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Future Plans of the
German Intelligence Service

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INTRODUCTION

The German Intelligence Service is now controlled by Heinrich Himmler and his subordinates. This centralization of all German intelligence resulted from the recent absorption of the traditional Military Intelligence Organization by the Nazi Party Intelligence Services. Whatever military considerations may have played a part in this move, the fact to be reckoned with is that the Nazis now possess an indispensable weapon for survival. They are prepared to establish and control completely INTELLIGENCE, SUBVERSION and SABOTAGE for underground operations.

While the complete, factual plans of future German intelligence are not in Allied hands, it is possible to trace, from available information, an outline of the planned German program for developing the Intelligence Service into an underground organization.

The source material for the following outline of the German Intelligence plans comes from captured documents, prisoner of war interrogations, and most reliable Top Secret and Secret sources.

A. REORGANIZATION OF GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

1. The German Intelligence Services have evolved during the past year from two competing organizations into a single unified system. The bitter competition between the Nazi Party Intelligence Service (Reichssicherheitshauptamt, hereinafter referred to as RSHA) and the secret Military Intelligence, (ABWEHR), ceased when the RSHA, controlled by Heinrich Himmler, ousted Admiral Canaris and absorbed the ABWEHR as one of its bureaus. This new RSHA bureau is called the Military Bureau. The unification left a highly trained, centralized group

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of fanatical Nazis in charge of the German Secret Intelligence Service.

Within a few months, after control had been assumed by the RSHA, it became obvious that drastic personnel changes were being made within the German Intelligence Service. The selection of German agents, their training, and the results of their missions immediately improved under the more efficient RSHA leadership.

Whether this reorganization of the German Intelligence Services developed from a struggle for power between two competing organizations, or whether it was a step in a plan to perpetuate the Nazi ideal in the face of a recognized military defeat, is not at this time clear.

2. Chart No. 1, ABSORPTION OF ABWEHR BY REICHSSICHERHEITSHAUPTAMT, shows the assimilation of the old Abwehr by the RSHA. This commenced in the spring of 1944. In the first stages, the RSHA took control of everything except Abwehr field intelligence units operating directly with the armies. Later, the control of these Abwehr intelligence units also passed to the RSHA. The Nazi Party Intelligence Organization thus gained TOTAL control over all German Intelligence.

3. Chart 2, PRESENT GERMAN INTELLIGENCE, shows the reorganized and unified German Intelligence Service. It is a centralized intelligence organization (positive, counter and sabotage) which can be used for an underground service after defeat. On the chart the subdivisions of the RSHA are called Amts -- the German word for Bureaus.

These bureaus are divided into two general sections.

