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| Central Registry, 66th MI Group, APO 154, US Forces SUBJECT: DUSCH, Fritz (U) DOB: 3 June 1905 POB: BERLIN, Germany | | |
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| SUMMARY OF INFORMATION WARNING NOTICE - SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED <p>1. (C) Information on file at this headquarters indicates that <u>Friedrich Heinrich BUSCH</u>, born 3 June 1905, at BERLIN, was arrested at INNSBRUCK on 3 June 1945 by the 307th CIC Detachment. (B-2) A final report of interrogation from the 307th dated 15 September 1945 indicates the following regarding BUSCH: SUBJECT was arrested while traveling with HIS family toward INNSBRUCK from NIEDERAU. SUBJECT admitted being the Assistant Gestapo Chief in INNSBRUCK and also that HE had worked in Gestapo Headquarters in PARIS and ANGERS, France. A brief history of SUBJECT, as revealed by the interrogation, is as follows: In 1931, SUBJECT joined the NSDAP and the SA. HE joined the Kriminalpolizei in 1932 and was promoted to Assistant the same year. In 1934, SUBJECT was discharged from the SA on the grounds of having complained against two Obersturmfuehrers, charging them with being corrupt. SUBJECT was transferred to the Gestapo the same year. SUBJECT was promoted to a Commissar in the Gestapo in 1935 and transferred to TRIER. In 1936, BUSCH joined the Allgemeine SS and was given a direct commission as Untersturmfuehrer to be in accordance with HIS position as Commissar in the Gestapo. In 1937, SUBJECT was involved in an automobile accident in TRIER as a result of which HE was found guilty by an SS court and charged with drunken driving. BUSCH was fined 2500 RM and dismissed from the SS. In 1938, SUBJECT served for two months in the Wehrmacht as Flak Kannonier. SUBJECT was married in 1939 and transferred to INNSBRUCK. In 1940, SUBJECT, while living in INNSBRUCK, volunteered to serve in the Gebirgsjaeger (mountain troops) 136th Regiment. HE served for three months and then resumed HIS job as Commissar of the Gestapo in INNSBRUCK. HE was also called to BERLIN where HE was re-instated into the SS and given a direct commission of Hauptsturmfuehrer. In 1941, SUBJECT was transferred to PARIS where HE worked in the building of the Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei und SD in France. BUSCH was transferred to ANGERS, France, in October 1942. In December 1943, HE returned to INNSBRUCK where HE suffered a nervous breakdown and was confined to bed for three months. In April 1944, SUBJECT resumed work in Gestapo Headquarters in INNSBRUCK. In April 1945, HE contracted pleurosy and pneumonia. Due to HIS illness HE went to NIEDERAU, Tyrol and stayed with HIS family until HIS return to INNSBRUCK in June 1945, at which time HE was apprehended by the Americans. SUBJECT further indicated that in PARIS HE was an archive keeper on the lives of various French minister and cabinet members. In ANGERS, France, HE worked in Section Ia of Department IV which dealt with Communist problems. HE stated that the French would try the Communists, and HE, with a co-worker, would review the trials and suggest any changes. SUBJECT gave further information during the interrogation regarding the Gestapo organization at INNSBRUCK, and</p> | | |
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Gestapo personalities. SUBJECT further stated that HE had utilized one Fred Meier (or Meyer), an American, not further identified, as a contact man between the advancing Americans and the Germans. BUSCH claimed that HE saw a continuation of the war useless, and wanted to be instrumental in surrendering the Tryol without a struggle. (F-6) A prisoner identification card from Headquarters Seventh Army, Judge Advocate Section, War Crimes Branch, dated 19 March 1947, indicates that SUBJECT is "POSITIVE CROWCASS # 160 228 No. 7, page 68", and "POSITIVE CROWCASS # 134 700 No. 7, page 68", not further clarified. Information on file from the Deputy Theater Judge Advocate Office, 7708 War Crimes Group, United States Forces, dated 24 March 1947, indicates that SUBJECT, formerly residing at WCE (sic) DACHAU, was wanted in connection with a war crime described as the "torture and murder of French nationals in PARIS". An information card indicates that SUBJECT was extradited to the French authorities on 2 June 1947. SUBJECT had been wanted in connection with Case # 92-321 (not further clarified).

2. (U) Information on file indicates that one Dr. Fritz Busch, nationality: German, occupation: Ministerialdirigent, identification document: Polizeilicher Ausweis, not further identified, was arrested by the 970/57th CIC Detachment at WITZENHAUSEN, on 26 July 1945, and interned at MGC Detention Camp, LICHTENAU/Hessisch. On 5 November 1945, the 970th CIC Detachment received a letter from G.S.I., Headquarters, British Troops, BERLIN, BAOR, requesting a records check of Busch, and information regarding his political background. (B-2) The investigation consisted of a neighborhood check which indicated that Busch was not a member of the "party" (not further clarified), as he was a devout Catholic. The neighborhood check further indicated that Busch had a good reputation in the WITZENHAUSEN area (F-6) Busch's dossier also contains a copy of the prisoner identification card mentioned in the latter part of paragraph 1 of this report. (This para FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

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