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This report contains information on III F
Ast PRAGUE, KO BULGARIEN, Source's work for
Oberst HELFFERICH in ITALY in early 42, and
on personalities.

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1. SOURCE

(a) Personal Details

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Unit : VI Z ITALIEN
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(b) History and Career

Cf. CSDIC/C.F/SD 75 para 1 b.

(c) Assessment

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Reliability: Good

(Interrogated by F.G.A.)

2. III F AST PRAGUE

(a) Functions

Source knows of III F activities only from Sep 41 till end 42. It was engaged not only in counter-espionage against parachute agents, both Russian and British, dropped in the Protectorate, but also in counter-espionage in TURKEY and the BALKANS, and against Foreign Consulates and suspects in the Protectorate. It also had an important penetration agent in the Czech resistance itself.

(b) Personnel

When Source joined the Referat in Sep 41 the Referent was Major MIMRA, the Stellvertretender Referent Hauptmann KLAUSNITZER. In summer 42 MIMRA left, and Major, later Obstltm, ZEH, the Leiter III, took over III F himself. There was a constant coming and going of personnel; leading members Source can remember are Hauptmann, later Major GLOMBIK, till summer 42, Hauptmann ERDMANN, Stellvertretender Referent till end 41, and Hauptmann ZIERHUT.

(c) Counter-espionage against Allied I.S. in TURKEY and the BALKANS

Source was never directly connected with this work, and knows only the main lines of what was achieved. Details of the British and Russian I.S. in TURKEY and the BALKANS were discovered, and of the organization and intentions of the Polish resistance movement under General BOR in WARSAW. A good picture was built up of the British I.S. in TURKEY, at SMYRNA and ISTANBUL, with the names of the chief members and their meeting places; Source can remember no details. It was known that the British were trying to win over to themselves certain agents who were being employed by the Russians, but no details are available.

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Four main agents were employed on this work, a Czech KRICEK, a Czech Jew LAUFER, alias "LAUTERBACH", and a Sudetendeutscher, a businessman in PRAGUE, and TRBIC, a former Macedonian MP.

(i) KRICEK (Nickname "Der Dicke")

This man was already operating by Sep 41. He was formerly a member of the Austrian gendarmerie, and had taken up horseshoaling. He had been sent to ISTANBUL by Referat III F and told to go to a certain hotel, where he would be certain, as a Czech, to attract the attention of the British I.S., and he was then to say that he was willing to work for the Czech resistance movement, and carry messages from the British I.S. to resistance leaders in PRAGUE. This was in fact done, and KRICEK provided a great deal of the information available to III F on the I.S. in TURKEY. He was further in touch with the Allied I.S. in SOFIA and BUDAPEST. He was also given money and messages to take to MIKHAILOVIC in JUGOSLAVIA; the messages were copied by III F in PRAGUE, and then passed on.

(ii) LAUFER, alias "LAUTERBACH"

LAUFER was also operating by Sep 41. He was a Czech Jew, with a big business in PRAGUE. He contacted the Polish Resistance Committee in BUDAPEST, and succeeded in getting himself accepted as an agent through whom messages were passed from the Committee to the resistance movement in WARSAW under General BOR. Messages were handed to him by the Committee on microfilm and hidden in fountain pens, etc, which he passed on to III F for copying and then delivered to various agents working for him who carried them to POLAND. Answering messages from POLAND were also handled by LAUFER, who gave them to III F before taking them to the Polish Committee in BUDAPEST. In this way III F built up an almost complete picture of the resistance movement. LAUFER was also in touch with Poles in ISTANBUL, and with British I.S. circles in that city, though Source does not know the extent of his work in that field.

(iii) Sudetendeutscher Businessman in PRAGUE

This man was also operating by Sep 41. He was sent to ISTANBUL, with a business cover, in the same way as KRICEK, and succeeded in contacting British and Russian I.S. circles by suggesting that he should act as courier between them and the Czech resistance movement. He was almost as successful as KRICEK in finding out details of the British I.S., and also discovered details of the Russian.

(iv) TRBIC TRBICH

This man was recruited by KRICEK, along with a friend of his, and both were engaged on penetrating the British I.S. in ISTANBUL, where they lived. TRBIC was a former Macedonian MP. Some time in 42(?) a signal was sent off to him in ISTANBUL by Obstltz LANGE, Referent III C and III N at PRAGUE, which was signed "LANGE, Obstltz, A.O" = Abwehr Offizier. As a result of this signal, TRBIC is believed to have been arrested by the Turks, probably at the request of the British I.S., and to have been expelled over the border to SYRIA. See further para 5 a.

(a) Counter-espionage against Parachuted Agents in the Protectorate

From Spring 42 till end 42 Source was concerned with evaluating reports from various quarters on British and Russian agents operating in or to be sent to the Protectorate. These reports came from Lt CRACOW, Lt PRESSBURG, Nest BRUERN, the Stapoleitsstellen PRAGUE and BRUENN, the WALLE III Dienststellen in RUSSLIA, and reports from the Funkabwehr. It was Source's duty to build up on the basis of these varied reports a composite picture which would assist the Stapo in PRAGUE to arrest agents to be dropped in future or any not yet arrested. For instance, if III F were notified by the Stapo that an enemy agent group had been dropped, Source could usually give some indication of what group it was, with names and estimated mission.

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Altogether seven Czechs parachuted by the British were caught in PRAGUE between Spring and summer 42, and thirty-one Russian agents between Spring and end 42. The mission of the British agents was to commit "terrorist" actions, including the assassination of ICYDRICH, according to Source, though he is not certain of this, as he never came in contact with any agents himself; interrogation and arrest were handled by Stapoleitstelle PRAGUE. The Russian agents were normally dropped in fours, including a W/T operator, and had the mission of contacting the Czech resistance movement and collecting military intelligence. They were trained at an espionage school near MOSCOW. It was known from interrogation that certain Germans captured by the Russians were also being trained as agents to operate in the Protectorate, and the names of some of them were given by captured Russian agents. Source believes that most if not all of the captured British and Russian agents were executed.

Detection and monitoring of W/T sets and traffic was handled by representatives of the Funkabwehr.

(e) Counter-espionage against the Czech Resistance Movement

The three chiefs of the resistance movement in PRAGUE during Source's period were known as the Drei Koenige. They were all Czech officers, one of them being a Captain KACIN. III F had an agent called HOLK who was in touch with these men, and brought in news of their organization and plans. In summer 42 it was discovered by III F that HOLK had in fact been consistently double-crossing the Germans, and had given away the names of a number of III F officers to the resistance movement, and most III F agents, except LAUFER, as well as providing false information to the Germans. He was arrested and kept in prison, but so far as Source knows he had not been executed before the end of 42.

The resistance movement was known to be in W/T communication with LONDON, and between Spring and end 42, 29 illegal W/T sets were seized in PRAGUE with the assistance of the Funkabwehr. Source believes that they were all sets that had been used to communicate with LONDON.

(f) Counter-espionage against Foreign Consulates and Suspects in the Protectorate

From Spring till end 42 Source was also partly concerned with this branch of internal CE work, though he says that he was never trusted by MIIRA after his failure in ITALY (see para 3), and was never given anything like a full account of what was being done. His chief activity in this connection was in compiling a list of PRAGUE Society, and marking all those suspected of having possible connections with the enemy I.S. These included a number of big industrialists. Source's chief help in this work was a Baron von GABLENZ, a personal acquaintance of his whom he had met in VIENNA before the war, and now had a business in PRAGUE. GABLENZ introduced Source to PRAGUE Society, and so helped him to compile his list. He also said that he was prepared to investigate the activities of the Swiss and Swedish Consuls in PRAGUE, whom he knew socially, but nothing had been done before Source left at end 42. Nothing was ever undertaken against any of the suspects on Source's list, and nothing was ever proved against them.

