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① REMER, (General) Otto Ernst

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EGYPT

(also given as ROEMER)

Ref #1

German Ambassador, Cairo advised AmAmb that one fnu ROEMER had arrived Cairo, implied that subj "wanted by west"; indicates possibility that ROEMER may be Maj Gen Otto Ernst ROEMER (carder's note: German desk says Otto Ernst spells his name REMER)

IN W 16064  
Nr 861 of 15 iv 53  
USARMA Cairo to  
Dept Army

One fnu REMER, described as paratroop general, convicted war criminal, who escaped from German prison and was subject of wide-spread search, is now in Egypt on transit visa. Subj assisted in entry by Col Gerhard MERTENS (paratroop advisor to Egypt MinWar). Subj now said to be hidden at MERTEN's home at 7 Kasr al-Kahira, Kubbeh Palace District, Cairo. (Field comment: Station unfamiliar with case, attempting obtain details.)

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[ ]-126: F-6  
[ ]  
27 April 1953  
CSDB to State, Army  
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ref [ ]-126; NECA-469.

Baron von MIRBACH (counsellor, German Embassy) who claims Ernst ZOLLING as informant, told US MILatt 15 April subj leaving Alex (same date) in company one SPRINGER (fnu), destination Syria. (Field note: if last sentence of [ ]-126 correct re hiding of REMER, either German Embassy deliberately mis-informing American Embassy, or ZOLLING is aware of collaboration between Embassies and supplies false information to von MIRBACH.)

[ ]-853; IN-20167  
29 April 1953

Some elements following to Cairo as cable.

Ernst Otto REMER is German general who was, on the day of the attempted assassination of Hitler, able to save Goebbels et al from arrest by countermanning the order and thus breaking up the conspiracy against the leading Nazi officials. He served a short term of imprisonment, from which he was released, after completing sentence, in 1952, for speaking against the allies and trying to incite the people to action against them. The German desk would not describe him as a war criminal. Person described cables above not necessarily REMER (Otto Ernst), therefore.

Conversation with  
German desk:  
30 Apr 1953

Newspapers (German) of 11, 12 April: German government official source has announced that Otto Ernst REMER, wanted by police for evading a prison sentence for rabble-rousing which he was to have begun to serve on 22 March 1953, has escaped to Egypt, and that Germany may ask for extradition. Said to have gone without a visa. Newspapers (German) of 18, 19 April: Subj went to Egypt, but was unsuccessful in obtaining appointment to post of advisor to Egypt army. Ultimate destination: said to be Uruguay. ROEMER or REIMER, also = (U. L. L. A. E. W. E. R.)

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von MIRBACH told US MILatt that he had been told by Simon MENACHE (qv) that subj had been seen by MENACHE in Company with ex-Mufti al-HUSAYNI.

MECA-474; 27 April 53

Former leader of banned neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party for whose arrested a warrant exists issued by Federal German government., believed to have arrived Egypt on non-German passport. Applied Frankfurt Cons, departed for Egypt without awaiting reply. ~~Not~~ thought to hold passport issued in false name by ME country, possibly Iran. Now said to have left Egypt, arrived in Iran or neighboring country.

FBIS from London  
21 May 1953

Subject, former German General and Deputy Chairman of the outlawed SRP, has been expelled from Egypt after having been arrested early this week near Sairo. (Remer had left the Federal Republic some months ago to escape prison term.)

FBIS:Stuttgart,  
31 July 1953

See report, filed under EG. 5.7. for references to previous Army Attache reports on subj and on SKORZENY, as well as for round-up of conjectures, info on subj..

R-163-53;  
Jan 53 to date

Chairman of the neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party (SRP) who sent fru SPRINGER to Egypt to prepare asylum for exiled leaders of SRP there.

