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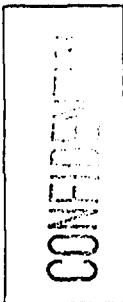
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Ulrich MASS, a labourer, made a voluntary confession to the State Agency for the Protection of the Constitution, stating the following:

On 13 August 1961, M. illegally crossed the demarcation line near Helmstedt; reason: family affairs. The same day he was committed to agent activities by a member of the Border Police Intelligence Department, and was instructed to return immediately to the Federal Republic.

He was given the following assignments:

- To procure the "Bildzeitung" of 13 and 14 August 1961;
- To procure all daily newspapers appearing in Helmstedt;
- To watch poster pillars, and to report immediately in the Soviet Zone if posters would announce manifestations;
- To establish whether "gang activities" are planned against the Soviet Zone. If so, he was immediately to report this in person in the Soviet Zone;
- To collect information on all military movements in the Bielefeld/Helmstedt area;
- To ascertain units, branch of service and equipment;
- To watch for gatherings of Federal Border Police, as well as concentrations of customs officials.
- In this connection, M. was briefed on the differences in the uniforms.
- To engage in conversations with FRG soldiers, to try to pump information out of them;
- To ascertain whether trenches are being dug in the Federal Republic, or other border operations are planned.



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Having been given the assignment, W. was taken near the demarcation line by a cross-country car and sent back to the Federal Republic through an illegal border-crossing point. He had been instructed to already return to the Soviet Zone via the same point 24 hours later.

Recruiting for Courier Activities for the Ministry of State Security (6 Sep 1961)

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On 7 Sep 1961, Egon BANDEKER of Avenwedde, a long-distance truck driver, made the following voluntary confession to the police:

On occasion of a police control in the Soviet Zone, he was made to appear before the Ministry of State Security the night of 5/6 September 1961, and committed to agent activities. B. who travels several times a week from the Federal Republic to West Berlin, was given the assignment to phone a number at the Ministry for State Security in Potsdam from a Volkspolizei (People's Police) duty station at Bichendorf control point, each time he entered the Soviet Zone, in order to receive further instructions. According to remarks made by his handling officer, he was considered for courier activities.

Signing of a MCS Intelligence Obligation by a Police Officer (18 Aug 1961)

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On 9 Aug 1961, Polizeimeister Franz MUEHLFENZL of Heidelberg travelled to Dresden to visit his mother-in-law. On 11 August 1961, he was invited by the Council of the Eastern Town District for a

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discussion to take place on 14 Aug 1961. On occasion of this discussion, two members of the Ministry of State Security requested him to become active for the intelligence service. He was given 4 days' time to consider. On 18 August, M. again went to see the members of the Ministry of State Security at the administration building of the Eastern Town District. He had to sign an intelligence obligation, and was given the following assignments:

- To observe American and German troops in the area around Heidelberg;
- To gather information on defense production plants in the area around Heidelberg;
- To make up a list of the names of criminal police officials concerned with political investigation proceedings.

The next appointment was made for Christmas 1961, when he was to report on his observations.

On his return from the Soviet Zone, M. made a voluntary confession to his superior.

Military Espionage of Soviet Zone Intelligence Service
since 13 Aug 1961

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I. On 21 Aug 1961, Helmut PLEISS, a plumber, was seized by a Soviet Zone frontier Police patrol, after having crossed the demarcation line in the rural district Helmstedt. After having been interrogated as to his reasons for crossing the border, he was then given the assignment by a member of the Border Police Intelligence Department, to collect information as to branch of service and number of troops in the area around Helmstedt.

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For this purpose he was given a hiker's map of the observation area. He returned to the Federal Republic via an illegal border-crossing point. He was to make his first report already on 23 August 1961, after entering the Soviet zone at the same point.

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II. Klaus EUBERT, a vulcaniser, who entered the Soviet Zone on 19 Aug 1961 because he was soon due for compulsory Federal Republic military service, was also committed to agent activities by the Border Police Intelligence Section. After brief instructions he was sent back to the Federal Republic through an illegal border-crossing point with the following assignments:

observation of troop gatherings in the area of Helmstedt;
to take photos of troops of the NATO forces;
to take photos of various police stations.

He had to report for another meeting only 24 hours later at the illegal border-crossing point where he was given further similar assignments.

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III. On 23 Aug 1961, Walter THOMANN of Hanburg, a musician, crossed the Autobahn control point Helmstedt in order to hitchhike to West Berlin. At Marienborn he was brought before members of the Ministry of State Security who sent him back to the Federal Republic, with the following assignments:

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to collect information on troop movements at the demarcation line between Helmstedt and Schoeningen, particularly in wooded areas;

to ascertain whether NVA Armed Forces or NATO Forces are employed;

to spy on various duty stations at Helmstedt.

He was instructed to return immediately to the Federal Republic in order to be able to appear as soon as possible for the next meeting which was again to take place at Marienborn control point. Furthermore he was ordered to take up employment near the border. For this purpose a cement works at Schoeningen was suggested.

Espionage against West Berlin after the Closing of the Frontier of 13 Aug 1961

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Inga STEMPOR, a stenographer, was a so-called Grenzgängerin (residing in East Berlin but working in West Berlin) until August 1960. From then on she worked in England (unknown to the Soviet authorities), after having obtained a Federal Republic passport. While vacationing in the Soviet Zone in August 1961, she was caught by the blockade measures of 13 August 1961. During an interrogation by members of the Ministry of State Security on 24 August 1961, she was requested to commit herself to agent activities. She was given the assignment to return to West Berlin immediately and to take up employment with a West Berlin authority. There she was to collect information on public opinion reports on the effect of the Soviet Zone measures in Berlin, by scraping acquaintance with men. Furthermore she was to take frequent walks

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along the border to gather information on Western troop movements. Her handling officer explained to her that this was only a short-term assignment as the present situation in Berlin was only temporary.

The first meeting was to take place on 27 August 1961, at the station Friedrichstrasse.

Inge STEMPOR was taken back through the controls in the Soviet Sector by her handling officer, and the following day she made a voluntary confession at the emergency reception camp Berlin.

Czech Intelligence Service

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On 11 Sep 1961, Augustin NAVRATIL, committed to agent activities by the Czech foreign intelligence service, was given the following assignments by his handling officer, on occasion of a trip to the Federal Republic:

Description of the surgery sections of all hospitals at Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Mannheim and Frankfurt;

Ascertaining of exact location in the hospital block, of normal capacity and emergency capacity;

Staff of the surgery sections of the said hospitals.

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