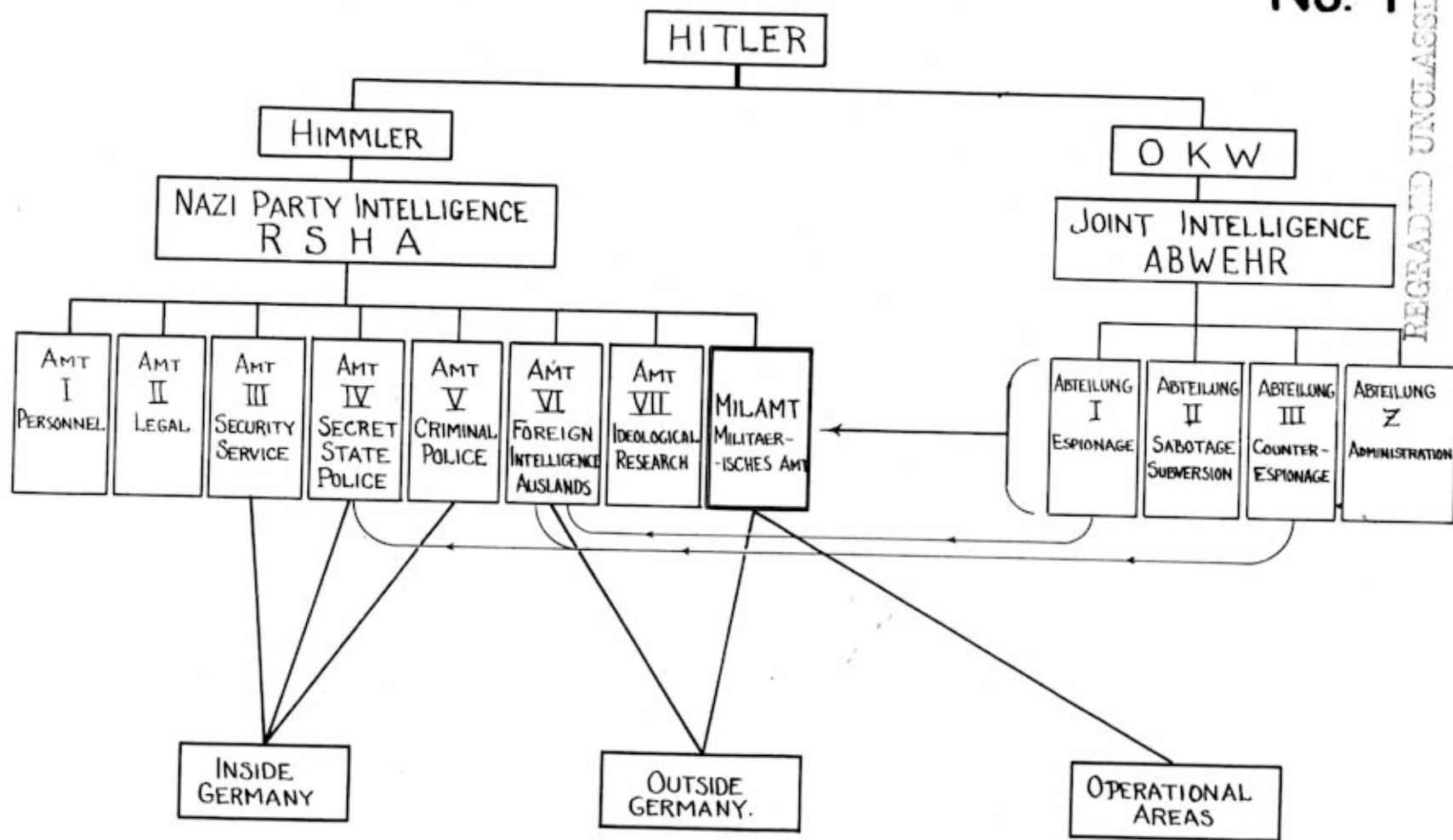
- (a) Internal German Intelligence, (i.e., positive and counter-intelligence, Security and the Criminal Police). These are controlled by Bureau III, the Internal Security Service; Bureau IV, the Secret Police or Gestapo; and Bureau V, the Criminal Police Bureau.

