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KAUDER-KLATT, Richard  
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

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During the period 26 November 1952 to 18 December 1952 the mail and telephone conversations of Richard KAUDER-KLATT, born 6 September 1900 in Vienna, Austria, with offices at Schwarzstrasse 30, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria, were intercepted by the Civil Censorship Group (CCG), Austria. The following four telephone conversations engaged in by SUBJECT during this period are herewith reported. The original CCG intercepts, with English translation, are attached to the file copy of this report and English translations are attached to the other copies of this report as EXHIBITS I through IV.

- a. In the first of the four conversations, which took place on 1 December 1952 at 1530 hours, SUBJECT recounted to an unidentified man in Salzburg, Austria, a summary of a telephone conversation he had had one quarter of an hour previously with one (fmu) Goebel. KAUDER-KLATT had asked Goebel "What Australia is doing", and Goebel had requested that KAUDER-KLATT find out about "the freight for Bogota. Thereupon SUBJECT stated that his prospects did not lie in Australia but in Bolivia.
- b. In the second of the four conversations, which took place on 12 December 1952 at 1600 hours, KAUDER-KLATT made an appointment with Dr. Gustav Zeilinger, c/o The League of Independents' Club, Land Government, Salzburg, Chiemseehof, Salzburg, Austria, for Monday, 15 December 1952, at 1130 hours, on behalf of a friend of SUBJECT's, one Harald Beer, who, SUBJECT stated was being cheated out of his home by "... the Reds".
- c. In the third and fourth conversations, in which KAUDER-KLATT spoke respectively with Inspector (fmu) Ernst in Salzburg on 17 December 1952 at 1532 hours and Dr. (fmu) Gehmacher, Alter Markt 7, Salzburg, on 17 December 1952 at 1618 hours, SUBJECT related that on 15 December 1952 two Americans, who he believed to be Counter Intelligence Corp agents came to a hotel managed by SUBJECT and rented room number 1 for two men whom SUBJECT believed to be Russians. The Counter Intelligence Corp agents requested that the guests be either not registered or that they be registered under assumed names. KAUDER-KLATT, fearing that trouble might arise from not registering the men, notified Inspector Ernst, who arranged

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to counter-register room number 1 on the morning of 18  
December 1952, in order to force the men to identify them-  
selves.

AGENT'S NOTES: 1. The hotel mentioned in the third and fourth con-  
versations is believed to be the Hotel Rupertihof, Rupertgasse 10,  
Salzburg. The Russians mentioned in these two communications are  
believed to be two Russian men killed by agents of this Sub-Detach-  
ment at the Rupertihof Hotel at the request of another US intelligence  
agency.

2. The "Ringer" referred to in EXHIBIT III is Special  
Agent Rolf Ringer, this Sub-Detachment, who was instructed to phone the  
Federal State Police and ask them to handle the matter discreetly. Special  
Agent Ringer was so instructed by the Chief of Operations, of this Sub-  
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EXHIBITS

- EXHIBIT I Conversation on 1 December 1952 between KAUDER-KLATT and an unidentified man.
- EXHIBIT II Conversation on 12 December 1952 between Dr. Gustav Zellinger and KAUDER-KLATT.
- EXHIBIT III Conversation on 17 December 1952 between Inspector Ernst and KAUDER-KLATT.
- EXHIBIT IV Conversation on 17 December 1952 between Dr. Gehmacher and KAUDER-KLATT.

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EXHIBIT 1

Conversation on 1 December 1962 at 1630 hours, SUBJECT speaking with an unidentified man in Salzburg, Austria:

Man: Have you seen Goebel?

SUBJECT: He called me a quarter of an hour ago, and we spoke with each other after four months. He wanted xylolith for his house. He's built himself a house. I asked what Australia is doing, and he said that I must find out about the freight for bogota. Then I said that my prospects do not lie in Australia, but in Bolivia.

Man: Old stuff. I don't have much more contact with the firm Waldstein, they're disposing of the Profia plates themselves. We bought an item in due time and had some unpleasantness from it.

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EXHIBIT II

Conversation on 12 December 1952 at 1809 hours. SUBJECT speaking with Dr. Justav Zeilinger, c/o Klub der Unabhangigen, Landesregierung Salzburg, Chiemseehof, Salzburg, Austria, Telephone 2541, Extension 246.

SUBJECT: Can I speak with Dr. Zeilinger?

Zeilinger: This is Zeilinger. Who's on the phone?

SUBJECT: KAUDER. Hello. First I want to congratulate you on yesterday's . . .

Zeilinger: It was no victory.

SUBJECT: Not for the victory. For the speech. It was outstanding.

Zeilinger: The outcome is always decided. But to speak honestly, I counted on the outcome.

SUBJECT: Will Salzburg reject the appeal?