III F had agents in touch with most if not all of the Foreign Consulates in PRAGUE. The agent who worked on the Swiss Consulate was a German-Swiss Doctor of Law who was employed in a PRAGUE bank, and had come to know the Swiss Vice-consul KELLER through business relations. On several occasions KELLER asked this man to find out what he could about the German economic situation and armaments production, and it was assumed by III F that he intended passing them on to the Allied I.S.

The Swedish Consulate was also closely watched, though Source does not know by what means, and a Russian Jewess called GRUENBERG who was employed in the Consulate was under suspicion of passing on information to the Allies.

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3. WORK FOR OBERST HELFFERICH in ITALY

In Dec 41 Source informed Oberst MASUMI that he did not like his superiors at Ast PRAGUE, and applied for a transfer. At beginning Jan 42 he was ordered to report to Oberst HELFFERICH in ROBE, who was at that time LO with SIM. HELFFERICH told Source that he would be replacing Korvetten or Fregatten Kapitane COSSOVEL, who was III (M) in NAPLES. For various reasons this appointment was delayed, and Source was put on to translating SIM reports. These reports dealt largely with information supplied by SIM agents on shipping movements in GIBRALTAR, by the SIM Intercept Service on messages passed from ANKARA to the Turkish Military Attache in ROBE, and also contained a certain amount of information on the industrial output in the UNITED STATES. Source knows no details of how this information was obtained, and cannot remember details of the contents of the reports, though he says they appeared to be full and reliable.

In Feb 42 Source was sent to CALANIA to organise a III F service. He came under Major DEGIVE of III L, who was to set up a III Stelle, under the newly organising VO ITALIEN, with the function of ensuring security of the German troops in SICILY. Source's specific function for the moment was to endeavour to discover leakages of information on German and Italian shipping movements to AFRICA, as losses had become very heavy. Source made various preliminary attempts to get himself in with leading Italian circles, and in this requested the assistance of Lt Col DE LEO of SIM (later Head of SID). Source asserts, however, that he was never on good terms with the Italians, and that he was in fact spied on at SIM's orders, and in Mar 42 he was sent back to III F Ast PRAGUE following an interview with Oberst von BENTIVOGNI, Leiter Abteilung III Amt Ausland Abwehr and Oberst RCHLEDER, Referent III F, who paid a visit to CATANIA from BERLIN.

4. KO BULGARIEN

Note: of. CSDIC/SC/15.14/SD 19 para 2 for Sdf "K" HUBER's version of organisation and activities of the KO. Source cannot confirm all the statements made there.

(a) Functional Organisation

(1) Till May 44

The KO Leiter was Oberst Dr WAGNER alias "DELIUS". Abt I, under Obstltz SAEBERT, worked against RUSSIA and TURKEY, and to a lesser extent against PALESTINE and SYRIA and EGYPT. Information on Turkish defences, etc., was obtained through businessmen travelling between TURKEY and BULGARIA, and through smugglers who gave information to agents in BULGARIA. Source knows nothing about the means of obtaining information on RUSSIA, nor on PALESTINE and SYRIA. There was one agent with a W/T set near CAIRO who transmitted information on Allied Order of Battle, but Source knows no details. Against partisans in Bulgarian territory Abt I worked closely with Abt III.

Abt II under Obstltz "PITSCHEIN", was mainly concerned with setting up a FO network, and this work was begun as far back as 42. Caches of sabotage material were hidden, and bands were trained to operate as partisans when the Allies arrived; to destroy their lines of communication. Important consignments by train from TURKEY to GERMANY were also guarded by Abt II personnel. A Sonderkommando of Abt II, u/c Obstltz BUELLIN, operated against Bulgarian partisans in BULGARIA proper, and also in that part of Bulgarian MACEDONIA that had been taken over from JUGOSLAVIA by the Bulgarians. This Sonderkommando made raids against the partisans' lines of communication.

Abt III under Major EBLIN, till succeeded by Source in Mar 44, was concerned with internal security in BULGARIA proper, and in Bulgarian MACEDONIA, and THRACE in both former Yugoslav and Greek territory. Referat III F was concerned with counter-espionage against Foreign Legations and Consulates in BULGARIA, against the Bulgarian Police, Armed Forces and Government, against partisans in BULGARIA proper, and against TITO and MITCHAILOVIC forces and Allied I.S. circles in JUGOSLAVIA where the work was chiefly of an I nature; some work

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was also done against Eastern ALBANIA, partisan forces, Allied IOs, political trends, etc, and against Bulgarian aims in the so-called neutral zone between Northern GREECE and BULGARIA.

Most of the work was directed from SOFIA from suitably camouflaged offices, though it was well known to the Bulgarians that the men concerned were Abwehr personnel. The following KO Posts (Konst) and subsidiary Dienststellen were also in existence (Source does not know all of them, and is not sure of the official titles of all the ones he does know):-

Konst Ost I and III ("PLUS")	FLOVDIV) Sdr "K"	till end 42
	H.ERMANLI) HUBER	end 42 - May 44
Dienststelle I and III	BILSBY	till May 43
which became		
Konst West I and III ("DONIA")	SKOPLJE (Source)	May 43 - May 44
I and III Dienststelle	TIRAN. (Hptm STRATIL- SAUER)	Jun 43 - Oct 43
II Dienststelle West	Near RILA monastery	since beg 43
I (Dienststelle	DIBOTIKA	till May 44 (?)
III F Dienststelle ("STAR")	STARA ZAGORA) Source	beg 43 - Mar 43
moved to	FLOVDIV	Mar 43 - May 43
III (H) Dienststelle	KAVALLA (Hptm DIEHL)	1942
I and III Dienststelle	DEDEGLITSCH	1942
Meldkopf	FERI	till May 44 (?)

(ii) After May 44

With the merger of the Abwehr with the RSHA a period of uncertainty set in for KO BULGARIEN, until its final dissolution in Aug 44. On paper Abwehr I, II and III Trupps were to be set up, to be operationally u/c Heeresgruppe F, or the General Plenipotentiary but in fact not only was the organisation of the Trupps not completed before the dissolution of the KO, but such units as there were remained directly under the KO, and did not come under the Heeresgruppe.

Abt I set up several F.A.Ts, under Obstltm SAEBERT, to carry out tactical espionage. Source knows only of F.A.Ts 170 and 171, in SAMAKOV and HERMANLI, one of which was commanded by a Hauptmann "STUERGER". (See CSDIC/SC/154G/SD 19 para 3, where Obstltm SAEBERT is said to have commanded a Fuehrungstrupp 174, set up at beg Aug 44, under a FAK III set up in BELGRADE, and with F.A.Ts 175 and 177 and possibly also F.A.Ts 171 and 172 subordinate to it).

Abt II set up two F.A.Ts, one at GARMU DJUKAJA under Obltn "KLOCKMANN", and one in SKOPLJE under Obltn BUERMANN, who had previously commanded the Sonderkommando that operated at times in that area.

Abt III set up three F.A.Ts, 307, 308, and 309, all in SOFIA, under command of Source. Organisation was on paper only, and such III and III F as continued to be done during this period was carried out as it had been under the previous KO organisation. The Konst West I and III at SKOPLJE was dissolved in May 44, and the two or three members who remained in SKOPLJE came under Heeresgruppe F, though, so far as Source knows, they were not taken into a F.A.T or F.A.Ts.

In Aug 44 a Meldkopf SOFIA was set up, under Obstltm SAEBERT, which was operationally under KdM UNGER (formerly VO UNGER). So far as Source knows this was the only organisation that remained in BULGARIA for the short period before the country was evacuated by the Germans; he presumes it carried on I, II and III work, though knows no details. The majority of the KO personnel moved to BUDAPEST in Aug 44, and were to become part of KdM UNGER, which itself moved to VIENNA when the Russian advance was pressed home.

