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Attached are reports from [] on Erwin REITHMAYER who was arrested in Amsterdam on 29 November 1952 for his illegal presence in the Netherlands. It is pointed out that this information has also been given to the German services.

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SUBJECT: Erwin RIBEMAYER and his business relations.

Below we pass you a summary of the business relations of Erwin RIBEMAYER, who was arrested in Amsterdam on 29-11-52 for his alleged presence in the Netherlands. The data were derived from RIBEMAYER's correspondence.

RIBEMAYER is acquainted with (Dr. Waldemar) MEYER in CHILE, who is manager of the REAL CHILE META, and of the A.D.C. UNICO of Santiago. MEYER offers copper and lead to Von HOFFMANN; the latter's boss - Joseph HOFFMANN - passes this offer on to his "Amsterdam" contact, RIBEMAYER.

Thereafter follow a great many offers in lead and copper. RIBEMAYER acts as middleman between the Chilean firms:

1. REAL CHILE - Dr. Waldemar MEYER, and Dietrich

KUHLER-GALLAND;

A.D.C. UNICO - p.p. Dietrich KUHLER-GALLAND;

NERVIL (Comercial Financiera Ltda) - D. KUHLER-GALLAND, and A. SANDAY; (NERVIL represents the

"NABCO" - Manufactureros de Cobre S.A.);

CHILEAN MINES Fremdenverkehrs für Handel, Industrie und Finanzierungen.

On the one side, the Russian Trade Mission in Amsterdam, and the Banque Commerciale pour l'Europe du Nord on the other side. He is not on any position. The "Chilean parties" always stress the point, that Western certificates are required, and want delivery to take place on job Chile conditions, whereas the Russians dictate non-transferable advices and credits, and delivery at Antwerp or Rotterdam. Although the Chilean parties emphasize the fact that they are not permitted to supply to Russia, we yet doubt whether they are acting quite in good faith, for there is a letter addressed to Von HOFFMANN, probably from Waldemar MEYER, which reads:

"Wir sind unter Umständen auch in der Lage, Metallefferten ohne Zertifikate machen zu können, müssen aber dann jeweils einen erheblich höheren Preis dafür kalkulieren. Ich bitte dieses unserer vertraulich behandeln zu wollen, ich habe diesen Stellen vorgeschlagen, Sie, bes. Ihre Firma als Vertrauensperson für Chile-Geschäfte zu akzeptieren. In diesem Zusammenhang möchte ich anfragen, ob Sie in der Lage wären, auf Basis eines privaten, von Ihnen ausarbeitenden Kabelcodes mit mir zusammenzuarbeiten".

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On 26-4-'52 REITHMAYER writes to KUELLER, by office in a position to purchase goods up to a value of several millions of Colones every month

As the "Chillean Justice" knew too, that the credits are opened with the U.C.D.E., they can well guess who is that large buyer of the unknown REITHMAYER.

Besides ANDAX and KUELLER pass REITHMAYER's address on to the gentlemen of the CHILLEAN MINES, Explotacion S.A. Handel, Industrie und Plantationsgesellschaften at Valparaiso, and these gentlemen are decidedly not acting in good faith.

For procurement of the CHILLEAN MINES are writing Juan Valparaiso and (Dr.) Eric Frey, the latter being syndic of the CHILLEAN MINES, and acting as a reference among others the "Econometrica" and "Economica" and "Panorama", "Fraser y Neave" and "Reichsteig".

On 26-7-'52 VOELZELI writes to REITHMAYER to the following effect:

....."Es waere fuer Sie bestimmt sehr interessant, durch uns ohne eine von Ihnen zu Grundegelegte Gesellschaft - unter Rechtsanwalt Dr. FREY ist als chilenischer Staatsbediensteter - besonders dazu geeignet - sich eigene Minen hier auszuheben, um sich die Licenzen nach Wunsch selbst zu schaffen und zu bedeutend billigeren Preisen durch Sie dirigieren zu lassen." (VOELZELI is in a position to offer an iron mine, a lead mine and a molybdeno mine).

On 21-8-'52 VOELZELI writes to REITHMAYER about the same matter saying that as he believes REITHMAYER to be in need of copper, he can procure REITHMAYER all the titles to a copper mine. The situation is even better with regard to lead. CHILLEAN MINES has the exclusive option on a lead mine - "Wir brauchen nur ein Akkreditiv von Ihnen, damit die Mine sofort zur fuer Sie arbeitet und Ihnen Blei liefert soviel Sie wollen und nach Sie wollen. Unser Syndicus Herr Dr. FREY ist chilenischer Staatsbediensteter geworden. Wenn wir als Auftragsfirma die von Ihnen gekaufte Bleimine ausbeuten, kann Ihnen mit etwas passieren. Also nur Sache der richtigen Auftrags, wobei Sie immer durch unsere neutrale Firma in Valparaiso gedeckt sind und als Garantie die Minenrechte besitzen".

