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Rolf Engel

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Subject: UPSWING trace request on Ing. Rolf Engel and Family

Ing. Rolf Engel - born 10 August 1912 in Metz, Germany (France)
Addresses: Munich, Habsburgerstrasse 10 and Rome, Italy.

Wife: Daniela Engel nee Stippenberger, born circa 1922

Father-in-law: Dr. Georg Stippenberger, Munich

Mother-in-law: Edith Stippenberger

Brother-in-law: Emmanuel Stippenberger - employed by Montan Union

UPSWING's MAURER in personal contact with Rolf Engel, a specialist in rocket and space engineering, who worked on rockets for the Wehrmacht in WWII and subsequently engaged in rocket research and production in France, Egypt and Italy. In both Egypt and Italy he worked in close cooperation with the armed forces.

UPSWING interest stems from derogatory information developed on Engel's family. Apparently, his mother-in-law and brother-in-law are both Communists and the mother-in-law allegedly accepted intelligence missions from the SED. Additionally his parents-in-law are divorced but continue to live together. The father-in-law is a free lance scientist and has been associated with Engel in various scientific projects in the past.

At the time ECLA 25209 was prepared, it is possible that UPSWING had not decided to reveal its operational interest in Engel.

COS no traces on Engel family.

[] 15 May 1958. [] reply indicated that the only information of possible interest is an allegation (without further substantiating material) made to OBIBEX in 1957 by a source of uncertain reliability that Engel was "in the pay of the French".

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During recent meeting with MAURER he noted he has been in touch with Engel on various occasions in the past, chiefly to obtain from him evaluations of overt type technical literature. MAURER also believes that Engel has operational potential in view of his close association with fnu Sedov, a prominent figure in the USSR guided missile field. MAURER added that Engel is presently employed by Bombrini - travels extensively through West Germany and Europe and maintains residences in Rome and Munich.

Ing. Rolf Engel, born 10 August 1912, in Metz, Germany (now France), residing in Rome and Munich. Employed during WWII in small German rocket factory. After the war, went to France, continuing in rocket work. In 1952 in Egypt for production of air to surface rockets for the Egyptian government.

In mid 1957 went to Italy. Is presently employed with Bombrini in Rome and working closely with the Italian General Staff. Bonn Defense Ministry refuses to employ him. Considers him unreliable and not trustworthy to handle confidential matters.

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