JX 4307; Jan -  
Apr 53  
B-2; CONTROL

\*When Security Ministry Director Dr. Hans Egidl publicly announced from the Natl. Ministry of Interior that Subject, who on 27 Feb. had to report at the Oldenburg penitentiary, had sought salvation in flight to the land of the Pharoahs (i.e., Egypt), he had no idea that he was setting up a hoax, was indirectly affecting the "Back-to-Germany" movement of (Pres.Muh.) Najib's prominently German military advisors. The comedy began on 25 March....later (ret.) German colonel Ernst Tolling, counter-espionage chief in days of Rommel...mistook Ernst Wilhelm Springer for Remer...and informed Ambassador Pawelke that Subject had taken up residence in Cairo.... Question of...extradition charges (i.e., for Remer) were suddenly solved when Pawelke had to contradict himself....etc.etcetc...

German Magazine of  
13 May 1953; for-  
warded by EE with  
comment that is of  
doubtful reliability  
DER SPIEGEL. Copy  
of article filed  
in Eg. 5.7 under  
date of 13 May '53

(Note on routing  
sheet of article  
says that EOLA-1187  
states that VOSS is  
definitely author

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Subject in Egypt 2 months (Since March) brought to Egypt at request of Fritz Wilhelm Voss and with connivance of Egyptian Consul General in Hamburg to help train commando units for canal zone fighting.

NY 27846  
J. 135  
5 May 1953

Federal Republic Security agencies certain subj's trip to Egypt financed by Wilhelm VOSS (qv). Bonn ForOff reportedly has persuaded Egypt Govt not to hire subject.

IN 19959; FRAN 4  
4275  
(Strategic Div  
SitRep 67  
29 April 1953)

GerAmb convinced that VOSS hoped subj to come to Cairo.

AmEmb Cairo 2110  
10 April 1953

*A former general of Hitler's elite guard. subj worked to restore neo-nazism in Bonn Republic until his recent arrival, Cairo.*

NY Times  
10. iv. 53

Calls attention to USArmAtt Cairo, report R-137-53, with info supplied by Dietrich Von MIRBACH (qv), ex-Mufti al-HUSAYNI, according to ZOLLING, says subj and one SPRINGER (qv) using aliases would probably leave Alex 15 April for Syria. Trip said to be financed by al-HUSAYNI who was unable to provide refuge in Egypt for REMER. (qv), because of Egyptian Government pressure.

NECA-469; 27 iv 53

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Subject entered Egypt in April 1953. In view of diplomatic relations between Bonn and Bonn, there was hesitation over granting his request for a residence permit and employment as a instructing officer. He was given time to try to reach an understanding elsewhere. (of 6) Left for Beirut & Damascus where he entered under another name...but (Sept. 5) there was no chance of securing employment. When he came back to Egypt, (53) he was granted a permit allowing him to stay until he could arrange a journey to Spain or South America. This was on assurances given by Otto Skorzeny. Since then, Subject has been living in house arrest. In 2nd half of July, Remer made a business arrangement, calling for delivery of Austrian machine tools to Egypt. It is not clear whether he himself went to Austria to arrange this....

Subject, who had been refused permission to stay in Egypt and who had gone to Syria, entered Egypt with forged documents. When the Eg. authorities discovered his passport to be false, they granted Subject a short stay to get his papers into order and then to proceed to Spain or South America. Subject succeeded in evading supervision of Eg. secret police and went to a place of entertainment at Heliopolis. He became completely intoxicated and caused a scandal. Subject was arrested by the police, and the Eg. authorities demanded that he leave the country immediately.

JX-4606  
11 Sept 53  
N.D. -  
because  
of his  
extradi-  
tion  
by Germany

Subj, said to be living in Egypt as a political refugee, is said to have proposed establishment of a State Security Office in Egypt, which has been rejected by the authorities.

OEL 4152; undated  
CONTROL

Since Bonn and Egypt have diplomatic relations, some hesitation about granting subj - as fugitive from justice - sanctuary in Egypt when he appeared there April 1953. Given time to try to find work elsewhere, but after canvassing Syria and Lebanon, he was still without work. Granted permit to stay in Egypt until he could go to Spain or SA. Since then, under house arrest. Late July, said to have arranged for sale of Austrian machine tools to Egypt; not clear whether he left Egypt to do this.