(b) III F Dienststelle "STAR" (beg 43 - May 43)

(1) Function and organisation

Source arrived in SOFIA at end 42, and was told that he would be opening up a new III F Dienststelle at STARA ZAGORA, to work against the Bulgarians and the Foreign Consulates in East BULGARIA, and to build up a CE network in TURKEY. He was given an agent called DIMITROFF, alias "STEFAN", who

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had been working for Hptm DIEHL, III (H) at Kavalla. "STEFAN" had formerly lived in ISTANBUL, but had been expelled by the Turks. His brother had been convicted of espionage against TURKEY. Source gave him some simple training, and then at beg 43 moved to STARA ZAGORA to begin work. He had a W/T operator, Gofr WINN alias "WILKENS", and a typist-secretary called Eri Hanni BAUMGARTNER, a naturalised Bulgarian. The Dienststelle was camouflaged as part of the Deutsche Wissenschaftliche Institut, and was given the cover name of a Wetterstelle der Luftwaffe. In Mar 43 Source was ordered by F.BLIN to transfer the Dienststelle to PLOVDIV, in order to be in a more central position. He and his staff of two lived in hotels until the Dienststelle was dissolved in May 43.

(ii) Agents and Activities

"STEFAN": Source sent this agent to DEDEGATSCH and KOMOTINI to keep a watch on suspicious circles. In the course of routine investigations he came across several Abw I agents of Konst Ost I and III at HARKANLI, and told Source that in his opinion they were unreliable, and were making up stories about Turkish defences and military plans in order to earn their keep. On the basis of this information Source undertook a check on most of Sdf "X" HUBER's agents, and by studying their reports, for which he travelled several times to HARKANLI, came to the conclusion that "STEFAN's" accusations were correct. Agents of HUBER whom he remembers he concluded were unreliable were the following:

"SKORPION", a Macedonian Doctor from SVILEGRAD, a member of IGRU, who brought information gained from smugglers working between TURKEY and BULGARIA. He also gave extremely vague information on suspected members of the Allied I.S. in TURKEY, which Source suspected strongly.

"BIBER", a Bulgarian police official from near HARKANLI, who brought similar reports on Turkish defences.

(For other agents of HUBER whom Source used himself or planned to use see below).

After the move to PLOVDIV "STEFAN" was used to contact the Turkish Consulate there to see if espionage was conducted through it either for the Turks or for the Allies. "STEFAN" spoke good Turkish, and so was well fitted for the post. He posed as a Greek, which language he also spoke fluently, and was equipped with false Greek papers. He succeeded in finding out that the Secretary of the Consulate was interested in German defences in the Kavalla area, and elsewhere, and on one or two occasions the Consul was present when "STEFAN" was asked by the Secretary to verify certain facts. "STEFAN" did not discover if the Consulate was working for the Allies.

DIMITROFF (PRY, TEL I): the Bulgarian Polizeidirektor in STARA ZAGORA. He had supplied HUBER at HARKANLI with information on the Bulgarian police and political tendencies, and also on partisans. Source took him over, and he continued to supply similar information.

DIMITROFF (PRY, TEL III): the Bulgarian Polizeikommandant in KOMOTINI. Source heard of him through "STEFAN". He had a Turkish girl friend, who knew the Turkish Consul in KOMOTINI, and Source agreed to a plan whereby she should spend the night with the Consul, give him a sleeping draught, and steal the Turkish diplomatic and consular code from his safe. However, her lover DIMITROFF began taking the matter into his own hands, as he was unwilling for the girl to do this, and Source called the project off as he did not trust DIMITROFF to succeed on his own.

"BORIS": a Bulgarian police official in PLOVDIV who provided Abw I information on TURKEY through contacts with the Turkish Consulate there. Source hoped to use him as a CE agent, but had no time before he left in May 43.

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"ORTEL": a Bulgarian tobacco merchant who was the representative of a German firm in SOFIA, and through business travels in TURKEY provided information on Turkish defences, etc. to HUBER at KILIKLI. Source wanted to employ him on CE work in TURKEY, but again there was no time to achieve anything before he left PLOVDIV in May.

Source was planning to build up an organisation in TURKEY which was intended to appear as a CE network but in fact should have nothing whatsoever to do with intelligence. He hoped that the Turks and the Allied I.S. would then waste time in following up the supposed network, while a real network which he also intended to build up could thus have more chance of escaping unnoticed. The supposed network was to take over some kind of business which would be deliberately inactive and to make itself as suspicious as possible in every way.

He investigated two special cases while with "STAR", largely through agents of HUBER. It was rumoured that there was a relative of the famous DIMITROFF of the Third International in SERA ZAGORA, but Source found no trace of him. It was also rumoured that there was a British I.S. network in DEDEAGATSEH, and Source ordered "STEFAN" and some of HUBER's agents and some of the III(H) Stelle at KAVAJIA to investigate this. (He cannot remember which agents he used, but says they were all small-time agents). A number of conflicting reports were produced, and Source concluded that the rumour was without foundation.

(c) Konst West I and III, SKOPLJE

(i) Formation and Functions

The Konst was formed in May 43, w/c Hauptmann Dr. STRATIL-SAUER, the former Leiter of the Dienststelle I and III at BILSBY, which was now replaced by the Konst in SKOPLJE. He took with him Hauptmann Dr. GOEBEL, Sdf "C" BEHR, as interpreter and accountant, and probably the W/T operator, NU. The functions of the Konst were I and III F activities against the TITO and MIKHALOVIC forces, which activities in practice were almost identical, CE against the Allied I.S. in JUGOSLAVIA, intelligence on political trends and partisans in Eastern ALBANIA, intelligence on Bulgarian policy in MACEDONIA and THRACE and in the neutral zone between Northern GREECE and BULGARIA, CE work against the Turkish Consulate in SKOPLJE, and III work on mining industries in MACEDONIA.

(ii) Organisation and Personnel

When Source became Konst Leiter, Hauptmann Dr. STRATIL-SAUER went to TIRANA to form a small Dienststelle for work against ALBANIA, but this came under SOFIA direct, not under Source. STRATIL-SAUER took over two Obltns from Ast BELGRADE to assist him. This Dienststelle was dissolved in Oct 43.

Personnel at SKOPLJE were as follows:

Hauptmann Dr. GOEBEL	Briefed agents. Came with STRATIL-SAUER in May 43, then alternated between SKOPLJE and SOFIA till the dissolution of the Konst in May 44.
Major KUSTOSS	III W1 Feb 44 - May 44, when he became III W1 representative with Heeresgruppe F.
Obltn Dr. OHNESORGE	III W1 Jun 43 - Feb 44.
Sdf "C" BEHR	Interpreter and accountant May 43 - Jul 43.
Sdf "C" MUELLER	Interpreter and accountant Jul 43 - Sep 43, when he was hanged by partisans.
Gefr (later Uffz) MUELLER Rudolf	Briefer, interpreter and accountant Jun 43 - May 44, when he went as Abwehr representative with Heeresgruppe F.

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Typist-secretary to OHNESORGE summer 43 -
Feb 44.

W/T operator, Gofr N.U.

May 43 - May 44.

(iii) Agents and Activities

(1) DIMITROFF alias "STEFAN"

Source brought this agent with him from PLOVDIV, where he continued to visit the Turkish Consulate. Source hoped that he would succeed in discovering espionage activities on the part of the Turkish Consulate in SKOPLJE, but he did not do so. On one occasion Source sent him to SALONICA to investigate a possible case of espionage for the British I.S. "STEFAN" had come to know a circle of Crooks in SKOPLJE whom he suspected of having connections with the Allied I.S., and one of them had a friend in S.LONIKA who was employed by a German unit. "STEFAN" succeeded in discovering nothing either in S.LONIKA or SKOPLJE.

(2) Serbian Girl, NU

In Jun 43 Source took on a Serbian girl who had come to know a Bulgarian from a garrison in PLOVDIV who was on leave in SKOPLJE. This man had told her that he was on a secret mission for the British, and had the task of preparing hidden stores of weapons in the GRADSKO area (South-East of SKOPLJE). He had said that he would be returning to SKOPLJE, and had suggested that she should help him. He had a brother who was a chemist in STIP. He did not return to SKOPLJE, and Source tried to trace him in PLOVDIV and STIP, without result. He heard from Funkabwehr reports that there was a British officer and W/T operator in GRADSKO, who were working on the setting up of an HQ (Bergstab) for the MIKHAILOVIC forces, and that this officer was under the orders of another British officer at KOJKAK(?)

