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Herewith the preliminary SCI interrogation of OSTRICH following his return to Paris. Further interrogations of OSTRICH are being conducted and reports will be issued.

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OSTRICH was treated as a hero and twice decorated. He arranged to be parachuted to LA ROUILLEE outside Paris, with a group of colleagues and 1000 kg of sabotage material. Shortly before he was to leave on this operation, TONIN, under torture, stated that OSTRICH had been arrested by the U.S. authorities and (by inference) had been turned round by the Allied Intelligence Services. OSTRICH was severely interrogated by MAYER and BESEKOW and says that he got away with it. The projected operation was however cancelled and OSTRICH said that after this episode he could ask no questions, had to be very careful, and always carried an ampoule of poison.

A. RETURN FROM GERMANY

His mode of return is not entirely clear as yet, but he evidently allowed himself to be overrun by the Allies and then got into touch with the French Security authorities who arranged for him to go to Paris where he immediately got into touch with an SCI officer.

It appears that OSTRICH allowed himself to be overrun by the Allies in the neighbourhood of FREILBURG. He deliberately took with him Hans KUSSAK and Hans ULBRICH whom he told, after the Allies had overrun their positions, that he was working for the Allies. ULBRICH and KUSSAK are in touch with, and at present being used by the French authorities in 6 A.G. areas.

OSTRICH said that he brought ULBRICH and KUSSAK because the former knew the locations of all buried dumps of sabotage material in Alsace, and because he was one of the parachutists in the operation to liberate the DUCE. ULBRICH was in SKORZENY's entourage and might have considerable organisational information.

B. AMT VI/S Organisation and Operations.

1. Sturmbannfuhrer Hans DUFFNER has now become head of SS Sonderkommando HAGEN. HAGEDORN was still drinking as much as ever; he had not actually been dismissed from Amt VI/S though he was not very active.

2. OSTRICH mentioned the following divisions and personalities in the JAGDVERBANDE:

JAGDVERBAND SUDWEST Hauptsturmfuhrer GERLACH in charge; I/c Obersturmfuhrer SCHWLN. X

JAGDVERBAND NORDWEST HELLMERS in charge. Note: OSTRICH insists that HELLMERS' real name is HUMMEL. He says HUMMEL was well known before the war as a swimming champion and believes that he published underwater photographs under the name HUMMEL.

JAGDVERBAND MITTE. This is the Headquarters where SKORZENY is in charge. SKORZENY's deputy is Sturmbannfuhrer AUCH. AUCH is the I/a and his deputy is Obersturmfuhrer Werner HUNKE. The I/b is Hauptsturmfuhrer GERHART and his deputy is Obersturmfuhrer BOLZ. The I/c is Obersturmfuhrer RIEDL and his deputy is Dr. Lt. GRAF. X

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JAGDVERBAND SUDOST. OSTRICH believes that this exists.

3. SKORZENY's deputy in Amt VI/S is Hauptsturmfuehrer RADL. The head of Amt VI/SI, which is concerned with administration, is Hauptsturmfuehrer Hugo PODLECH.

4. OSTRICH also mentioned the following Amt VI/S. undertakings:

X Unt. MUSCULUS. This was the undertaking involving about a thousand Germans dressed in American uniform, during von Rundstedt's counter-attack. It seems to have had a strong element of Decomposition about it. There was no question of Eisenhower being assassinated.

X Unt. CYPRESSE. BEGUS's undertaking at VERONA.

X Unt. FORELLE. X Obersturmbannfuhrer STANZIG's undertaking in CROATIA.

Unt. JEANNE. This is divided into four:

- X JEANNE SCHLANGE: HAGEDORN's undertaking.
- X JEANNE RICHARD: defunct for obvious reasons.
- X JEANNE LEO
- X JEANNE MICHEL: this latter, called after the squinting
- X HARSIFE was Werner NAISSER's undertaking. OSTRICH is quite certain that NAISSER is alive because on 11th March 1945
- X Obersturmfuehrer DORREVICH of Amt VI/S4, told OSTRICH that he had seen NAISSER who sent OSTRICH greetings.

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C. Miscellaneous Amt VI/S Information.

1. OSTRICH told a curious story, which will need further investigation, about the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine. He said that BESEKOW and MAYER were in the neighbourhood of Remagen carrying out some sabotage operation and he, OSTRICH, understood that they had been responsible for the collapse of the Remagen Bridge.