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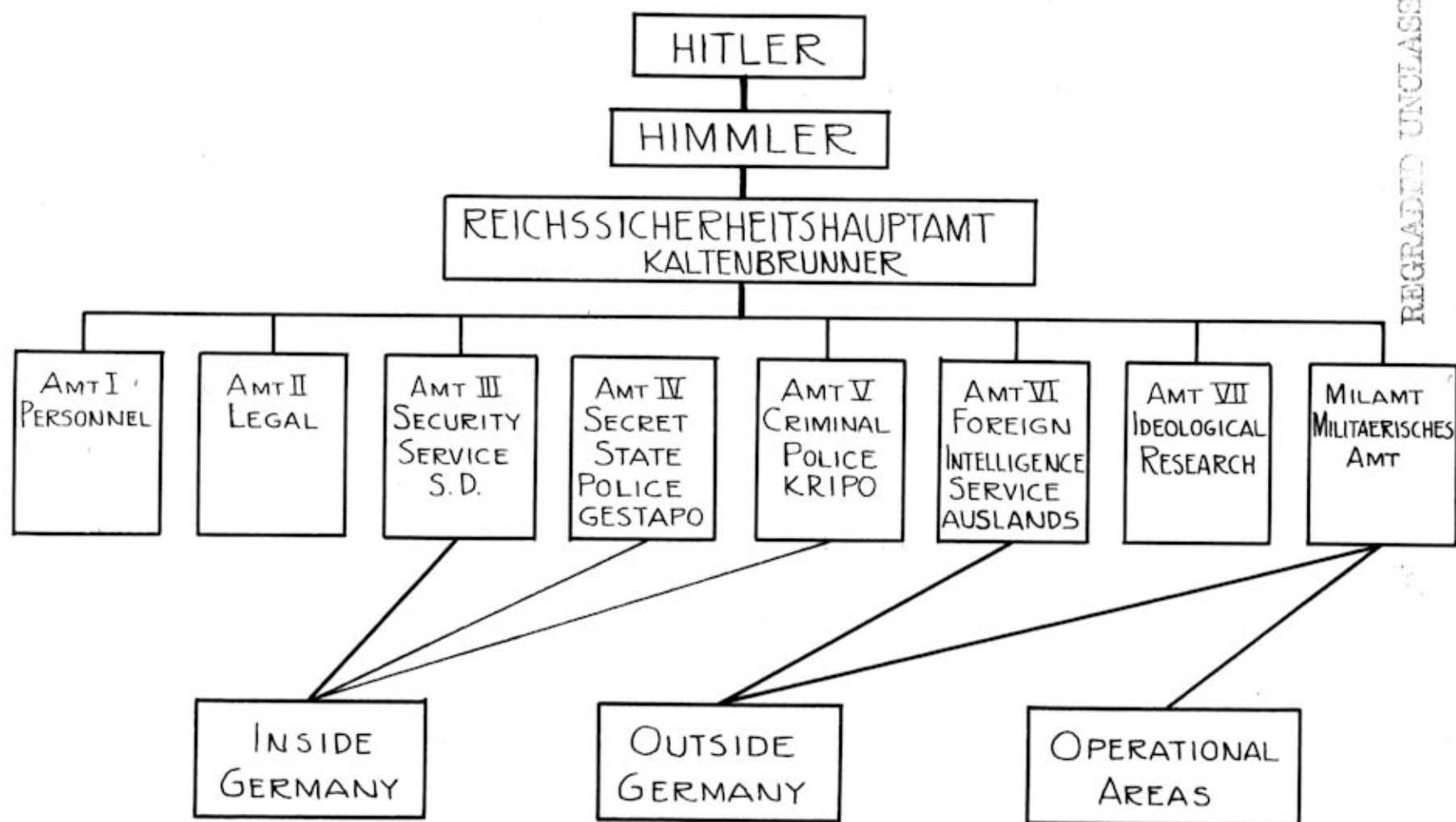
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ABSORPTION OF ABWEHR BY REICHSSICHERHEITSHAUPTAMT.

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- (b) External German Intelligence, Subversion, Sabotage and Counter-intelligence. These are controlled by Bureau VI, the Foreign Intelligence Bureau, and by the most recent addition, the Military Bureau which was set up to take over most of the functions of the old Abwehr.

4. Chart 3, FUTURE POST HOSTILITIES GERMAN INTELLIGENCE, shows the probably future organization of the German Intelligence Service. The bureaus outlined in red are those which will continue in the post-defeat period. The basis for this chart is the most recent intelligence reports which explicitly set out future plans for these RSHA bureaus. The dotted lines indicate those bureaus whose future is not entirely clear at present.