GW 2045  
F  
12 Aug 53

Subj's request for employment with Egyptian army refused; application for permission to stay as civilian also refused. Under protection of ex-Mufti, subj tried for job in Syria, though KRIEBEL did not want him. Bonn Govt also indicated displeasure at such a move, but no final decision re subj's employment Syria has been made.

JX 4799; Aug 53

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JX 6018; late 53 to  
early 54; CONTROL

Received political asylum Egypt after unsuccessful attempt obtain same in Syria, summer, 1953; both he and Ernst Wilhelm SPRINGER who accompanied him promised abstain from political activities. Fall of 1953, subj seen with (Dr) Fritz DORIS, leader of dissolved Socialist Reich Party whom subj said had subsequently returned Italy. Political views of subj unchanged; sees not immediate political action, but willing wait several years. Subj stated not prepared request Adenauer's pardon. No plans for employment in Egypt, but hopeful to find such in some other oriental country. Mentioned assistance of W. BEISSNER, which makes it likely Syria is place he'd like to go; it was there he went after his first unsuccessful attempt find asylum Egypt, or to Saudi Arabia where HEIDMANN (qv) now lives. Subj had found assistance in past at Casa Marignoli, in Rome, a point of support for German nationalist radicals and of ideological assistance to MSI (Italian Socialist Movement).

DFB 31312; 9 Dec 53

One Francis Parker YOCKEY, said by an informant of doubtful reliability to be in Cairo, worked on several occasions in Oct 52 as clerical help to committee for Freedom of August 1953 (Major) General REMER. (A#)

Seen 14 June 54 in Metropolitan Hotel, Cairo, in conversation with Albert GAY and W. BEISSNER (qqv).

JX 6357; June 1954  
CONTROL; B-3

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Heinz SARROISE (qv) Saar-born French citizen who apparently walk-in, volunteered that he had met Subj in Cairo in June 1954, and that he was formerly a leader of the SRP political party in Germany. SARROISE claims subj has been approached by (Dr) Willi BEISSNER, alias JABGER, who is trying to persuade him to accept a position in East Germany as a police advisor. SARROISE further stated subj is anti-communist, but because of reduced circumstances may accept the offer.

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(card #16)

One of the German military advisors claims to have met and talked with subj in Cairo 22 Jan 54; subj officially reported as deported from Egypt some months ago but now according to an un-named German expert is playing leading role in GOE efforts to establish a system similar to that of the Nazis in Germany.

FBIIS from Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 12 Feb 1954, quoting Cairo correspondent of a German newspaper.

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W. BEISSNER made use of his contact with ex-Mufti on behalf of subj and fnu SPRINGER when they came to Cairo in June 1953.

JX 4800; 11 Jan 54  
CONTROL; B-3

Source (Maj. G G MERTINS) states emphatically that Major Gen. Otto Ernst REMER has been in Cairo for a considerable period of time and intends to remain - gets monthly allowance of LE 50 from Eg. Army - too old to cause any trouble and mentally incapable.

US Mil Att  
Cairo  
R 178 54  
26 June 54

Gerhard MERTINS, source: subj still in Egypt, probanlu at Kaft el Dauwar, near Alexandria. Receives monthly allowance from Egyptian army of LE 50. (\$144). Subj in contact with supreme guide, Ikhwan, but that subj is no longer an important individual and might be termed "ineffective". MERTINS himself has requested 'Uthman NURI, deputy director of general intelligence, that subj be given monetary allowance. When MERTINS was asked why Egyptian Army would give REMER money, MERTINS vague reply was: it is better to have REMER in Egypt rather than in Germany where he might do some harm.

R 270 54; OARMA Egypt  
18 Sept 54

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Living under name WISCHNEWSKI at 7 sharia Aliel Gallad, Cairo, (Dokki), c/o Sophia TAWEL, telephone 95121. Reportedly has established good relations with leading Egyptian personalities.

JX 66687; July 1954  
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Neither REMER nor WISCHNEWSKI nor TAWIL listed. No listing for Cairo telephone 95121

EGYPTIAN DIRECTORY, '54

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