Zeilinger: It will. The appeal is only a formality. We want to put it off until after the elections.

SUBJECT: I can help you in that. Certainly with the Attorney General. I'll help you in that. I know his well.

Zeilinger: I'll drop around about that.

SUBJECT: Now something else. A good friend is in need because the Reds are cheating him out of his house. Can he come to you?

Zeilinger: We can't do it any more, not today. I've got to go to Fronburg. The earliest we can do it is Monday. Monday at 1130 hours, here in Chiemseehof. What's the gentleman's name?

SUBJECT: Harald Beer. So he'll come to you on Monday.

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EXHIBIT III

Conversation on 17 December 1952 at 1532 hours, SUBJECT speaking with Inspector Ernst, Salzburg, Telephone 2691 (?):

SUBJECT: Have you been informed already?

Ernst : Mr. Angerer told me that we will do it delicately. At present I can't undertake anything, otherwise it becomes a legal affair. I won't speak with Ringer, since this is not his department.

SUBJECT: Naturally I won't lose the guests through it. I don't want to make any scene. I wouldn't want any publicity with respect to my pact.

Ernst : We'll do it after the holidays.

SUBJECT: They'll be gone by then. They're only here for a couple of days.

Ernst : I can't do anything if they work for the Americans.

SUBJECT: If the people are in possession of papers, I have only to confirm that they're in order. The papers for this purpose are lying in the desk.

Ernst : One thing I can do - I can carry out a counter-register independent of your report.

SUBJECT: You will only need to counter-register this room.

Ernst : Which is it?

SUBJECT: Room 1.

Ernst : When do these men get up?

SUBJECT: This morning they got up at 1000 hours.

Ernst : Then we'll come tomorrow morning.

SUBJECT: This is an awkward business.

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Ernst : We must make everything legal, otherwise the proprietor will be punished.

SUBJECT: Naturally. Anyway, I've asked Mr. Angerer to undertake the business, while for my part I'll think it over. On the whole it's funny when someone comes from the authorities and has no papers.

Ernst : Who brought the gentlemen?

SUBJECT: Some regular American guests who always claimed to work for the Counter Intelligence Corp. The day before yesterday they came with these men, asked for a room, and couldn't register except under false names.

Ernst : We'll take care of it. I'll come by tomorrow morning, look into it and have them identify themselves.

SUBJECT: He should allow himself to be registered on a sheet that will be kept secret, since he'll see room 1 twice X and C.

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EXHIBIT IV

Conversation on 17 December 1952 at 1618 hours, SUBJECT speaking with Dr. Gshnacher, Alter Markt 7, Salzburg, Austria, Telephone 1141.

Gshnacher: How much did the turn-over tax amount to?

SUBJECT: 1800 Schilling about -- September 19286.

Gshnacher: I don't have that much in the statement.

SUBJECT: We will have to go over it again. I have an unpleasant story. There are two men boarding with me who claim that they have no papers and don't want to register. I said that that won't do. They are obviously Russians looting here. If this appears in a report to the Counter Intelligence Corp, the people certainly have papers. I've asked a good friend of mine, Inspector Ernst of the Hotel Brigade, to confirm this and then get in touch with the Counter Intelligence Corp.

Gshnacher: The hotel proprietor or lessor or manager could be arrested.

SUBJECT: So the men said we should write in a false name. We can't do that.

Gshnacher: That's clear.

SUBJECT: There's the risk of losing the restaurant patrons. I don't want to hurt the reputation of the hotel. We must tell the res. evs. personally.

Gshnacher: Will again.