B. THE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AS IT RELATES TO GERMAN OPEN RESISTANCE PLANS

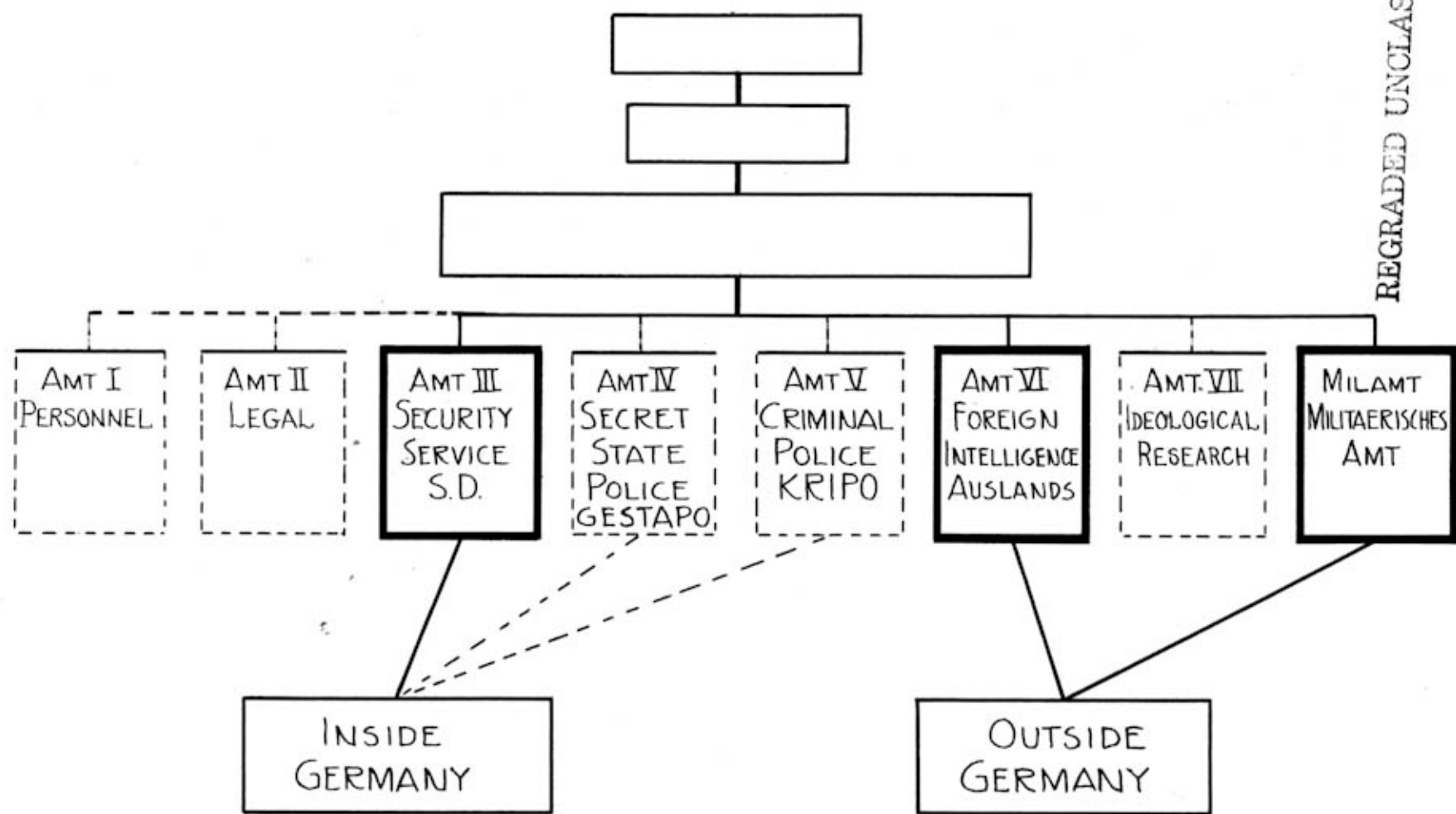
1. Information has been received that the officers for a German Army of from 35,000 to 40,000 men are now being trained in special Nazi Fuehrer schools for use in resistance and guerilla warfare. This army is under the control of a central staff. Its troops are selected volunteers drawn from Nazi party members, Hitler Youth, the Waffen SS and special Sabotage units, many of whom have been withdrawn from the fighting fronts for this training.

Preparations for partisan and terrorist activity have already been made by caching supplies throughout Germany. The scale of these preparations is indicated by experience in France and Italy where over 800 sabotage and post-invasion supply dumps already have been uncovered.

RSHA plans for the future are closely associated with German Resistance plans but their coordination is not yet wholly clear. From a number of reliable sources, it has been reported that the RSHA has issued directions for underground resistance. At present it is presumed that these

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directions apply to intelligence, subversion and sabotage rather than to continued guerrilla resistance.

2. It is definitely known that specific assignments for the post-surrender period have already been made to bureaus of the RSHA, as follows: (See Chart 3).

- (a) The INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE BUREAU is charged with the collection of political and economic information inside Germany.
- (b) The FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BUREAU and the MILITARY BUREAU are to collect political, economic and military information outside Germany.
- (c) The MILITARY BUREAU will form stay-behind nets in Western Germany for military reporting, presumably for guerrilla needs.

C. PROBABLE FUTURE OF GERMAN INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE, SECRET POLICE AND CRIMINAL POLICE BUREAUS.

1. BUREAU III, THE INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE, conducts investigations and directs intelligence within Germany, while the Secret Police or Gestapo, Bureau IV, is the executive agency for making arrests and carrying out interrogations. The effectiveness of the Gestapo is largely due to the thoroughness of the Internal Security Service.

Recent reliable reports indicate that the Internal Security Service will continue in its intelligence function and will also have the responsibility for the establishment of post-defeat networks within the Reich.

