



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

SEP 11 2007

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

Mr. John Young
CRYPTOME
251 West 89th Street
Suite 6E
New York, New York 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

References:

- a. Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 18, 2001, for records pertaining to East Germany Intelligence Services Facilities, ZF400207W (our case #799F-01).
- b. Our letter of January 9, 2006, informing you we were unable to comply with the 20-day statutory time limit in processing your request (our case #118F-06).
- c. Our letters of March 27, 2006 and September 15, 2006, informing you we were still reviewing the records you requested and would respond to you once the review had been completed (our case #118F-06).
- d. Our letter of June 14, 2007, providing you with the requested records and informing you we were coordinating with other government agencies (our case #118F-06).

Coordination has been completed and the records have been returned to this office for our review and direct response to you.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958, as amended. As a result of our review, information has been sanitized as the information is currently and properly classified CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.2(a)(3) and 1.4(c) of EO 12958, as amended. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(1). The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

Section 1.2(a)(3) of EO 12958, as amended, provides that information shall be classified CONFIDENTIAL if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security.

Section 1.4(c) of EO 12958, as amended, provides that information pertaining to intelligence activities, intelligence sources or methods, and cryptologic information shall be considered for classification protection.

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General John Defreitas, III, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be post marked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

We are still coordinating with another government agency concerning the releasability of their information contained in the records. We will inform you as to the releasability of the information upon completion of our coordination.

Fees for processing this request are waived.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please feel free to contact this office at (301) 677-4060. Please refer to case #648F-07.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan J. Butterfield", written in a cursive style.

Susan J. Butterfield

Director

Freedom of Information/Privacy Office
Investigative Records Repository

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AEUC-SCCS-274/46

DE-376973

SUBJECT: Alleged Sabotage Schools (U)

TO: Officer in Charge
Bonn Liaison Office
OCA, Box 105
APO 80, US Forces

- 5 FEB 1959

1. (U) Reference is made to BV-58-6254, your office, dated 22 October 1958.

2. (U) A further check of CR revealed the information in the attached inclosure which is forwarded for passing b1

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Major, AI (CR)
Adjutant

Telephone: Stgt Mil: 8382
RBT/rjm/elc

M/R: Above fwd infor re personalities who might possibly be instructors in East German Sabotage Schools.

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The following information may or may not be identifiable with the
Subject of your request, b6

KOENIG, (YHU), w/a "Gustl", Real name: KOENIG, Gustav

A report dated in November 1945 stated KOENIG was born 1 June 1897 in Berlin and his present whereabouts and if still living was unknown. He has been a member of the KPD since 1920 and was also a member of the Rote Hilfe. Reported as an early member of the military organization and apparat of the Communist Party. In 1921, he was a functionary of the Waffen Apparat and "OD" (Mil. Pol. App. der "Proletarische Untersekretariat"). In 1922 KOENIG had close contact with the "Tschecha" agent SKOBELEWSKI and was East military "Oberleiter" for a planned uprising in either Berlin-Brandenburg or Western Germany. Following this he was very active in various apparats such as the ND, Waffen Apparat and AM Apparat, where he used numerous cover names. From about 1928 to 1931 he worked for the "Klara" Apparat, kept contact with an informant within the German Navy and was probably used by an international apparat because he left Germany very often. From 1932 to 1933, KOENIG was a member of a terrorist organization, probably the Diversion Apparat of the Soviet Military Espionage Apparat "Klara". KOENIG remained in Germany until about 1934, at which time he emigrated to Czechoslovakia via RICHENBERG. Reported to have attended the AM school and to have travelled extensively. Reappeared in Berlin in 1936 and was probably working for a Soviet Apparat. KOENIG was no politician; however, he was very dangerous and a strong follower of the Moscow line.

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Born 1915, place of birth unknown, height 1.75 m, slight build, brown hair, thin face with pale complexion, occupation, officer in the Abwehr Amt II T. In 1943 was reported to be assistant to Leiter, and was classed as a young and brilliant chemist, trained by Oberst b6 Deputy to Oberst b6 who was in charge of both QUENZ GUT and the TROEL Laboratory (July 1943). In 1942 b6 instructed 8 saboteurs who were sent to the U.S. and probably b6 who was sent to the U.K.

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19 November 1958

AMTC-SCCK: 274/46
DE-376973

SUBJECT: Suspected Sabotage of a German
Freighter in Hamburg Harbor (U)

20 NOV 1958

TO: Officer in Charge
Bonn Liaison Office
OCA, Box 105
APO SO, US Forces

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1. (U) Reference is made to Br-58-6254, your office, Subject as
above, dated 22 October 1958.