(3) KRAMITSEFF(?) alias "SOKOL"

This man was a Macedonian from VELES who had been recruited by GOEBEL. He was set to penetrate the Macedonian Communist organisation in SKOPLJE, and succeeded in discovering what orders the Communists were receiving from MOSCOW, and what requests they were making. The Macedonian Communists were under the orders of the BELGRADE Communists, and "SOKOL" found out that BELGRADE had requested MOSCOW for two W/T operators to be sent. Source planned to supply two agents to offer themselves as W/T operators, and so penetrate the organisation further, but three operators were acquired by the group, and the scheme fell through. The Funkabwehr was informed and watched out for their transmissions to begin, but nothing was ever picked up.

"SOKOL" told Source that he had formerly been employed by a Serbian Lt, with home in NISH, and had supplied him with information about the Communists in MACEDONIA, which he imagined he then passed on to the Allies. This was before the German invasion of JUGOSLAVIA. The Lt, whose name was JANOVIC, was now in ANKARA, and "SOKOL" had had a postcard from him in Jan 43, smuggled out of TURKEY by a Bulgarian railwayman, in which he asked "SOKOL" to give his greetings to his wife in NISH. "SOKOL" had assumed that JANOVIC wanted him to continue to supply information, and Source thought it worth while to try to follow the matter up. Accordingly he sent "SOKOL" to NISH with foodstuffs for JANOVIC's wife, and when "SOKOL" returned he said that he had a letter from the wife to JANOVIC which he could send to ANKARA via a railwayman at PIROT, North-West of SOFIA. Source examined the letter, which appeared to be quite harmless, and had it sent on to PIROT through SOFIA. Nothing more however was heard from JANOVIC.

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The most important side of "SKOL" work was his penetration of the HQ of MIKHAJLOVIC known as Bergstab 158(?), posing as a MIKHAJLOVIC supporter. The OC was called STANKOVIC, alias "FRINSKI". He brought back full details of the personnel of the Stab and their intentions, and also discovered that there were two British officers and an NCO and a Pto as W/T operator attached to the group. During his visit to JANOVIC's wife at NISH he had met a Colonel DURIC, who was i/o another MIKHAJLOVIC HQ, Bergstab 110, at KOSKAK (?), and by maintaining the contacts he made there he discovered that DURIC was planning to desert to TITO, which he did some time towards the beginning of 44. A British LO was also attached to him.

(4) The BOTTAs

Source recruited these two Italians, husband and wife, about Sep 43. BOTTA was a Captain in an Albanian Fascist Bn, based on TETOVO, which had fought for the Italians and after the Armistice continued on the side of the Germans. His wife was a member of a Fascist Women's Organisation also in TETOVO. BOTTA provided Source with information on Albanian politics and partisans, and his wife played a part in a case which Source never cleared up satisfactorily; he says that he is not sure whether a great deal of what Sgra BOTTA told him on the matter was not the result of her somewhat hysterical nature and the imagined result of the mediumistic powers which she claimed for herself.

About 25 Sep 43 Sgra BOTTA reported to Source in great excitement that she had seen in SKOPLJE a man whom she had known in ATHENS when she was working for the Italian Intelligence there. He was a shipping owner who lived in ATHENS and went under the name of BILAN and claimed to be a Turkish Jew. The Italian Intelligence, with the help of Sgra BOTTA, established that he had provided the British with arms (Source is not sure of this) and it was believed that he was in fact an Irishman with a name something like FARLINGER. In SKOPLJE she had seen him talking to another man and had followed them both into the Turkish quarter. BILAN went into a certain house and came out with envelope in his hand, and then went on to the Moslem cemetery. There he disappeared for a short time, and when he came out Sgra BOTTA followed him to another house in the Turkish quarter where he remained for some time. She did not wait for him to come out but went back to the cemetery, and after a search discovered a book hidden between two gravestones. It was an English book of short stories, with certain page numbers written out on one of the blank pages at the front. On the pages indicated certain letters were underlined, as if in a code. Inside the book there was a torn up letter of which could still be deciphered "A Merry Christmas from Captain ... (name forgotten). There was no date on the letter. Sgra BOTTA had not taken the book away, but left it where it was.

Source now went along to the cemetery himself, and examined the objects. They also found another envelope, and inside a printed New Year's Greeting card, also in English, with the signature of the same Captain and, this time, his wife. There were a number of pencil dots on the card, and a further New Year's greeting written in ink. The fourth digit of the year number had been torn off, e.g. 194... Source did not like to take the objects away for fear of arousing suspicion, and did not like to have the cemetery put under constant watch for the same reason. He told Sgra BOTTA to watch out for BILAN or the man she had seen him with. Sgra BOTTA saw this man again in the Turkish quarter some weeks later, but after an Allied air raid which destroyed this quarter almost completely he disappeared and was not seen again.

As BILAN was not to be found Source told Sgra BOTTA to go to the Turkish Consulate in SKOPLJE and ask where he was to be found. The Consul told her that he knew no-one of that name, but when she described him he said that she must mean so-and-so, a Turkish name which Source has forgotten, and that he visited SKOPLJE every Friday and stayed with a rich Albanian called RUSTENEG. This man had done some work as an agent of STAFIL-SAJER, but when Source took over he had ceased to use him as he did not trust him; he went on the assumption that most of the well-to-do Albanians had pro-Allied sympathies. About mid Jan 44 both the BOTTAs came to Source and said that BILAN had been seen going into RUSTENEG's house, and on coming out had got into a small car driven by a chauffeur and gone off. They had seen the car again a little later in the main square, and had taken down its number. A short time later Sgra BOTTA saw

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RUSTEMBEG in the Macedonia Restaurant, and soon after BILAN came in. He saw Sgra BOTTA there, and made a sign for her to come outside.

He then took her to a large car drawn up in a side street and told her to get in. He then told her that she was playing a dangerous game, and that she seemed to be getting in his way now as she did once before in ATHENS. He asked her what she was doing in SKOPLJE, and said he imagined that she was working for the Germans. Sgra BOTTA did not answer this, but said that she and her husband were anxious to get to ITALY as soon as possible, and wanted first to go to BARI, where she had relatives. BILAN then asked her if she would be prepared to take some letters for him to BARI when she went, and she said that she would. He also asked her why she did not turn over to working for him, but she said she could not decide immediately, and arranged to leave a note for him in the letter-box outside her door, where she told him also to leave any letters he might want her to take to BARI, in case he could not manage to see her again.

After hearing this account Source set out to trace the two cars described to him by Sgra BOTTA. The second and larger car was not traced, though a large car with the number plate given by Sgra BOTTA was found to be laid up in SOFIA; its description did not tally with that given by her. The smaller car was found to belong to the Bulgarian Police in VALES. The police admitted, after first denying it, that this car had been in SKOPLJE on the day in question, as the chauffeur had been given permission to go in it to SKOPLJE, where he was getting married. The police denied that anyone answering to BILAN's description had been in the car, and said that the only passenger had been the Turkish Consul in SKOPLJE.

This mystery was never cleared up. Source told both the BOTTAs to remain in SKOPLJE and watch out for BILAN, but he never appeared again. Soon after Source left SKOPLJE to take over III F in SOFIA, at end Feb or beg Mar 44, both the BOTTAs were sent to ITALY, where they were for a time with III F 1st ITALIEN, later with Referat IV/III F Bds ITALIEN, before joining VI 2 ITALIEN in Sep 44.