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Probable Future of German Internal Security Service, Secret Police and Criminal Police Bureaus, continued:-

It is considered that the personality records under the control of the Internal Security Bureau are most complete and will be used most effectively in carrying out underground activities.

2. THE GESTAPO BUREAU, according to reliable reports, went through a considerable reorganization during the past summer. This reorganization followed the assignment to it of Counter-Espionage within Germany and the occupied areas, formerly conducted by the Abwehr. It is not known yet whether its functions will be maintained in a separate Gestapo Bureau or merged with Bureau III, the Internal Security Service.

3. THE CRIMINAL POLICE BUREAU has, for the most part, occupied itself with straight criminal activity in the past. Recent reports indicate that the Germans believe that the Allied Control Commission will have to utilize the services of the Criminal Police, now controlled by Bureau V. In anticipation of such allied action, both the Gestapo Bureau and Internal Security Service Bureau personnel are being planted in the Criminal Police.

D. PROBABLE FUTURE OF GERMAN FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AND THE MILITARY BUREAU.

1. THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (NO. VI) has been given the primary responsibility for post-defeat intelligence networks outside Germany.

This will include the counter-intelligence functions abroad taken over when the Abwehr was absorbed into the RSHA. The Foreign Intelligence Bureau directs the foreign intelligence policy and conducts certain independent operations.

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Probable Future of German Foreign Intelligence Bureau and the Military Bureau, continued:-

2. THE MILITARY BUREAU, into which the remainder of the Abwehr was incorporated, has also been assigned the duty of carrying on foreign espionage during the post-defeat period. At present, the Military Bureau maintains operational control over foreign intelligence activities in addition to its straight military field intelligence functions.

3. Both the Foreign Intelligence Bureau and the Military Bureau are headed by Dr. Walter Schellenberg. As a result their functions are well coordinated. It is believed that the same relationship between the two bureaus will carry on into the post-defeat period.

E. EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING EXISTENCE OF GERMAN POST DEFEAT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

1. Plans for Operations.

(a) Definite instructions for post-defeat operations have been issued by the RSHA. Responsibility has been assigned functionally and geographically, within and without the Reich, to specific RSHA bureaus.

(b) A central controlling staff, it is reported, has been selected, of which the following members are known: HIMMLER, KALTENBRUNNER (chief of the RSHA), DALUEGE (former Chief of the Civil Police), BACH-ZELEWSKI (head of the German anti-Guerrilla organization), REDIESS (superior SS and police commander for Norway), PANCKE (superior SS and police commander for Denmark), HOFFMANN (SS officer, probably from Russia), BORMANN, FRANK (superior SS and police commander in Prague).

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Evidence Establishing Existence of German Post-Defeat Intelligence Operations, continued:-

(c) Groups of Five (Fuenfergruppen) have been created, subject only to the Supreme Central Command. These are operational units for assigned areas within the underground movement which is being organized on a territorial basis. Each unit is to work independently without knowledge of the identities of neighboring Groups of Five. They will exercise the three functions, corresponding to the sections of the old Abwehr, of Intelligence, Sabotage and Security. It is stated that the fundamental duty of each Group of Five is to act as an intelligence reporting unit. They may recruit agents at their discretion. Each group will have at its disposal extensive equipment for the execution of the three functions. This equipment consists of: a secret arms depot, a hospital, a chemical laboratory, forging equipment, a printing plant, a telephone exchange and radio communication.

(d) Regional Units (Landesverbaende) trained in radio, have been newly formed for post-defeat operations. They are located in German cities where in some cases their headquarters, their designations and their leaders are known. They operate with and perhaps under two or three main divisions of the German Intelligence Service, a factor indicating the flexibility which has characterized German Intelligence operations in recent months.

2. Personnel.

(a) Recent information shows a new trend in the selection of enemy intelligence personnel. Recruits are being selected with the greatest care and the knowledge of the post-defeat and stay-behind operations contemplated is, by order, limited to the smallest possible number. This

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measure is taken purposely to avoid the impression of defeatism which would arise if the existence of such plans should become generally known.

(b) The leaders of the Groups of Five described above are chosen by high authority in the Security Bureau from among the most highly trained of the Waffen-SS personnel who in many cases have been recalled from the front for special training.

(c) Agents are being withdrawn from other assignments, such as air force intelligence, for post-occupational work.

