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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Name Frasesy
Josef Kurt ~~MERK~~ at-ak

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1. Karlsruhe files contain the following traces on individuals mentioned in reference request:

a) Josef Kurt MERK; probably identical with Kurt MERK & FRIEDRICH O. LARSON & H. BOHNER born 3 May 1915 and appearing on Dropped Agent Lists, dated 1 December 1949 and 1 December 1950 respectively. Subject's last known address as it appears in the 1949 list is OBERSTAUFEN/Allgau while on the 1950 list it appears as FLEHENHAUSEN, Im Augsburg, which address coincides with place of birth given in reference memo. Both lists show that Subject was dropped without prejudice and in both cases, in the identical month, October.

MOB requested traces on MERK 13 February 1948 (see NUNI 154) and answers were forthcoming as follows:
REFID 2087, dated 19 Feb 1948 quoted from Spain interrogation: "MERK, Kurt, Oberleutnant, alias Kaiser with a St. Dijon since beginning of 1941. Previously was a 2nd Lt. with the I Bavarian Inf. Div. Spent three months at the Demarcation line in the Moulins permit office. Through me he was introduced to Ringer. He asked Ringer for a position with the AGF. MERK was principally engaged in work on resistance movements in France. He had great success, cleaned up (or rolled out) the "Alliance" case, arrested the French Colonel "Fay" and about 400 of his cohorts. (This was the intelligence network of General Giraud). MERK had very good agents.

In the summer of 1944 he commanded FAT 353 and coordinated his Dienststelle in Muhlbach with the MK's in St. Die, Gerardmer, and Oronagny. MERK was the most successful officer with AST Dijon and FAK 314. Description: about 32 yrs old, 1.68m tall, slender but well proportioned. Film star type,

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long, rich, black hair combed back, phlegmatic manner, obstinate, peevish character, very neatly dressed. His parents live in Augsburg. Single, engaged to daughter of late owner of the Hotel Bahnhof in St. Louis (Swiss Border). MERK has certainly left behind 2 or 3 groups of agents in France, in Lyons-Grangeville, as well as in Dijon and Pelfort."

FRAN 711, dated 24 February 1948 furnished MOB with following information on Subject: Deputy Director Intelligence received request from a French Colonel for extradition of Subject to France as a War Criminal. It was felt French may have inkling Subject's activities for Americans and wish to interrogate him.

FRAN 779, dated 10 March 1948 gives following information on Subject contained in voluminous dossier available to FOB and possibly available also to MOB: Have ascertained that ODDI gave French no satisfaction in their request for Subject's extradition. Subject arrested February '46 as automatic arrestee, suspected of subversive activities but nothing could be proved and was released when OIS removed from AA category. Worked for Subregion Memmingen GIC (whose reports on Subject presumably available MOB), later for Subregion Kaufbeuren Region 6, considered reliable by case officer. However, often under investigation for reported activity for German Nationalistic Subversive Groups. Subject was investigated April and June '46 as a result of information gathered from British operation selection board for his connections with Ursula BRINK (one of his informants from Krenthal), a Franklin VIECH of Stuttgart, ARNEK (sic) RAPSON (also see RAPSON (fau) and WOLFF (BERLIN)). However, Subject remained clean in eyes of GIC case officer in contact and was not arrested. One Klaus BARBIS @ BERCKEN born 25 Oct '13 is a good friend and close intelligence collaborator of ARNEK.

We are attaching herewith copies of Subject's Lebenslauf; he submitted this data when he was trying to sell himself to friends of GIC, Augsburg. Note that Subject spells his name without a "c".

b) JAN KOSZIK: OSI-R-187, dated 5 March 1951 mentions a (fau) KOSZIK, 1st Lt. of the Air Force Research Institute at Prague-Letnany. Subject is about 30 years old, medium build, and a devoted Communist. No further information is available.

c) JANEC SLADK: Name ID Ops Branch to Spec Det. EUCOM, dated 2 December 1949 mentions one SLADK, Josef and SLADK, Marlen both as members of the Czech agents group CHINI in the area of Regensburg. No additional information is available.

2. There are no traces in our files on other individuals mentioned in reference request.

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