2. (S) The attached inclosure is forwarded for passing to the

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Major, A1(US),
Adjutant

Telephone: Stgt Mil 8371
WMH/RHD/ps

M/R: Above fwd info re alleged sabotage school to OCA, Bonn,

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SUBJECT: Suspected Sabotage School (U)

This organization has no information pertaining to b6
b6 or the alleged sabotage schools at Ladebow and Goldberg Island.
This Group has received unconfirmed reports that a sabotage school does
exist at Koenigswartha. This school allegedly has some Russian instruc-
tors, and its students come from various countries.

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22 October 1958

TO : CO, Hq 66th CIO Group, USAREUR
ATTN: S3 Section, CE Division

FROM : T.C. Hughes, G2 USAREUR Ln Off., OCA, American Embassy, APO 80

SUBJECT: Suspected Sabotage of a German Freighter in HAMBURG Harbor

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1. Reference is made to our report of 10 October 1958, SUBJECT as above, which furnished to your Headquarters and the other recipients of this correspondence a report of the sabotage of the FRG motor ship M. S. ATLAS in HAMBURG harbor on 1 October 1958.

2. With transmittal of the above-referenced report, we also directed to the recipients an b1 for information as to whether any

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The specific

reports concerned are as follows:

a. From an article published in the 5 September 1951 issue of the German weekly newsmagazine "Der Spiegel":

"The question remains: How did WOLLWEBER (note: Ernst WOLLWEBER, the Communist marine sabotage expert and, until recently, Secretary for State Security in the GDR) find qualified replacements for his former colleagues after 1945 in order to build up a new sabotage group which could be trained sufficiently to operate on the former pattern?

"Forty kilometers from the slip installation at the Peoples Wharf in STRALSUND, where a few months previously WOLLWEBER let the first ocean going ship of the east zone republic down the ways, there is located near the LADEBOW air field the former property of a one-time farm owner. At the entrance hangs today a metal sign: "Technical School of the Transport Ministry ("Fachschule des Verkehrsministeriums"), Marine Transport Department ("Abteilung Schifffahrt"). The students: specially chosen FDJ functionaries, but including foreigners with a northern accent and an active cadre of former non-commissioned officers and sergeants of the BRANDENBURG Division.

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"Department Chief: Dr. KOENIG, former "Sonderfuehrer (S)" and instructor of the so-called "Kuestenjaeger-Abteilung (Coastal Troops Division)", special troops of the BRANDENBURG Division.

"On behalf of Counter Intelligence Department II ("Abwehrabteilung II") of the Supreme High Command (OKW) Dr. KOENIG, of Baltic origin, was training an elite group on the grounds of the Chemical-Technical Reich's Institute in BERLIN-Tegel; this group was to undertake essentially the same thing as WOLLWEBER's people; sabotage and explosion of shipping.

"About this a former member of the Coastal Troops ("Kuestenjaeger"), whose first action consisted of a successful attack against an Allied transport in the Italian port BARI in the summer of 1944, had the following to say: A saboteur must himself bring the explosive charge to the ship. He can hardly smuggle more than four pounds of explosive on board without being detected. He must place this amount so effectively that the blast of the explosion destroys the boilers and the succeeding boiler explosion severely damages the ship.

"Because, however, it was exceedingly difficult in hostile areas to smuggle explosives on board without detection, Dr. KOENIG developed, in cooperation with the Physics-Technical Reich Institute, a particular apparatus: the underwater-ring-attachment charge. It consists of an eighty pound heavy, hollow metal ring filled with explosives. The diameter of the ring was approximately 1.50 meters.

"To its underside eight magnets were attached. They held the explosive charge tightly to the outer skin of the ship to be blown up. The explosion, which was detonated by a clock-work fuze, blew a round section out of the ship's hull. The "Kuestenjaeger" was equipped with a swim vest in order to permit him to tow three ring-charges at one time.

"The magnets were strong enough to hold the charge even when the ship was underway. The detonation usually resulted on the high seas, upon proper adjustment of the fuze, rather than in the harbor.

"'Kuestenjaeger' instructor Dr. KOENIG also remained true to his field after the war. As a member of former "Kuestenjaeger" in western Germany are aware, he guided a number of his former comrades to LADEBOW near GREIFSWALD. From there they write recruiting letters to western Germany such as this: "You were also well taken care of with us and Dr. KOENIG. We are living here in a villa. We receive good pay and good food -- on Sundays at least chicken with rice."