(d) Recently organized cadres under the direction of the well-known Otto SKORZENY, head of Sabotage and Subversion, are ear-marked for the resistance.

(e) Women are being recruited as agents for post-defeat Intelligence Reporting and Security.

3. Methods.

(a) Instructions have been issued generally to Intelligence personnel to go into hiding, in the event of defeat, and/or to pass themselves off as private citizens. It is further reported that Himmler has given secret orders recently to SS troops to surrender where the situation is hopeless as a measure of conservation for later underground operations. Selected personnel will thus go underground as prisoners of war.

(b) It is also reported that SS personnel is being trained in Communist methods with a view to infiltrations of the Communist Party after defeat. Former Communists who have become Nazis in recent years are to be used in this operation for the double purpose of keeping the Party alive undercover and fomenting discord between the occupying armies.

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Evidence Establishing Existence of German Post-Defeat Intelligence Operations, Methods, continued:-

(c) The Foreign Intelligence Bureau has been instructed to make use of business and commercial contacts as a means of gathering post-defeat intelligence.

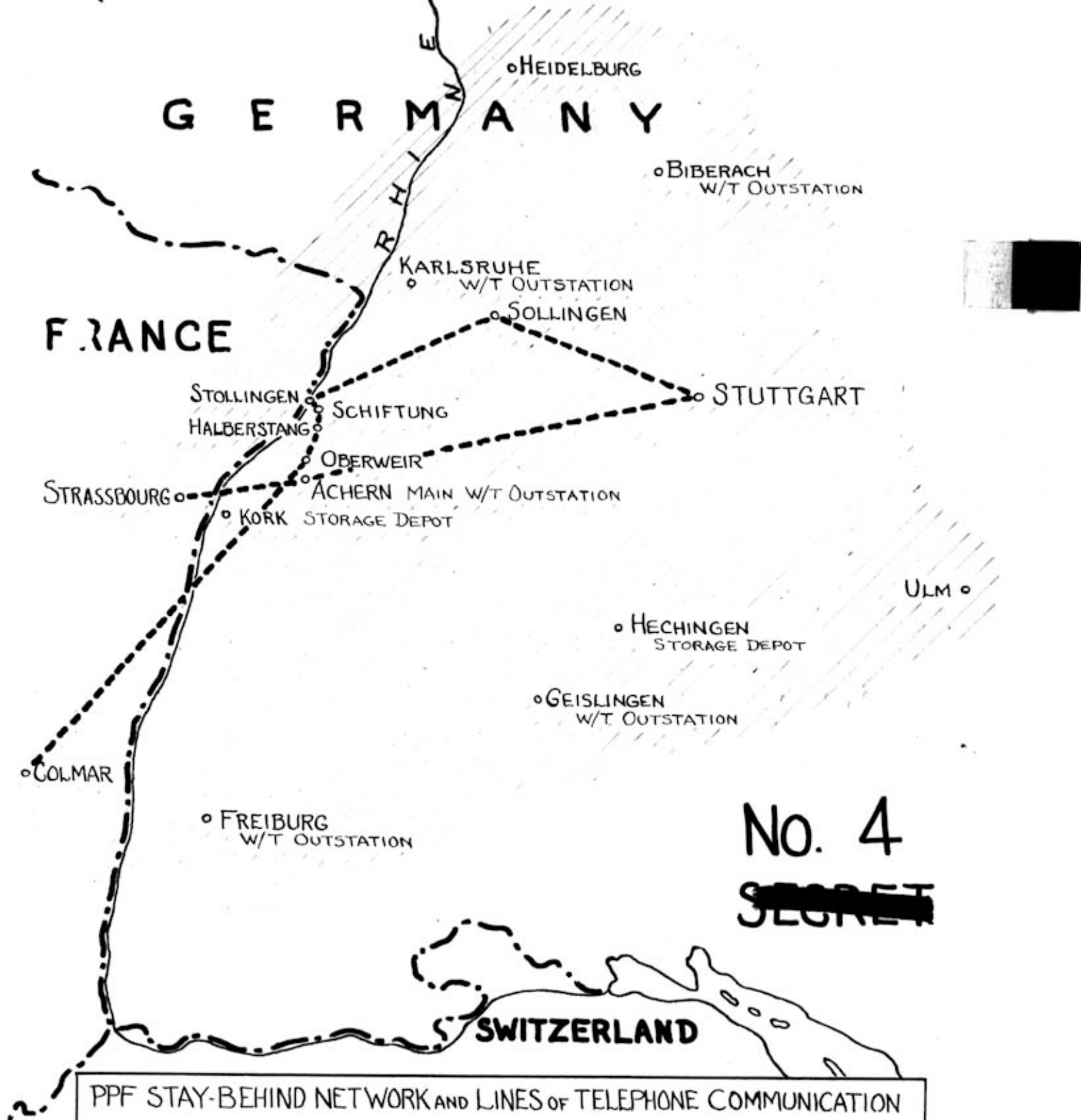
(d) Land mines for operation by stay-behind networks are being layed in areas which the enemy expects will be occupied. According to our reports, this is planned as post-defeat operation.