On 29-9-'52 Dr. FREY writes to REITHMAYER in reply to a letter from REITHMAYER saying that Reithmayer wants monthly lots of 3,000 tons copper without certificate: "Diese brauchen wir Ihnen beschaffen, und zwar zum Preise von \$ 810.- p. Ton. Die Bedingungen sind die Ueblichen, Angelegenheiten von der Lieferung von Unilhafen bis zu den Einzelheiten des Akkreditivs. Da Sie Ihnen saemtlich geleistet sind, brauchen wir Sie nicht zu wiederholen. Wir benoetigen nur von Ihnen vorlaeufig und nach in dieser Woche ein

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Kabel ohne Handschrift, nur mit der Adresse:
Casilla 1214, Santiago Chile und mit dem einen Wort:
"Interocco".

FREY then knows that this refers to the 3,000 tons;
the cable need not be signed either.

In his letter of 4-11-'92 to the Chilean Minos RESEN-
MAYER complains that they always want a statement of
the name of the buyer, and the country of destination.
He once more urges, that the goods must be free. He
writes: "I have not got a Western certificate; I only
have a credit with a first class bank in Paris, which
credit is not transferable - it is payable on presenta-
tion of the bills of lading.

The goods are to be delivered in transit to Holland;
transshipment and examination of 3,000 tons takes 3 or
4 days. On arrival at Rotterdam a ship is ready waiting.
As a security is to cover the contract that had never
yet been broken, and the advice which after payment of
a guarantee for delivery is at once converted into a
credit. "Gegen Vorlage der Dokumente kann der Betrag auf
beliebige Bank übernommen werden".

Summarizing the position in such a I confirm by wire
price, quantity, and term of delivery; in the meantime
advice is sent to the Bank, you give a transferable
guarantee for delivery of 2.2 per cent. with the Banque
Commerciale or with the Banque Suisse at Zurich. Delivery
to take place at Rotterdam in transit for Holland and
six prices. The Captain shall report six days before
arrival for writing out the certificates of quality and
weight, and for transshipment. The documents shall be
sent to the bank by the forwarding agent, whereafter
payment will be made.

Finally, for your information, our German relations
has also received this report.

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25-2-53.

RE: OUR 0AM/93/119 d.d. 25-2-53.

SUBJECT: E. REISEMAYER, Paul POHREBS and Phoenix
Engineering Company.

With reference to the above-mentioned subjects we inform you as follows.

From the correspondence of the German merchant Erwin REISEMAYER (27-1-10 Berlin), who was arrested for his illegal business in the Netherlands, it has appeared, that he wanted to do business in lead and copper on the instructions of the Banco Trade Mission in Amsterdam.

On April 22, 1952 REISEMAYER requested the Banco Comptable pour l'Europe du Nord in Paris to give to Paul POHREBS, who was calling on the bank on April 23, the contact that he, REISEMAYER, could dispose of a Letter of Credit great \$ 200,000 in payment of a parcel of 200 tons lead. Paul POHREBS, of 19, Alice Schaffer, Luxembourg, is co-manager of the "Société Générale pour le Commerce de Produits Industriels" (SOCIÉCO) of Luxembourg.

As early as 1947 SOCIÉCO was mentioned by the Czech Commercial Attaché in the Hague, J. MAD - in connection with illegal copper transactions. According to STRAD the (insignificant) Dutch firm PHOENIX of Rotterdam had tried to buy copper for Czechoslovakia, to which end the PHOENIX was in contact with Paul POHREBS of the SOCIÉCO.

The copper was to be supplied by the National Steel & Engineering Company in Washington (telegraphic address NASTCO), whose managing director is supposed to be G. ROY. The NASTCO is doing business with the "Banco de Minas" of Chile. The contact with the NASTCO is said to be maintained by G. HALL, of 116 John Street, New York.

It has further been found, that about the middle of 1952 the PHOENIX was yet in contact with ROY about transactions with which the National Steel Bank wanted to have nothing to do. The above facts show, that in all probability the SOCIÉCO and the NASTCO in Washington are playing a part in the illegal trade in copper and lead.