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b. From a pamphlet "From Bomb Mechanic to State Secretary (Vom Hoellenmaschinisten zum Staatssekretaer) published in 1953 in BONN by the "Freiheit Aktion der Jugend":

"It was also mentioned that these agents were sometimes brought in as supposed refugees from the GDR after they had been thoroughly trained at WOLLWEHER's special schools. These schools train the experts in the intelligence and sabotage agencies. After special courses at the KARL MARX HOCHSCHULE in KLEINMACHNOW near BERLIN the participants in the course go to LADEBOW near GREIFSWALD. At this former university farm close by the fisher village WIEK exists since recently a "Technical School of the Transport Ministry ("Fachschule des Verkehrsministeriums") --Marine Transport Department ("Abteilung Schifffahrt"). There, however, one does not learn how transport services in the GDR can be improved but rather how one effectively destroys foreign ships, wharfs and harbor installations, however one 'salts' bunker coal with explosives and whether explosives with delayed fuzes are suitable for this or for that purpose. Whoever proves himself in LADEBOW as particularly adept may reckon with attendance at a course in GOLDBERG or WARIN where the last refinements for assignments abroad are taught. On the island GOLDBERG in the northern section of the SCHWERINER SEE --- WARIN is about 20 kilometers to the east and serves a similar purpose with similar means - there is a barracks camp for approximately 175 students and numerous full and part time instructors under Ernst BRUNDERT, a former merchant marine officer and member of the KPD since 1923. Here there are models of different types of ships and harbor installations and at least 100 foreigners - to say nothing of the Germans -- have been trained during the last year as sabotage specialists."

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Negative replies are also requested.

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Copies to:

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ATTN: CI Branch

CINCNELM Representative, Germany

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Legal Attache, Embassy,

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OSI Liaison Element, OCA, BONN

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SUBJECT: SFS Bezirksverwaltung - Gross BERLIN
Re: Installation (U)

23 January 1956

Headquarters, 66th CIC Group, United States Army, Europe, APO 154,
US Army

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Intelligence, United States Army, Europe,
APO 403, US Army
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Branch, G2CICE

1. (U) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ Forwarded herewith is a Disposition Form, subject
as above, file DLO-1899, dated 12 December 1955 and an SDU (German) Memo-
randum for the Record, pertaining to SFS Bezirksverwaltung BERLIN, dated
29 November 1955.

2. (U) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ The following portions of the inclosed Memorandum
for the Record are confirmed by information contained in the Central Reg-
istry files of this Group:

- a. The first four sentences of paragraph 1.
- b. The second sentence of paragraph 5.
- c. Paragraphs 7 and 8 are noted to be the standard procedure for
all Bezirksverwaltung and is assumed by this Group to be followed in SFS
Bezirksverwaltung - Gross BERLIN.

3. (U) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ Examination of Central Registry files of this Group
revealed no information confirming any of the license numbers mentioned in
paragraph 6 of the Memorandum for the Record.

4. (U) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ Examination of Central Registry files of this Group
revealed the following additional information concerning SFS Bezirksverwaltung-
Gross BERLIN:

An SFS garage is located on Prenslauerstrasse in BERLIN C2. This
garage has a capacity of seventy automobiles and planned expansion will
accommodate an additional forty cars.

(Date of Information 18 July 1955, Evaluation F-2)

5. (U) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~

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FROM: (Originator)

GO 66TH CIC GROUP BAD CANNSTATT

TO:

OCA LO MEHLEM

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REF ~~MSG~~ ^{YOUR} MSG ZERO DASH FIVE NINE SIX PD NO INFO CONTAINED IN CR TO CORROBORATE
 EXISTANCE OF SABOTAGE SCHOOL IN BELZIG PD ONLY REFERENCE TO ANY SABOTAGE SCHOOL IN
 EAST ZONE CONCERNS FOX DASH SIX REPORT OF JUNE FIVE FOUR ALLEGING EXISTANCE OF
 SABOTAGE SCHOOL IN RIESA PAREN US DASH EIGHT TWO EIGHT FIVE PAREN REPORTEDLY OPERATED
 BY SPS PD

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HEADQUARTERS
66TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM: LO OCA MEHLEM
FOR ACTION: CO 66TH CIC GP
FOR INFO:
REF NR: 0-596

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OPR FROM HUGHES FOR S-3 OFFICE.

SUBJ IS REPT OF EXISTENCE OF SABOTAGE SCHOOL IN SOV ZONE.

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BV 55-1143.

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TO: LO OCA, MEHLEM

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Re VR MSG 0-596. No information contained in
CJR to corroborate existence of sabotage school in
BELZIG. Only reference to any sabotage school

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F-6 report of June 54

alleging existence of sabotage school in RIESA
(05-795) reportedly operated by SFS

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