(e) Cover addresses in Switzerland have been arranged for the use of agents when Allied postal control will have been established in Germany.

4. French Elements.

Large scale activity with French elements is in progress. Pro-Nazi organizations such as the Parti Populaire Francais and other groups of French Nationals, have been organized as a part of the German Intelligence Service both for immediate tactical military use, stay-behind and post-hostilities resistance, and for subversive, political and economic reporting. Another report states that there is also a sabotage school for the training of French Nationals. Underground cable lines are being layed from west of the Rhine east to Stuttgart as an instrument, it is believed, for post-occupational subversive activity. Farmers, some of them identified, are to act as agents. Terminal points along this system are known. (SEE CHART NO. 4.)

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F. EVIDENCE FROM GERMAN AND OTHER SOURCES IN WHICH THE ENEMY'S CONCERN WITH POST-DEFEAT ACTIVITY MAY BE INFERRED

1. Long-Range Reporting

(a) In recent months the German Intelligence has begun shifting its attention more and more to long-range reporting. Field units formerly engaged in purely tactical intelligence for immediate military use have been instructed to gather political and economic material. This addition to their duties has caused some complaint. Similar instructions have been issued generally throughout the German Intelligence Service and especially to stay-behinds. Emphasis is placed in foreign reporting on the growth of the Communist movement. These instructions are issued by these bureaus who are entrusted with post-defeat operations.

(b) It is reported also from Italy that the German Intelligence Service is stressing political trends and the winning of post-war sympathy for Germany.

2. South Germany

A struggle for power among leading RSHA officers is in progress. This is reported to be a conflict between North and South German elements. The preponderance of strength lies with the South Germans. Moreover, the centers of resistance both military and clandestine, as presently reported, are to be located in Southern and Southwest Germany. The implications of this development for American operations in the period of occupation need not be stressed.

One leading South German personality is worth mentioning, Otto SKORZENY, head of Sabotage and Subversion. He has been active in Greece, Italy and Western Europe and has been engaged in various glamorous exploits such as the rescue of Mussolini. His recent successes have won him a roving commission and have raised him to a powerful position within the bureaus of the RSHA, which are to be involved in underground operations. Information concerning his units,

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South Germany, continued:-

newly formed, states that they will be centers of underground resistance.

3. Operational Networks

(a) The Rhine (SEE TAB NO. 5)

There is intensive activity in setting up agent-networks along the right bank of the Rhine. Networks, bordering on operational areas, ordinarily a responsibility of German Military Intelligence, are declared not to be a military matter but one of particular interest to the Nazi Party.

(b) The West Coast of France (SEE TAB NO. 6)

Great interest is shown by German Intelligence in the fortresses on the West Coast of France which are still in German hands. Agents have been withdrawn from units on the Western Front for espionage in the Bordeaux area. The targets are political and economic as well as military and naval. This last factor is difficult to explain, for this area, on other than a long-range basis.

(c) The Low Countries (SEE TAB NO. 5)

An activity similar to that described in the preceding paragraph is in progress throughout Holland and along the channel coast. These operations are in the charge of one of the ablest members of the German Intelligence Service, Kapitaneuleutnant SCHUCHMANN.

4. Spain

The German Intelligence Service in Spain has been decentralized. It is controlled both from within Spain and from various points in Germany. This fluid condition indicates that the German Intelligence Service is prepared for any emergency in Spain, political or otherwise, for example:

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


AREA BEHIND INVASION PLANS FOR
GERMAN INTELLIGENCE FIELD UNITS

-  MFK 60
-  KDO BARTSCH
-  KDO 130
-  KDO 120
-  KDO 176
-  KDM HAMBURG
-  KDM KOLN
-  KDM WIESBADEN
-  KDM STUTTGART (PPF)

NOTE THAT AREAS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS UNITS OVERLAP IN MANY CASES.

