRO immigration.)

*an operative of the Waldmann group*

c. A note to the files, signed [ ] dated 8 March 1950 states that the Austrian Police and Ministry of Interior are investigating Otto Bolschiwing for his SS and NSDAP affiliation. SS Hauptsturmfuehrer, NSDAP Pg. 984212. Subject is to become long range top (TIB) informant. (requiring special intel. group)

d. A TWX message from CIC Vienna to CIC Salzburg, dated 10 June 1949, alleges that Subject Aryanized the PHARMACHEMIE firm. Former owners have complained to the Ministry that they are having trouble recovering their property, as Subject appears to be under US protection, possibly CIC. Investigation is requested into Subject's background and present activities and former owners of firm determined in order to answer informal inquiry from PSO here. (Presumed to be Public Safety Officer, Vienna.)

e. A CIC file card on one von Bolschiwing alleges that he uses the aliases GOLIER and GOHLA—aged 40 in 1951, former SS Lieutenant.

f. A TWX msg. from CIC Salzburg to CIC Vienna (apparently in reply to msg. at d, above) states that von Bolschiwing unknown in Salzburg. Gives SHAEF

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card trace and refers to OSS Austria report, dated 31 August 1945, Subject, "Detailed Interrogation of Kapitaenleutenant JONETZ, Fritz" as containing considerable data on Subject and the PHARMACHEMIE firm.

g. An informal note, entitled "Translation of Informant's Notes", dated 10 March 1950, states that Otto Albrecht von Bolschwing (TIB operative, Altmenster bei Gmunden No. 130) subsequent to WW I, proceeded to the Near East where he engaged in business along with one fnu BORMANN. It is believed this business concerned construction materials and was located in Haifa, Palestine. It is reported that in 1936 he acted as an SD agent. During 1937 he was expelled from Palestine by British authorities, possibly on the basis of his intelligence activities for the German Government. Subsequent to 1937 and the beginning of WW II, Bolschwing was engaged by the SD and Abwehr as an agent in Greece, Rumania, and Holland. During 1941 he was arrested by the SD on undetermined charges and imprisoned in a Concentration Camp. Released during 1941-1942, he proceeded to Vienna, where he engaged in the direction of a firm known as PHARMACHEMIE, a medical supply establishment, which was utilized by the Abwehrstelle in Vienna as a cover for its activities. At that time Bolschwing functioned as an agent of Section I-M, of the Abwehrstelle, Vienna, and for the Naval Intelligence Section of the same Headquarters. The SS officers' list notes Bolschwing as having been appointed an SS Hauptsturmfuehrer on 30 June 1941. Subsequent to the cessation of hostilities, Bolschwing was denounced by a source believed to be reliable, as a member of the notorious SD Sonderkommando "Eichmann". Recent information stemming from a reliable source within the Austrian Police system indicates that the Austrian Ministry of Interior is attempting to locate Bolschwing and charge him, under Austrian law, with failure to register as a member of the NSDAP and SS.

h. An undated denunciation (#239), Eidesstattliche Erklaerung, states (in German), "I, Dieter Wisliceny, born 15 July 1910 in Regulikon, East Prussia, single, Evangelical, presently confined in Bratislava, swear, state and declare under oath, concerning the members of the Abt. IVa of the former SS Obersturmbahnfuhrer Adolf Eichmann: (There are listed 25 former members of the SS, SA, and SD, including one von Bolschwing, after whose name appears the following additional data.) Otto Albrecht von Bolschwing is from East Prussia, a business man in the Near East after WW I. Owned a construction materials firm along with a Wilhelm Maria BORMANN in Haifa. Through fnu MILDENSTEIN from 1936 on in contact with the SD. Expelled from Palestine in 1937 by the British, he went to Berlin. Here he was a collaborator of the SD and AST. Later for Amt VI in Rumania, Greece, and Holland. Here arrested and placed in a concentration camp on HIMMEL's orders. There some two years until the Spring of 1944. Last a resident of Vienna. Personal Description: Since I last saw Bolschwing in 1938, I can only give an approximate description. About 45 years old, very slender, dark, formerly had a dark mustache. Very intelligent, speaks several languages, definitely perfect English and French. Bolschwing was divorced from his wife. (This same document contains the following information on Leopold Edler von MILDENSTEIN, probably identical with the fnu MILDENSTEIN listed above: He was Austrian, from 1936 to 1937 in the SD. After a conflict with HEYDRICH separated from the SD. Later in the Propaganda Ministry, allegedly referant for the Middle East Press. Residence and living conditions unknown to me in recent years.)"

