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GERMAN AMERICAN BUND (AMERIKA DEUTSCHER VOLKSBUND)

CHARACTER OF CASE

VOORHIS ACT--G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Summary of material found in possession of G. WILHELM KUNZE on May 12, 1941 at time he was detained by South Bend, Indiana Police Department set out herein.—Mail covers placed on August 7, 1941 on all mail directed to addresses of officers of Bund and to the Haus Vaterland. Results of same to date recorded. National convention of Bund held Haus Vaterland August 30, 31 and September 1 and KUNZE re-elected national leader and WILLUMEIT unit leader for Chicago. Confidential Informant [redacted] attended and to furnish minutes and photographs taken at meeting. Confidential Informant [redacted] advises RICHARD OHRT, press director had had an argument on August 20 with ANTON KIEFER, Chicago unit commander of the O.D. and that since then OHRT has not attended Bund meetings. Additional information furnished by Confidential Informants and identities of automobile licenses seen in the vicinity of Bund headquarters obtained by Chicago Police Department set out.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

Pursuant to instructions from the Bureau character of this case is being changed from Registration Act--G to Voorhis Act--G.

There is being set forth hereafter summary of information contained in material found in possession of G. WILHELM KUNZE, national commander of the Bund at the time he was detained on May 12, 1941 by the South Bend Police Department, South Bend, Indiana. The material that was in German has been translated into English. Due to the fact that most of this material chiefly the documents pertaining to the organizational set up of the Bund, the Bund's constitution, & its various units has been furnished to the Bureau previously by various field offices, the translations of these documents are not being set out in full in this report. It might be stated that a review of the material was made by the writer and only such material and information believed to be of investigative value is being included in this report. It should be further stated however that three photostatic copies of each translation was transmitted to the Indianapolis Field Division under date of August 25, 1941. There is being set out as follows identifying information regarding these documents.

No. 1. Pamphlet entitled "Organizational Set Up and Administrative Regulations."

No. 2. Pamphlet entitled "Organizational Set Up of the Women's Division of the German American Bund."

No. 3. Pamphlet entitled "Founding Legend Information for Unit and Branch Leaders."

No. 4. Pamphlet entitled "Organizational Structure of the Uniformed Service of the German American Bund."

No. 5. Pamphlet entitled "Youth Organization of the German American Bund (Organization Structure)"

No. 6. Bund Command No. 41.

There is being quoted from this Bund Command the paragraph pertaining to encouragement to the anti-war organizations.

"In many of the Local Units organized plans are being worked out to encourage such leaders of independence, of neutrality, etc. as Wheeler, Clark, Tinkham, Holt, Thorckelson, Verne Marshall, etc. by writing to them. This practice is to be continued among all Local Units, but the writing is not to be carried on under the name of the Local Unit but the correspondence is to be done as the personal opinion of the individual citizen. Those who, at the present time, have the inclination and courage, as politicians, to fight against the war should be supported with thousands of letters and telegrams to encourage them to carry on the fight. Organized pleas (petitions) have small worth since many citizens who have the courage to write their own letters are fearful, however, to sign their names to lengthy lists of opponents who, in such a case, can be identified as members of the respective organizations. Such petitions, to be effective, must contain the signatures of millions of people whereas only several thousand individual letters and telegrams, which do not show organization contact, do carry a wholesome effect. The Recruiting Leaders and the Political Leaders are to assist the unfamiliar with the preparation of such letters."

No. 7. Bund Educational Command No. 1 (Nothing believed to be of value in this command.)

No. 8. Circular letter dated March 31, 1941 (Pertains to sale of bund phonograph records.

No. 9. Bund Command No. 43. There is quoted from this Command the following paragraph dealing with association with other organizations.

"Any appeal made upon individuals to undertake the work of the America First Committee or to support any such similar organizations which appear in the English section of the Weckruf are intended for the non-German readers who do not belong to the Bund. The Bund members and Supporters should devote their entire energy, their free time and whatever funds they have for the purpose only for the purpose of the Bund who then can, as a representative of the Germans, support the proper organizations."

No. 10. Bund Command No. 42 (Deals with obtaining additional subscriptions for the Bund Paper, "The Weckruf" and the sale of the book "The Blood is Holy."

No. 11. Bund Treasury Order No. 14 (Pertains to contribution lists of the Bund and monthly reports.)

No. 12. Bund Treasury Order No. 13 (Deals with the sale of the Bund song book "German American Singing Comrade."

No. 13. Bund Order No. 40. (Pertains to manner in which the Bund insignia of honor pin shall be worn. Also setting forth information to the effect that no membership lists of any kind shall be kept showing membership in the Bund.)

No. 14. Bund Treasury Order No. 11 (Pertains to setting forth instructions as to how the account books of the various Bund units shall be kept.

No. 15. Song book of the German American Bund. Translations of the titles of these songs were made however it was not deemed advisable or of any value to translate the entire songs in this book.

