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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Defection of BND Staff Officer

1. In the course of a routine meeting on 29 April 1959, Paul Pfeiffer, Chief of the Hamburg LfV said that he wanted to bring to my attention a very unusual development.

2. Following is the substance of Pfeiffer's remarks:

A staff officer of the BND in Munich and a BND employee in Hamburg have had friendly relations with each other for a number of years, based on common East German background and wartime service with some element of the RSHA. The two families have been in correspondence and occasional visits were exchanged between Hamburg and Munich. On such occasions, they stayed at each other's homes.

The Munich officer announced that he would visit Hamburg around the middle of April 1959 and in accordance with the established routine, he stayed at the home of his Hamburg friend. During this visit at least one long drinking session took place. Next morning the Munich visitor claimed that he did not feel well and wanted to stay in bed for at least a few more hours. The Hamburg host and his wife left on their morning errands and the visitor was left alone in the home.

When the Hamburg host returned he found his guest gone. Gone also was his steel box in which BND material was kept. He found a letter from his guest in which it was stated that the writer has worked for the SSD all along and invited his friend to join the East German service in which case the matter at hand could be solved with minimum embarrassment.

The incident was reported to the Hamburg police by the BND but the BND did not discuss it with the LfV until they were specifically asked by the chief of the LfV if the defection had any bearing on Hamburg LfV interests.

3. Armed with the above information, I asked Paul Opitz, Chief of Kuernast, on 30 April if he had heard of the recent BND flap. Opitz said yes, he had heard about it but that the matter was considered very secret. Whereupon he gave the outline of the story, as above, and also provided the names of the principals involved; according to him the name of the Hamburg BND man (the victim) is GORING. The defector's name is SCHWARZWELLER. (HOB Comment: Too much reliance should not be placed on these spellings because Opitz' memory is not the best.)

4. Kripo Chief, Karl Breuer is supposed to know all the ramifications of the above but he will be on vacation till the first of June.

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