2. On about 10th February 1945 OSTRICH was in Berlin and saw a telegram containing a report from Mil. Amt D agent ORSO. This man was a Swiss tradesman who had been in Marseilles and had reported details of the pipe line. After being in Marseilles ORSO had gone to Switzerland, and it was from there that Berlin received the report.

3. Lt. PAULUS of KG.200 mentioned to OSTRICH that a B.17 had blown up over Echterdingen airfield. He also talked to him about the V-mann container, which was known as a PAG which stands for Personenabwurfgerat.

D. WEREWOLF Organisation.

1. On or about 2nd February 1945 Hauptsturmfuehrer and Kriminalrat Heinz WINTER (stated by OSTRICH to be very 'malin') introduced OSTRICH at NEU-STRELITZ to SA Brigadenfuhrer DIEBERT, stated at that time to be Chef Generalstab WEREWOLF. At that time at NEU-STRELITZ there were 50 students undergoing sabotage training from Leopold HENN. Twenty of these were ordinary pupils and thirty were WEREWOLVES.

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2. OSTRICH said that he thought that Stabschef der SA SCHUEPMANN was in charge of the WEREWOLF organisation.

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3. OSTRICH seems to have little information about the WEREWOLVES. He says that their tasks are:

- a. Liquidation of Germans helping the Allies
- b. Sabotage.

Training and material for personnel on WEREWOLF operations was provided by Amt VI/S.

4. Kreisleiter Mulheim ~~Walter~~ ~~MAYER~~ was head of the WEREWOLFS for Kreis Mulheim. OSTRICH personally saw a letter from Gauleiter WAGNER to MEYER instructing him to recruit 100 toughs for WEREWOLF work. OSTRICH brought back a signed photograph of ~~MAYER~~.

5. OSTRICH does not seem to have much information about WEREWOLF, though he says that he will be able to find members of it in Mulheim.

E. SD Miscellaneous.

1. Liaison between what OSTRICH described as the H.S.S. u. P.F. (S.D.) and the JAGDVERBAENDE was carried out by two friends of HAGEDORN, ~~Obersturmfuehrer~~ ~~EISENMENGER~~ and ~~Hauptsturmfuehrer~~ ~~DE HARTE~~. They did very little. ~~A~~

2. OSTRICH said that all members of the S.D. now had Waffen SS Soldbuecher, and that the normal green background of their insignia had been liquidated and they could wear any other colour they liked. Their S badges were also abolished.

3. The I/a at FRIEDENTHAL was ~~Obersturmfuehrer~~ ~~FUGGER~~ ~~AUCH~~ having gone with SKORZENY to Schwet-an-der-Oder.

F. Sabotage Materiel.

BOMBS. OSTRICH said there was nothing much new in the bomb line, though further enquiries will be made as to what was included in the 1000 kg of sabotage material he had intended to bring to LA ROUILLEE. He saw a small suitcase made of Nipolit and, at one time had a pair of shoes, the soles of which were made of Nipolit. He had seen the underwater ring-shaped magnetic bomb described by Flusskämpfer SCHREIBER and Wolfgang MUELLER. He seemed vague about the contents of his private cache at BADENWEILER, though it would seem that there are Buttermod Bombs (RED 128) included, but with a 25-minute and not a 5-minute delay.

He also described a bomb consisting of a cylindrical iron container 12" long and 9" in diameter for committing sabotage in railroad tunnels. This contained a selenium (i.e. photo-electric) cell and a Braunstein element. This latter is presumably a Leclanche cell or similar source of EMF. When the word Hell- und Dunkzelzunder was mentioned, OSTRICH immediately remembered this and said that the bomb operated with when light fell on it or the reverse. It will be remembered that SCHREIBER made the same statement, saying that he had heard this from BARTELS as regard underwater mines. OSTRICH further said that this bomb exploded spontaneously after three months.

G. Miscellaneous Comments.

1. OSTRICH arrived with a number of S.D. passes with which he said he was able to get as much petrol as he wished in Germany for his Jeep, and a number of photographs of Amt VI/S personalities, including BESEKOW and himself in various uniforms.

2. He said that there would be a very fierce Maquis in Germany and mentioned the Black Forest as one of the centers of resistance.

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