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GERMAN STAY BEHIND NETWORKS
RECENTLY SETUP TO OPERATE FROM
FRENCH CHANNEL PORTS, ETC.

-  GERMAN HELD PORTS
-  W/T COMMUNICATIONS
-  LINES OF SUPPLY
-  AGENT NET WORKS

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(a) Instructions have been issued to an agent in Spain to remain there whatever happens. This man is an agent of the section of the German Intelligence Service responsible for intelligence in the United Kingdom and the Western Hemisphere. Commercial cover has been assigned and no target given.

(b) Plans have been made to penetrate France under German Intelligence control from Spain. Vichyite refugees, black-mailed Spanish Loyalists and Spanish businessmen are to be used. It has been agreed among German Intelligence authorities in Spain and Germany that certain Germans in Spain are to be naturalized in the interest of German Intelligence, to forestall expulsion.

(c) German Intelligence Service in Spain has been instructed to use Swiss letter drops for secret ink communications. It is implied in current information that this is a long-range measure.

5. Portugal.

Lisbon has been ordered to obtain specific economic intelligence, and to study arrangements for continuing work should German relations with Portugal be broken.

6. Italy.

SS commands in Italy have been ordered by Himmler to establish in each Italian province groups composed of Germans and Italians, for sabotage, information and propaganda after German withdrawal. Funds adequate for three years will be provided. Female personnel to work in the highest social circles will be recruited. Radio communication will be set up. Elements of the clergy will be recruited with the greatest care.

7. Denmark.

Danish Counter-Intelligence has reported extensive preparations by the German Intelligence Service for the continuance of its activities after the

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liberation of Denmark. A plan has been prepared for an uprising in Denmark, following the German collapse there. The action will be camouflaged as Danish patriotism and nationalist propaganda. Emphasis will be placed on the Communist Menace.

8. Roumanian Elements.

Considerable activity among dissatisfied Roumanian elements is being developed by the German Intelligence Service. Pro-Nazi organizations, such as the Iron Guards and Roumanian party groups of German extraction are being used by the Germans for political intelligence reporting. Small, integrated, action groups have been ordered to remain underground. These groups have been instructed to commit no acts of sabotage and to take no action until some later date. The Roumanian plans are being worked out by numerous German agents in such detail within the framework of local organizations that it is believed that these organizations and groups are being set up for post-hostility activities.

9. Far East

The German Intelligence Service in the Far East has relied largely on diplomatic reports from JAPAN and on a secret organization which has operated in China. This organization has had its headquarters in Shanghai, Canton, Peiping and Harbin. Recent reports indicate that plans have been approved in Germany to increase the size of the staff in China by sending out a few specially qualified personnel from Germany. The time which such a trip takes today is an indication of plans to maintain the China network for long-range operations.

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G. OTHER ENEMY INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

There are a number of enemy intelligence operations in progress which may well be extended into the post-defeat period. Indeed, the continuance of certain of these operations at this time seems to have no explanation other than a concern with post-defeat planning although there is no conclusive proof that they have been definitely set up for this purpose. These operations cannot be reviewed here in detail since attention in this memorandum is focused on facts from first-hand sources which either certainly or beyond reasonable doubt are related to the post-defeat plans of the German Intelligence Service.

Some of the operations on which data is available are listed as follows:

1. The German Intelligence Service continues with undiminished activity to dispatch agents to the Western Hemisphere.
 - (a) Missions, with certain exceptions, are political and economic of a long-range nature.
2. Transfer of funds and movable assets to neutral areas by intelligence personnel or by those connected with them.
3. Penetration of disaffected political groups by German Intelligence Service representatives.
4. Penetration of religious groups by German Intelligence Service representatives.
5. Possible penetration of Allied Intelligence by former German Intelligence officers taking refuge in neutral, liberated and operational areas, renouncing their allegiance to the Nazi cause.
6. Purchase of real property in neutral areas by high-ranking German Intelligence officers.
7. Large scale traffic in visas for the movement of German Intelligence personnel to neutral areas.

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