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SUBJECT: Wernfried PFAFF

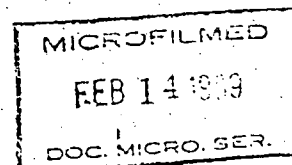
SOURCE: A former staff officer of the intelligence service of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Interior who has in-depth knowledge of the activities and personalities of that service. His reporting to date has proved reliable.

1. Quite a few agents were recruited among German Prisoners of War in the CSSR during World War II and dispatched as repatriates. However, the only such agent who was really successful, as far as Source knew, was Wilfried PFAFF. (Comment: Wilfried PFAFF is identical with Wernfried PFAFF, DPOB: 14 February 1915, Brandov, CSSR).

2. PFAFF's value lay in the fact that he had many contacts among former Nazi intelligence personnel. During World War II, PFAFF was a member of the Sicherheitsdienst (SD) (German Security Service) and he was in prison in the CSSR until 1955. He was recruited in prison in the CSSR by Jaroslav NEMEC (DPOB: 13 December 1923, Libusin, CSSR) who used to work against Radio Free Europe.

3. PFAFF was sent back to Germany at the time when many German war prisoners were released in about 1955. Source thinks PFAFF was always handled by direct contact and not through illegals. NEMEC may have run PFAFF from Salzburg.

4. PFAFF was highly rated by the Headquarters of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Interior (MV) in Prague. He worked in some sort of Institute for Eastern Problems, perhaps in Marburg, which Source is certain is German and not American. Source thinks that PFAFF reported on the Eastern policy of West Germany.



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5. Some years later, in the late 1950's or early 1960's, someone from the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) (West German Intelligence Service) contacted PFAFF. This person was someone whom PFAFF had known in the Nazi era and he offered PFAFF a job in the BND. The MV broke contact with PFAFF at that time because they were afraid the BND would run a background investigation if they were thinking of hiring PFAFF. Source doesn't know how this episode turned out, but he does know that the MV eventually re-contacted PFAFF later and put him back to work.

6. In the 1950's PFAFF belonged to the Germany/Austria/Switzerland Department of the MV First Directorate, but when the Counterintelligence Department was founded in early 1964 PFAFF was taken over by it. Josef MATEJKA, (DPOB: 23 October 1923, CSSR), currently MV Resident in The Netherlands, is in the Counterintelligence Department and is the type of person who might be used to meet PFAFF. Source thinks that MATEJKA might be running PFAFF from The Netherlands, but is not sure. Stanislav TOMES (DPOB: 22 November 1925, Prague, CSSR) also ran him at one time or another.

CJ: CSR  
OCC: Gov't

7. Source doesn't think that the MV is aware that he knows of this case.

8. (Comment: PFAFF was positively identified as a Czechoslovak agent in February 1965 by the Dutch intelligence Service. When the Bundesministerium fuer Verfassungsschutz (BfV) (West German Ministry for Protection of the Constitution) was asked by the Dutch service about PFAFF, it informed the Dutch service that PFAFF was captured by the Soviets at the end of World War II. He was held in a Soviet Prisoner-of-War Camp until he was turned over to the Czechs in May 1945 for trial on charges connected with his SD Obersturmfuehrer activities in the CSSR during the war. He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and released during a general amnesty of 1955 when he was allowed to return to Germany. During BfV questioning after his return, PFAFF claimed he refused both Soviet and Czech recruitment attempts,

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but statements to the BfV by other returnees indicated that PFAFF received conspicuously better treatment than other prisoners in both Soviet and Czech prisons. The BfV was willing to arrest PFAFF but preferred instead to approach him for recruitment. As of December 1966 the Dutch intelligence service understood that PFAFF was then a BfV double agent with Czech requirements to spot West Germans with a Nazi past.)

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