(5) Other Agents

Apart from the rich Albanian RUSTEMBEG mentioned above, who had provided STRATIL-SAUER with information on Albanian circles before he was dismissed by Source in Jun 43, there were three or four other Albanians who gave information on Albanian partisans and political movements; one of them was a Dr. in TIRANA. There were in addition a few Serbs or Macedonians who provided information on the TITO and MIKHAILOVIC forces. Source cannot remember the names of any of these. They also gave some information on the Bulgarian policy in MACEDONIA and in the neutral zone between Northern GREECE and BULGARIA. Through them Source established, for instance, that the Bulgarians were trumping up excuses to send troops into the area, alleging atrocities on the part of the Greeks, and were themselves committing atrocities against them. The Mufti of TETOVO told Source in early 44 that he was prepared to give him information on political and church circles, but Source left before he had given a report. A Macedonian priest from SKOPLJE was also taken on by Source in late 43 and sent to an OT unit near the Greek frontier at SERRES to collect information on Bulgarian intentions.

Through some of these agents Source came to know of the existence of a British LO to MIKHAILOVIC or TITO 60 kms South-East of SKOPLJE, and another 100 kms South-West of SKOPLJE. He also heard that there was a party of about 15 British troops, in uniform, who were in touch with Albanian resistance groups in DEBAR, and he set out with a small party to try to contact them. He came across them between KICEVO and DEBAR, (this was towards the end of 43), but they escaped by hiding in a ditch. Later Source heard that about 15 British troops had been killed in a German mopping-up operation in the area, and assumed that they were the ones he had tried to find himself. Source also knew through Funkabwehr reports that a Major HUNTER was LO with MIKHAILOVIC and a British officer, cover name "SOSTINOVK", was with TITO. He did not succeed in finding out more details through his agents.

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(d) Source's Period at SOFLA, Mar - Aug 44

Major FADLUN, the Leiter III, died in hospital at end Feb 44, and Source was ordered from Konst West I and III to take his place. In fact he did very little, as for one thing Oberst WAGNER, the KO Leiter, handled a good deal of the III work himself, as he did not appear to trust Source in this field, and in the second place a great deal of time was taken up in trying to form and establish the status of the III Trupps after May 44.

Source was concerned chiefly with trying to find out the intentions of the Bulgarian Government with regard to an armistice, and in this field he liaised closely with the Ant-VI representative in SOFLA, SS Ober or Hauptsturmfuhrer KOP, who was camouflaged as the representative of a German firm. Source's chief informant in this field was a Bulgarian journalist called RILA, who was employed by the KO as an ostensible liaison man between the Bulgarian government and the Allied I.S. in ISTANBUL. He was working from at least 43. When the Bulgarians learnt that he was used by the KO as an ostensible liaison man for them, they approached RILA and suggested that he should from then on act as a genuine representative of theirs in his contacts with the Allied I.S. RILA agreed, but reported all that transpired to the KO. In early 44 certain members of the Bulgarian Government were sounding Allied reactions to a separate peace with BULGARIA, and RILA reported on the possibilities of success. Source does not know with whom he was in contact in ISTANBUL, but on the basis of the information he brought, Source reported to BERLIN that it seemed very likely that an armistice between BULGARIA and the Allies would be concluded very shortly.

RILA also had contacts with the Turkish Press Attache in SOFLA, CEZEN, whom he suspected of collecting information against GERMANY for TURKEY and probably for the Allies. Source does not know any details of this. The KO had agents in all the Foreign Legations in SOFLA, but as Source's work in this period in SOFLA was so restricted he can give very little information. An Obltn KRAUSE handled a team of White Russians who brought in information about the Russian Legation, and what was believed to be a complete list of persons in contact with the Legation, whether for espionage or not was not known, had been prepared on the basis of this information.

During this period, in Apr/May 44, Source was also concerned with the play-back of a British W/T operator captured by the Bulgarians (see para 5).

(e) Relations with the Bulgarians

A large number of Bulgarian police officials and other state employees were in the pay of the KO, and the operations of the KO were well known to the Bulgarian Government. The Bulgarians themselves kept close watch on Foreign Legations and Consulates, but there was no official exchange of information, so far as Source knows, on results obtained. On two occasions known to Source a British officer and NCO respectively who had been arrested by the Bulgarians were handed over to the KO at the request of the Germans (see para 5). In Bulgarian MACEDONIA Source had to report his agents to the Bulgarian police or Army authorities, as unless they were supplied with proper Bulgarian travel warrants they ran the risk of being shot. Source's relations with the Bulgarians in SKOPLJE were bad, because they objected to certain reports he made on their policy in the neutral zone and on Army personnel deserting to the partisans. They also tried to browbeat some of his lesser agents into working for them, but without success.

5. BRITISH MILITARY PERSONNEL INTERROGATED BY GERMANS IN BULGARIA

(a) Captain MORGAN

Source read a report of this case, which was handled in SOFLA. On 5 May 43 a British Captain MORGAN had been captured by the Bulgarians, with a British (?) W/T operator, after jumping by parachute near KICEVO. They had been sent by the British I.S. in CAIRO. Their mission was to get in touch with the son of TRBIG, a Macedonian MP now in CAIRO, who had run an espionage network for the Allies in the last war, and to set up one on similar lines in JUGOSLAVIA.

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(Source does not know if this TRBIC in CAIRO is identical with the agent TRBIC mentioned in para 2 c iv). When they were captured the W/T set was not with them, but Captain MORGAN gave the address of a house where he said it had been hidden. A Serb was sent by the Bulgarians to fetch the set, but when he came back he reported that it was not there. This man later turned up early in 44 with the MIKHLILOVIC Bergstab 158(?) which had been penetrated by "SOKOL", and Source assumed that the man had deliberately lied about the set as he was on the Allies' side.

Captain MORGAN and the W/T operator were interrogated by the KO in SOFIA, after being handed over by the Bulgarians, but Source does not know of their disposal.

(b) Play-back of British W/T Operator.

In Apr or May 44 Source was informed by an Obltn of the Funkabwehr with HQ in a villa near SOFIA, that the Bulgarians had captured two British NCOs one of them a W/T operator, who had been active with partisan bands North of SOFIA. The Bulgarian police had at first said that both men had been shot, but later handed over the W/T operator to the Funkabwehr for interrogation. Source does not know about the fate of the other NCO. Under interrogation the W/T operator revealed that he had been dropped with the other NCO and an officer by the I.S. in CAIRO, and had the job of liaising with partisan, chiefly Communist bands in BULGARIA. The officer had been killed in the action in which he himself had been captured. He said that two other officers had been dropped separately a few months before in MACEDONIA for the same purpose, but they had been captured or killed.

The operator revealed details of the organisation of the band to which he was attached, and agreed to be played back to CAIRO provided he was not asked to give away information that would harm his comrades. The case was handled by a Funkabwehr unit under an Obltn whose name Source does not know, and he never had anything to do with the case directly himself. Messages were sent to CAIRO giving information on the partisan band, and without the knowledge of the operator the Germans added the phrase at the end of the first signal "I am alone"; they hoped that this would induce the control to promise to send another man. In fact another man was promised, and arrangements for a rendezvous were made, which were kept from the operator; two planes circled over the agreed location in May or Jun 44, but flew off without dropping anyone. Source thinks something had gone wrong with the landing signals prepared by the Germans. Not long after this CAIRO said that they could not manage to send anyone else, and advised the operator to leave SOFIA and try and get to TURKEY, from where he could return to ME. Source does not know of the ultimate disposal of the operator, but is sure that he was not handed over again to the Bulgarians.

6. PERSONALITIES

(a) Ast FRAGUE

(i) Staff

ENGEIMANN

Fw.
Obstlttn, later Oberst. 1st Leiter autumn
41 - Feb 43.
See Report CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 9.

ERDMANN

Hauptmann. Stellvertreter Referent III F
till end 41, when he went to a WALLI III.
Dienststelle at ROVNO.
Age about 52, married, businessman.
About 1.75m tall, robust build, oval face,
dark-brown hair.
(ROVNO - end 41)

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GLOMBIK, Dr. Ju.

