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NAME: KOPP, Walter

DOB: 21 March 1913, Alsenz, Pfalz

ADDRESS: Buttenwiesen b. Augsburg

KIBITZ-15

OCCUPATION: engineer, former professional soldier

PROJECT: KIBITZ stay-behind

POSITION IN PROJECT: Chief agent

SALARY: DM 1000.00 per month, plus travel and per diem

CLEARANCE STATUS: Cleared MGKW-12241

SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND: Subject was educated nine years at gymnasium, and started study of science at the University of Munich. He then in 1932 went into the service with the engineers. He was commissioned in 1933 as a Faehrich, and steadily advanced in a long military career in various fields and numerous theaters, far too long to enumerate here. Most important was his service with the Pioneers on the Eastern Front. He ended up as a Colonel and turned himself over to the Americans, released in 1945. Obligated to follow civilian pursuits, he undertook the management of his family businesses, highly successful, which brings him a large independent income. In May 1950 he wrote a letter to High Commissioner McCloy, and stated that he and a group of his friends were concerned over what might happen in case of a Russian invasion and wished to place themselves at the disposal of the Americans. Since he has been turned over to us his network has grown to a large potential of stay-behind agents.

MOTIVATION AND PERSONALITY:

- a. Motivation: Unquestionably his militant anti-Communism, pro-Western orientation, and desire to see Germany rid of Russians. Of the Western powers he likes the U.S. best. He is nationalistic, but supports NATO and the European Army. His experiences in the East have led him to believe that Germany must be spared from Russian domination and saved for the West.
- b. Personality: Forceful, dynamic, and energetic. He is a tireless worker and a strong leader. Inclined to rashness, at times, he is held in check by his adjutant and co-worker Otto. Is learned and up-to-date on world affairs, and has a good mind. He is a typical German type, and typical professional soldier type, having their faults and virtues.

ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER AGENTS/PROJECTS: As chief agent he recruits and controls a large chain of agents and prospects, hereinafter referred to as the German element.

SECURITY EVALUATION AND COMMENTS: The main fault of his operation is that it is not well compartmented. Subject has had a hard time in learning a few of the tricks of the trade and security measures, but through constant lectures, etc. is beginning to come around. Another fault is that he considers his people all "good, trustworthy Germans," and hence probably trusts them too much. As it has turned out, this is largely true, but he should never take it for granted. We have been aware of these faults for some time, however, and corrective measures are being taken.

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