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1. An OSS, Detachment A, report (Austria), c/o II Corps, Msg Ctr. APO 19, US Army, SCI/Unit A, Salzburg, ISX-48, dated 31 August 1945, was prepared from the detailed interrogation of Kapitaneleutnant JONETZ, Fritz, I-M (Eins Marine) officer, Abwehr, Stuttgart, Brest, Nantes, Vienna, and Salzburg. (We presume this report is available to Headquarters.) The personality index accompanying this report lists Otto Albrecht von Bolschwing, director of PHARMACHEMIE import and export company near Vienna. Lives in Vienna. About 1.85 cm. 35 years old, blond bleached hair, blue eyes, thin face, thin body, suffers from stomach disease. In 1942 arrested by SS without reason and released after 7 months imprisonment. Since end of 1943 with I-M Abwehrstelle, Vienna, working in connection with PHARMACHEMIE. On P. 21 of this report JONETZ states that he was commissioned to locate a cover firm for agent work. Dr. Max FRANZKE, economic advisor with I-M Abwehrstelle, Vienna, got in touch with August RUB, manager of the Vienna branch of the Frankfurter Handelsbank, whom he enrolled to aid in the scheme. RUB, in turn, finally contacted Bolschwing, the director of the Hamburg pharmaceutical firm PHARMACHEMIE. Bolschwing had been in the SS before and had been arrested by the Gestapo without any reason. JONETZ intervened for him and finally had him released, thereby earning Bolschwing's gratitude. A contract was drawn up between the Frankfurt Handelsbank and the firm, setting up a Vienna branch, which was to be the only sales outlet for the parent firm in Hamburg. It was given the name of PHARMACHEMIE HANDELS A.G. JONETZ states that there was a secret clause which gave him the right to employ and dispatch as salesmen as many agents within the firm as he chose. Setting up this cover took a long time and could not be used for agents in Turkey. It was valuable for agent work in Italy. In the late Summer of 1944, JONETZ reports that he pressured the PHARMACHEMIE firm to set up a branch plant near Feldkirch on the Austrian side of the Austro/Swiss border for the purpose of agent work towards Switzerland. One Unteroffizier Fritz STRENKERT was selected to work out of the Feldkirch branch, though in actuality he was head of the Swiss/Near East agent chain. He spent some time in the area with a W/T operator establishing his cover as Swiss representative of the firm. Ottomar von HAHN was the Italian "representative" of the firm. In May 1944, HAHN was dispatched to Italy and returned in July the same year with orders for 8 million lire worth of chemicals, plus proposals for his future intelligence work and for recruiting of sub-agents. It was planned to establish a depot of PHARMACHEMIE somewhere behind the Italian front, which would have given HAHN an excellent base of operations; however, the imminence of defeat prevented this plan's activation. The Feldkirch branch never got into operation, though considerable material and some personnel were dispatched there shortly prior to the close of hostilities.

j. One other trace, in which Baron von Bolschwing is described as a West German Intelligence operative, was reported in EASW-1 and EASA-105.

2. Subject has been debriefed and ICFUTTERED by both [ ] and [ ] on the new information contained in the foregoing paragraphs. The results of these sessions will be pouched separately. There is, in essence, no indication that he is engaging in deception on any of the aforesaid information. Except for minor variations, he voluntarily confirmed all checkable information in our possession.

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