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4. REPORT OF PROGRESS

On 30 December 1952 this Agent interviewed Herma Plaiger nee Triebel, born 24 March 1918 in Steinbrueckl, Land Lower Austria, residing at Rainerstrasse 19, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria. The interview was in the German language and was conducted at Plaiger's place of employment, the Kiesel Printing Company, Rainerstrasse 19, Salzburg. Plaiger stated that she first met SUBJECT in either 1948 or 1949, at which time she lived in Thalgar, Land Salzburg, and SUBJECT in St. Gilgen, Land Salzburg, and both commuted to work in Salzburg on the same train daily. During the early part of 1949 or 1950 Plaiger lost her job, and KAUDEK-KLATT, hearing of this, hired her as a receptionist. At that time SUBJECT's office was at Staufenstrasse 17, Salzburg, the Salzburg branch of an electrical supply firm, the name of which Plaiger could not remember, whose home office was at Brauneu am Inn, Land Upper Austria. Plaiger related that she worked only two or three months for SUBJECT and that she left his employment because her pay was too irregular and because SUBJECT always became offended whenever she asked for her salary. Plaiger stated that at the time of her employment with SUBJECT, he was very irregular in paying debts and that at the present time he owes money to the Firma Kiesel, her present employer. While working for SUBJECT, stated Plaiger, she saw no electrical business transacted but was struck instead by the oddness of the people who came to call on SUBJECT in the office. The visitors consisted mainly, she stated, of shabby looking, shifty-eyed men and obviously "kept" women. Although she had no facts to substantiate her feelings, she felt that there was some secret business going on under the guise of electrical dealings. Plaiger remembered the following people who visited SUBJECT during the period of her employment: (1) a tall, slim, blond woman named Grete (lmu); (2) a Hungarian woman; (3) a furtive looking man called (lmu) Hiroch; (4) a tall, fat Russian woman called Helene (lmu) who was always accompanied by (5) a Russian man of about forty years of age, poorly marked and shabbily dressed; (6) an Austrian named Andre (lmu) who, in spite of his shabby appearance, SUBJECT believed to be a business representative. Plaiger could remember only one man, a tall, elderly Austrian from Leogang, Land Tirol, Austria, who seemed normal. SUBJECT, stated Plaiger, addressed everyone with the familiar form of the personal pronoun, which, Plaiger claimed gave the impression that SUBJECT had a patronizing attitude. Of the visitors mentioned above, the woman Grete was the only one who addressed SUBJECT in the same way. SUBJECT told Plaiger that during World War II he had worked for the Abwehr (German intelligence service) in Budapest and the Balkans, and that he is now wanted by the Russians. He also stated that he had

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once been attacked by Russian agents at his home in St. Gilgen, Land Salzburg. Plaiger stated that she knew SUBJECT to be Jewish, and that she was therefore puzzled as to the possibility of KLAUDER-KLATT's having worked for the Abwehr. Plaiger visited SUBJECT's home twice while she was employed by him and thereby met his wife, a Hungarian woman named "Ybola" or "Ybi". Ybi, stated Plaiger, impressed her favorably. Ybi walks with a limp which she claimed came from breaking her leg while leaping through a window in Budapest, Hungary, in an effort to escape Russian pursuers. (F-6)

AGENT'S NOTES: 1. The fat Russian woman mentioned above fits the description of Helene Meyndorf, who has been suspected of RIS activities.

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**3. REPORT OF FACTS**

On 2 January 1953 the files of 430th Counter Intelligence Corp Sub-Detachment "A" were checked by this Agent, and the following pertinent information was revealed:

Agent Report 8-16815, dated 2 December 1952, Subject: "KAUDER-KIATT, Richard", contains a resume of SUBJECT's life and activities.

One Gustav Zeilinger, possibly identical with the Dr. Gustav Zeilinger mentioned in this report, is listed in the files of this Sub-Detachment as having been screened on 17 June 1945 by the 15th A.G. CE for employment with the Land Legal Office.

One Harald Rudolf Beer, born 3 January 1910 in Teplitz-Schaneau, Bohemia, address: Augustinerasse 14, Salzburg, Austria, possibly identical with the Harald Beer mentioned in this report, is listed in a letter dated 13 February 1950, Subject: "Persons to be Removed from CCC Watch List." He is also listed as having been screened on 4 December 1945 by CIC USFA for employment with Public Safety.

Agent Report 2-447, dated 12 March 1948, un-evaluated, mentions one Dr. (fnu) Gebmacher, possibly identical with the Dr. (fnu) Gebmacher mentioned in this report, as a collaborator in 1940 in a secret organization planning to revolt against the Nazi regime in Austria. One Dr. Friedrich Gebmacher, born 12 June 1900 in Salzburg, residing at Alter Markt 7, Salzburg, is listed as having joined the NSDAP (Nazi Party) on 1 May 1936.

One (fnu) Ernst, possibly identical with the Inspector Ernst mentioned in this report, is listed in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a Salzburg Police official.

One Franz Angerer, possibly identical with the (fnu) Angerer mentioned in this report, is listed in Agent Report 8-8007, dated 16 July 1950, evaluated C-7-8, Subject: "Communists in Salzburg Police Department", as a state police official and a KPO member. One Johann Angerer is listed in Agent Report 8-1497, dated 25 March 1948, un-evaluated, Subject: "Communist Party of Austria, Land Salzburg", as a KPO member and a criminal police official assigned to Section II of the Criminal Police.

Agent Report 3-11446, dated 10 October 1951, un-evaluated, Subject: "SCHNEIDER, Franz", states: "The Salzburger Tagblatt (The Communist Party newspaper in Salzburg, Austria) was at one time printed

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at the Kiesel plant and the K70s is still giving small orders to that establishment." The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references to the Kiesel Printing Company, the employer of Herma Plaiger, source of information given in this report, as doing printing work for the K70s.

Helene Meyendorff is mentioned in numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment as an alleged RTS agent, residing at Reichenhallerstrasse 9, Salzburg, Austria.

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