Pf.
Hauptmann, later Major. In Referat III F till summer 42, when he joined Referat III F Ast AGRAM. In 43 to Referat III F Ast BELGRADE, later in Spring 44, became Stellvertretender Leiter PAK 3D in DEIGRABE.

HAUSER

Oberstleutnant. Stellvertretender Ast Leiter and Leiter I till autumn 41, when he went to Ast SALONICA. Left for another post in 42. Age about 50, married. Regular officer. About 1.75m tall, normal build, dark-brown hair. (Left SALONICA for another post in 42)

JAEGER

Oberleutnant. Hilfsoffizier in Abt I since beg 42.
Age about 46, married.
About 1.67m tall, thick-set, oval face, full features, bald, fair complexion.
(PRAGUE - end 42)

KLAUSNITZER

Hauptmann. Stellvertretender Referent III F since beg 42. Summer 44 VI 2 Leiter PRAGUE, till beg 45 (?).
For description see CSDIC/CMF/SD 75 para 7 b)

KORNATZKI, von

Oberstleutnant. Ast Leiter till autumn 41. Later to Eastern Front.
(cf. CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 25 para 7 b)

LANGE

Major, later Oberstleutnant. Referent III/C/1. Age about 50, married. Saxon. About 1.70m tall, normal build, long face, brown hair.
(PRAGUE - end 42)
(cf. CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 9 para 6 b)

MIMRA

Major. Referent III F till summer 42, when he went to Sachgebiet III F OST, later III F WEST, of East Ausland Abwehr in BERLIN. In Spring 44 came under Oberst ROHLEDER in Gruppe IV/III/F RSHA.
Age about 48, married, Austrian, born in ZMATH. Regular in Austrian Army.
About 1.74m tall, normal build, regular features, brown hair.
(BERLIN - early 45)
(cf. CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 9 para 6 b)

PETERMANN

Sonderführer "K". In Referat III F till summer 42, when he went to Referat III F Ast RUMENIEN. Killed in BUCHAREST in 44(?).
(cf. CSDIC/CMF/SD 32 para 6 o).

SCHIERHOLD

Hauptmann, later Major. In Abt I since beg 42.
Tall and slim. No other particulars available.
(PRAGUE - end 42)

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SIMON

Major. Leiter I since autumn 41.
Age about 50.
About 1.72m tall, fat. No other particulars available.
(PRAGUE - end 42)

WINTER

Sonderführer "Z". In Referat III F beg 42 - beg 43, when he is believed to have joined the GAF as a Gefreiter. Briefed agents.
Age about 36, married, businessman.
About 1.75m tall, normal build, oval face, brown hair, dark complexion.
(PRAGUE - beg 43)

WINTERSTEIN, von

Lieutenant. Hilfsoffizier in Referat III F till end 41, when he took up propaganda work as a civilian, possibly for the KdF.
Evaluated newspaper reports. Useless in III F work.
Age about 60, from Prussian aristocracy.
About 1.76m tall, slim build, narrow face, grey hair.
(BERLIN - end 41)

ZSH

Major, later Oberstleutnant. Leiter III till Spring 43 (?), then Ast Leiter. Also took over Referat III F in summer 42 after MIRA's departure. Was arrested in connection with the 20th July, later released, then possibly re-arrested. Was nevertheless a convinced Nazi. Not a good Abwehr man.
Age about 48, married.
About 1.7m tall, normal build, oval face, light-brown hair.
(In prison - 45 (?)).
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 9 para 6 b and CSDIC/GMF/SD 22 para IV/5).

ZIERHUT

Hauptmann. Evaluator in Referat III F since beg 42.
Age about 60. Estate owner in PILSEN.
About 1.75m tall, broad shoulders, round face, brown hair going grey, wears glasses.
(PRAGUE - end 42).

(ii) Agents and Collaborators

GABLENZ, Baron von

Introduced Source to PRAGUE Society to help him compile his list of possible suspects. Said he was ready to discover I.S. connections of the Swiss and Swedish Consuls in PRAGUE, whom he knew socially, but never undertook anything definite.
Age about 54, single. A Viennese, with business in PRAGUE; factory owner.
About 1.75m tall, normal build, oval face, light-brown hair, very elegant appearance.
(PRAGUE - end 42)

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HEROLD

Czech industrialist.
Agent of Abt I, gave information on Russian military matters. Was in touch with an employee of the Russian Embassy in STOCKHOLM. Had lived some time in RUSSIA before the war, and for a short time was an employee of the Russian Consulate in PRAGUE. After he left was spied on by the Russians. Source was of the opinion that this was a blind on the part of the Russians, and that he was in fact a Russian agent playing a double game.
Not known personally to Source.
(PRAGUE - end 42)
(Cf: CSDIC/UK/SIR 1725 para 93).

HOLM

German Czech. Provided Referat III F with information on the Czech Resistance Movement, and was in close touch with its leaders, the "Drdi Koenige", three Czech officers. In summer 42 was found to have been double-crossing the Germans and was imprisoned in PRAGUE.
Not known personally to Source.
(In prison in PRAGUE - end 42 (?)).

KRICEK
Nickname "Der Dicke"

Important III F agent. Was in touch with Allied I.S. in ISTANBUL, SOFIA and BUDAPEST. Posed as worker for the Czech resistance. Carried messages and money from the Allied I.S. in ISTANBUL to MIKHAILOVIC in JUGOSLAVIA. Age about 50, Czech nationality. Formerly in the Austrian Gendarmerie, later set up as a horsedealer in PRAGUE.
Very fat. No other particulars available.
(PRAGUE - end 42)

LAUFER
alias: "LAUTERBACH"

Important III F agent. Was in touch with Polish Resistance Committee in BUDAPEST, and received messages from them to pass to the Polish resistance movement under General BOR in WARSAW. Handed these messages for copying to III F before giving them to agents of his for taking to POLAND. Also received messages coming out of POLAND. Was in touch with Allied I.S. circles in ISTANBUL, where he travelled with business cover.
Age about 40(?), Czech Jew, with extensive business in PRAGUE.
About 1.76m tall (?), fat, un-Jewish appearance, bald or sparse hair. Description from photograph only.
(PRAGUE - end 42)

TRBIC

Agent of KRICEK in ISTANBUL. Expelled by the Turks in 42 (?) after a compromising signal had been sent to him by Obstltz LANGE of 1st PRAGUE. Former Macedonian MP. Possibly identical with former Macedonian MP TRBIC who was in CAIRO in 43, and was connected with Captain MORGAN (see para 5 a).
Not known personally to Source.

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German-Swiss bank employee

Agent of III F, worked against Swiss Consulate in PRAGUE. Friend of Swiss Vice-consul KELLER, who asked him to supply economic and armaments intelligence.

Age about 52, Dr of Law, had lived some time in GERMANY.

About 1.74m tall, robust build, normal features, dark-brown hair.

(PRAGUE - end 42)

"The Professor"
(Slav name)

Agent of Abt I, gave information on Russian military matters. Had lived some time in RUSSIA before the war. Was representative in SOFIA of Swedish ball-bearing firm, and claimed to get his information from acquaintances in the Russian Legation in SOFIA.

Not known personally to Source.

(SOFIA - end 42)

Sudotendeutscher Businessman

Important III F agent. Was in touch with British and Russian I.S. in ISTANBUL, where he operated under business cover, and posed as a member of the Czech resistance movement. Age about 35, married.

About 1.67m tall, slim build, long face, dark hair.

(PRAGUE - end 42)

(b) KO BULGARIEN

(i) Staff

AMSINK

Hauptmann. Personalreferent with Abt I till Aug 44, when he became Personalreferent in Mil Amt RSHA.

Age about 49, married.

About 1.74m tall, slim build, fair hair.

(BERLIN - Aug 44)

(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 8 para 9 b vii and CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m)

BAUMGARTNER, Frl Hanni

Typist-secretary with III F Dienststelle

"STAR" at STARA ZAGORA and later PLOVDIV beg 43 - May 43, when she went to work in a civilian firm in SOFIA.

Age about 27, single. German-Swiss parentage, naturalised Bulgarian.

About 1.66m tall, thin, extremely ugly, brown hair.

(SOFIA - May 43)

BEHR

Sonderfuchrer "G". Accountant and interpreter with Dienststelle I and III at BELSBY till

May 43, when he moved with unit as Konst West I and III in SKOPLJE. In Jul 43 went to SOFIA, then in Aug 44 to KEM UNGARN.

Age about 44. Auslandsdeutscher in BULGARIA.

About 1.75m tall, thin, long face, brown hair.

(BUDAPEST - beg Sep 44)

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BUERMANN

Oberleutnant. In Abt II. OC a Sonderkommando in SKOPLJE and ESTOVO in summer 43; and again Spring 44, operating against partisans. May 44 became OC a II PzF based on SKOPLJE. Age about 34, married. About 1.72m tall, fat, broad-shouldered, round face, full features, brown hair. (SKOPLJE - Oct 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m)

DICKMANN, Frl

Typist-secretary with Konst West I and III in SKOPLJE summer 43 - Feb 44, when she went with ORNGESONGE (qv) to Nest FLOESTI (?). Age about 44, ugly. No other particulars available.
(FLOESTI - Feb 44 (?)).

DIEHL

Hauptmann and St. Standartenfuehrer. III (H) KAVALLA till some time in 43, when he came up before a Party Court for dishonest financial dealings and was removed from the Party and the Army. Age about 56, married. Bavarian businessman. About 1.90m tall, robust build, grey hair. (KAVALLA - 43)

ESCHIG

Major. III Wz since beg 44. Remained in SOFIA after most of KO personnel had moved to BUDAPEST, and killed or captured by the Russians. Previously with Ast SALLBURG. (cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 9 para 5 c, CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m and CSDIC/CME/SD 39 para 6 f).

FABIAN
alias: "FABER"

Major. Leiter III till Feb/Mar 44, when he died in hospital. Previously Referent III F in Ast ERESLEU.
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m where the name is spelt FERRLEU).

GOEBEL, Dr

Hauptmann. With Dienststelle I and III at BILSDY till May 43, then alternated between Konst West I and III at SKOPLJE and SOFIA till Aug 44, when he went as LO (?) between Amt VI and Mil Amt RSHA. Age about 51, married, Businessman, formerly teacher. Auslandsdeutscher in BULGARIA. About 1.72m tall, slim build, long face, brown hair, very bad teeth, heavy drinker. (BERLIN - autumn 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m)

HERZ, von

Korvettenkapitaen. I(M) till some time in 44. No further details available. (Probably identical with von HERZ - cf: CSDIC (UK)/SIR 1725)

HUBER

EW. Sonderfuehrer "K". Leiter Konst Ocs I and III HARMANI till Jul 44. See Report CSDIC/SC 15AG/SD 19.

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KLEINHAMPL, Josef
alias: "SCHLEPP"

Sonderfuehrer "K". In Referat III F as
briefer of agents. Went to Kdm UNGARN in
Aug 44, and after Sep 44 became VI 2 Leiter
UNGARN. Killed during journey to Western
Front end 44 or beg 45.
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m where a
KLEINKAMFF (alias: KLEIN) is given as
Sonderfuehrer "K" in Abt III KO BULGARIEN
41 = 44).

"KLOCKMANN"

Oberleutnant. In Abt II till May 44, when he
became OC a II Trupp, first in SOFIA then in
RILIA Tal. Went to Kdm UNGARN in Aug 44.
Age about 35, married.
About 1.73m tall, robust build, full features,
light-brown hair.
(BULPAST - beg Sep 44)
(cf: CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m)

KRAUSE

Oberleutnant. In Referat III F since beg 44.
In Aug 44 may have gone to Mil Amt RSHA or to
a FAK or FAT in JUGOSLAVIA. Previously in
Referat III F Ast BRESLAU.
Age about 34. Clerk in Wehrmachtsbezirk
HAMBURG.
About 1.72m tall, normal build, full features;
brown hair.
(BERLIN or JUGOSLAVIA - autumn 44)

KUSTOSS

Major. III Wf with Konst West I and III in
SKOPLJE Feb 44 - May 44, when he went as III
Wf representative with Heeresgruppe F.
Previously III Wf. Nest WARSCHAU, then as III
Wf at RIGA.
Age about 49, married.
About 1.75m tall, fat, round face, brown hair,
red complexion, heavy drinker.
(With Heeresgruppe F - autumn 44)
(cf : CSDIC/CMF/SD 40 para 5 c)

MUELLER

Sonderfuehrer "G". Accountant and interpreter
with Konst West I and III SKOPLJE Jul - Sep
43, when he was hanged by partisans.

MUELLER, Rudolf

Gefreiter, later Uffz. Came to Konst West I
and III in Jun 43 from SOFIA. Briefer of
agents, interpreter and accountant. Remained
in SKOPLJE attached to Heeresgruppe F May 44
- Nov 44, when he went to VI 2 ITALIEN.
For description see CSDIC/CMF/SD 75 para 7 a.

OHRESORGE, Dr.

Oberleutnant. III Wf Konst West I and III in
SKOPLJE Jun 43 - Feb 44, when he went as III
Wf Nest FLOESTI. Worked on mining information.
Age about 56, married, North German. Mining
engineer.
About 1.77m tall, robust build, round face,
full features, grey hair, wears glasses.
(FLOESTI - Feb 44)

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"PITSCHMANN"

Major, later Oberstleutnant. Leiter II till summer 44, when he went to hospital. Age about 52, married, Austrian. Regular. About 1.77m tall, slim build, long, bony face, light-brown hair.
(In hospital - summer 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/14AG/SD 19 para 9 n)

SAEUBERT
alias: "SCHUBERT"

Oberstleutnant. Leiter I till May 44, when he became OC I EATs set up by KO BULGARIEN, then Aug 44 on dissolution of KO became Leiter Moldekopf SOFL under K&M UNGARN, then autumn 44 with K&M to VIENNA.
Age about 50. Regular.
about 1.75m tall, robust build, round face, brown hair going grey.
(VIENNA - autumn 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 n)

SCHENK

Wore uniform of Hauptmann, but had civilian status because he was a Jew. I(H) till Aug 44, when he went to K&M UNGARN. Had lived in EGYPT, and controlled an agent with W/T str near CAIRO.
Age about 49, married. A Bavarian.
About 1.74m tall, long face, brown hair.
Extremely efficient.
(BUDAPEST - beg Sep 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 26 para 7a and CSDIC(UK)/SIR 1725)

STRATIL-SAUER, Dr.

Hauptmann. Leiter Dienststelle I and III at BILSBY-till May 43, when it was transferred to SKOPLJE and became Konst West I and III. In Jun 43, when Source became Leiter, took over an I Dienststelle at TLAN which came under SOFL, working against Albanian partisans. In Oct 43 went to an airfield at VIENNA on the ground staff.
Age about 49, married, Sudetendeutscher, from VIENNA.
About 1.74m tall, normal build, oval face, brown hair.
(VIENNA - winter 43)
(cf: CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 n where the name is spelt SAUER-STRATEYL)

STRAUSS, Dr
alias: "STARKE"

Sonderfuehrer "Z", later Sonderfuehrer "K". III F Evaluator till Aug 44, when he went to K&M UNGARN.
Age about 42, married, from BRESLAU. Formerly a Kriminalkommissar but dismissed soon after 1933 for being a member of the ZENTRUM.
About 1.72m tall, slim build, brown hair.
(BUDAPEST - beg Sep 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 n)

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"STUERMER"

Hauptmann, later Major. I(L) till May 44, when he became OC a I FAT in SIMEONOVGRAD, later HIRMANLI. In Aug 44 went to KdM UNGARN. Age about 52, married. About 1.77m tall, slim build, hunched shoulders, long face, grey hair. (BUDPEST - beg Sep 44)

WAGNER, Dr.
alias: Dr "DELIUS"

Obert. Leiter KO BULGARISCHEN till Aug 44, when he became KdM UNGARN. (BUDPEST - beg Sep 44)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 m and CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 26 para 7 b)

WING
alias "WILKENS"

Gefreiter. W/T operator with III F Dienststelle "STR" at ST. RA. ZAGORA later PLOVDIV, beg 43 - May 43, when he returned to Referat III F in SOFL.. Age about 30. North German. About 1.74m tall, robust build, round face, fair hair, pale complexion. (SOFL. - Jun 43)

(ii) Agents and Collaborators

"BIBER"

Chief agent of Konst Ost I, HIRMANLI. Worked against TURKEY through smugglers. Gave inaccurate reports. Age about 35. Bulgarian police official from near HIRMANLI. About 1.74m tall, robust build, round face, full features, black hair. (HIRMANLI - Spring 43)
(cf : CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 19 para 9 o where his real name is given as ARNOLDOFF)

"BORIS"

Agent of Konst OST I, HIRMANLI. Collected information against TURKEY, largely through Turkish Consulate circles in PLOVDIV. Efficient. Age about 27. Bulgarian police official in PLOVDIV. About 1.74m tall, slim build, thin oval face, dark complexion. (PLOVDIV - May 43)

BOTTA Zeno

Agent of Konst West I and III. Provided information on Albanian circles. Was Captain in Albanian Fascist Battalion TETOVO that had fought under the Italians, and remained on the German side after the Armistice. Recruited Sep 43, left for ITALY Spring 44, and joined III F East ITALIEN, later Referat IV/III/F D&S ITALIEN, before coming to VI Z ITALIEN in Sep 44. For description see CSDIC/CMP/SD 75 para 7 a i.

BOTTA, Ada Paola Dolce

Wife of above. Agent of Konst West I and III. Investigated case of suspected Allied agent BITAN (see para 4 c iii 4). Was in an Albanian Woman's Organisation run by the Italians in TETOVO. Recruited with husband Sep 43, and subsequent history as for his. For description see CSDIC/CMP/SD 75 para 7 c i.

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DIMITROFF
(cover name PRYATEL I)

Agent of Konst Ost I, HAMBALI, and also worked as III F agent for III F Dienststelle "STAR" at GERMA ZAGORA and later PLOVDIV in Spring 43. Informer on partisans and Bulgarian official government. Age about 54. Macedonian. Polizeidirektor in STAR ZAGORA. About 1.76m tall, thick-set, round face, grey hair, wears glasses. Speaks French and German.

(STAR ZAGORA - May 43)

DIMITROFF
(cover name PRYATEL III)

Agent of Konst Ost I, HAMBALI, and also worked as III F agent for III F Dienststelle "STAR" at PLOVDIV in Spring 43. Provided information on Bulgarian government and also worked against Turkish Consulate in COMITINI. Age about 57. Polizeikommandant in COMITINI. About 1.75m tall, robust build, oval face, dark hair.

(COMITINI - May 43)

DIMITROFF
alias "STEFAN"

Agent of III F Dienststelle "STAR" till May 43, then of Konst West I and III. Was in contact with Turkish Consulate in PLOVDIV, and kept a lookout for suspicious characters in PLOVDIV, COMITINI, DEDE QATECHI and SKOPLJE. Age about 45. Bulgarian medical supplies dealer. Had spent some time in TURKEY and GREECE.

About 1.72m tall, fat, round fat face, grey hair, blue eyes, prominent gold teeth. Speaks fluent Greek and Turkish. Had been expelled from ISTANBUL. Brother was condemned for espionage against TURKEY.

(SKOPLJE - May 44)

KARAMITOFF (?)
alias "SOKOL"

Agent of Konst West I and III. Provided information on Macedonian Communists, and was penetration agent with the MINJALOVIC HQ Borgstab 158 (?). Had provided information before the German invasion of JUGOSLAVIA on the Communists to Serbian Lt JANOVIC, who later moved to BELGRADE.

Age about 33. Macedonian from VELES. Formerly corporal in Royal Yugoslav Army. About 1.73m tall, fat, round face, dark-brown hair.

(SKOPLJE - May 44)

"OREL"

Agent of Konst Ost I, HAMBALI. Worked against TURKEY, where he often travelled on business. Source considered him the most reliable of all the HAMBALI agents.

Age about 35. Tobacco merchant from SOFIA, representative of German firm. About 1.74m tall, oval face, dark hair.

(PLOVDIV - May 43)

(cf : GSDIC/SC/15.4/SD 19 para 9 o where his name is given as KIRSEFF (alias: ADLER-OREL).

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RIHA

III F agent in SOPL. Was in contact with Allied I.S. in ISTANBUL, first ostensibly as liaison man between Bulgarian Government and Allies, then liaison man in fact. Reported Bulgarian peace feelers with the Allies to the KO in 44.

Age about 37. Bulgarian journalist. About 1.75m tall, slim build, long face, black hair, wears glasses.
(SOPL - end Jul 44)

RUSTEMBEK

Agent of Konst West I and III May/June 45. Provided SCHEMIL-SULEK with information on Albanian circles but dismissed by Source because he did not trust him. Was connected with suspected Allied agent BULAN (see para 4 c iii 4).

One of the richest Albanians in SKOPLJE
(SKOPLJE - Spring 44)

"SKORPION"

Agent of Konst Oct I, MRLANLI. Provided information through smugglers on TURKEY. Gave vague and unreliable reports. Age about 50. Macedonian Doctor in SVILEGRAD, member of HFRU.

(MRLANLI - Spring 43)
(cf: CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 19 para 9 o where he is given under his real name Dr MIRAVENSKI.)

Mufti of TETOVO

Had agreed to provide Konst West I and III with information on ecclesiastical and political matters, but did not do so before Source left in Mar 44.

(TETOVO - Mar 44)

(c) Miscellaneous

BENIVEGNI, von

Oberst, later Generalmajor. Leiter III Ausl. Ausland Abwehr till Spring 44, when he was transferred to the command of an infantry division in KURLAND.

Age about 50. Personal description not remembered.

(KURLAND - summer 44)
(cf: CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 5 para 11 a where the name is spelt BENIVENI).

COSSOVEL

Korvetten or Fregatten Kapitän. III(N) N.PLES as at Mar 42.

Age about 65. About 1.78m tall, slim, long face, grey hair.
(N.PLES - Mar 42)

(cf: CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 5 para 11 a)

DEGIVE

Hauptmann. III L C.T.NL. since end 41. Age about 50, married.

About 1.74m tall, slim build, fat round face, dark brown hair, red complexion, heavy drinker.

(C.T.NL. - Mar 42)
(cf: CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 5 para 11 a)

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HERMANN, Dr jur

Hauptmann. In Referat III F Ast WIEN since 43.
Age about 54, married. Formerly Oberpolizeirat in VIENNA, specialising against Social Democrats.
About 1.74m tall, robust build, round face, full features, dark brown hair.
(VIENNA - Spring 44)
(cf : ISG/CSDIC/SD 33 para 4 a)

HOCHLEITNER

Hauptmann. In Referat III F Ast WIEN.
Age about 49, married. Lawyer from VIENNA.
Prominent member of Vaterlandische Front.
About 1.75m tall, slim build, regular features, dark-brown hair.
(VIENNA - Spring 44)
(cf : ISG/CSDIC/SD 33 para 4 o)

HORINA

Major. In Referat III F Ast WIEN till Spring 44, then Referat IV/III/F DES UNGARN.
Age about 60. from VIENNA.
About 1.63m tall, slim build, long face, dark-brown hair.
(DULFEST - beg Sep 44)
(cf : ISG/CSDIC/SD 31 para 5 c)

KOP

SS Ober or Hauptsturmfuhrer. Lat VI representative in SOFL in 44. Camouflaged as representative of a business firm.
Shot by partisans when ambushed in train from SOFL to BELGRADE Aug 44.

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