No. 16. Copy of membership booklet.

No. 17. Diary of Kunze from March 24, 1941 to May 5, 1941. This diary had the names of towns where Kunze had visited and his expenses incidental thereto.

No. 18. Copy of sympathizers membership booklet.

No. 19. Various receipts of Kunze for covering the sale of phonograph records, newspapersubscriptions, song books, etc.

No. 20. Copy of speech entitled "Hail, Comrades" being a speech delivered by an individual by the name of HUGO WEISS. This speech set forth information regarding the sale of DKV stamps, sale of the Bund newspaper, and also pertained to the difficulty occasioned by people of German descent in obtaining the use of lecture halls for the purpose of furthering the German cause.

No. 21. Three index cards containing the following names:

Index Card A. EARNEST KFEHER
3301 Bay Shore Drive
Tampa, Florida

B. FREB WOHLFAHRT
3616 Wasmund
Van Dyke, Michigan

C. Karl Amelung
~~934 East~~ Guenther Street
San Antonio, Texas

F. KUEHN
~~Post Office~~ Box 77
Petaluma, California

William SOLTAU
339 North Summit Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

WILLIAM OLTERSBACK
2620 East Allen Street
Seattle, Washington

HANS KEMNITZ
~~268~~ Naples Street
San Francisco, California

No. 22. Index card containing the name of H. D. KISSENGER, 903 Balbo Avenue, Kansas City.

No. 23. Index card containing the penciled map which could not be identified.

No. 24. Temporary receipt and pass form of the Bund.

No. 25. Calling card of JAMES A. VAN METER, photographer, 2160 West Adams Boulevard, city unknown.

No. 26. Black money receipt book of Kunze containing receipt stubs from December 12, 1940 to April 4, 1941, which contained nothing believed of value and which was returned to the Indianapolis Field Office on August 25, 1941.

No. 27. The following 3 x 5 index cards with names thereon were in possession of Kunze.

Mr. Frank Beroll
3019 S-Street
So. Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Adolf Gabriel
2415 S. 21 St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Henry H. L. Horn
1311 S. 30th Ave.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Ernest Koenig
2227 Grant St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Aug. Koenigsbruge
3015 Larimoie Ave.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Fred J. Martin
6 512 No. 44th St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. E. Nothnagel
2318 S. 33 St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Frank A. Kab
1213 Cherry St.
Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Bob Phalen
2523 Templeton St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Fritz Schneider
3121 Grover St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Miss M. Evelyn von Dorn
2822 South 32nd Ave.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Joseph Volmer
4123 N. 42 St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Oscar Wolf,
1716 Manderson St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Carl Ernst
Route 1, Box 5 C.
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Gottlich Striffler
Box 133
Heron, Mont.

Rev. Wilhelm Schumann
New Castle
Colorado

Mr. Andreas Schnierlf
3747 Highland
Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. A. F. Lutter
P.O. Box 186
Sandpoint, Idaho

Mrs. Bertha Staack
Route #1, Box 150
Littleton, Colo.

Mr. Math. Schmitt
R. #1 - Box 204
Sand Point, Idaho

J. G. F. Fischer
General Merchandise
Letha, Idaho

No. 28. Social Security Card No. [redacted] for GERHARD WILHELM KUNZE also draft registration certificate of Kunze as well as registration for Kunze's Mercury Sedan, motor #376174 and his driver's license #345236 for New York City. b2

No. 29. Road map showing itinerary of Kunze.

No. 30. Preamble and constitution of the German American Bund.

No. 31. Itinerary of Kunze showing towns and dates when he expected to be there.

No. 32. Letter to WILLY LUEDTKE dated April 19, 1941 at Nashville, Tennessee signed by Mrs. Kate Campbell requesting that Luedtke call on a Mrs. Henry Reganhardt, 302 Fatherland Street, Nashville. This letter advised that Mrs. Campbell was of German descent and in full accord with the policy that the Bund was following as regards to their newspaper.

No. 33. The following names were found on three pieces of note paper:

Emil Meister
173 East Sycamore Street
Columbus, Ohio

Carl Herzberger
780 Kossuth Street
Columbus, Ohio

Martin Tesch

Rev. Julius Cloeter
Lidgerwood North Dakota

John Buechler
c/o Golden Rule General Store
Hague, North Dakota

John E. Fischer
718 9th Street North
Fargo, North Dakota

William Hildenbrand
Ashley, North Dakota

Mr. Fredrick Siemer
523 Tusculum Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Laddy Porscher
144 S. Main St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Charles Lange
340 Resor Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Wilhelm Forsten
1831 Vine St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Kurt Danker
~~429 Lafayette~~ Ave.
Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Freie Presse
905 Vine St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Dee Kline
3645 Michigan Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

No. 34. There was further found in possession of Kunze various certificates of resignation which form is evidently obtained by Kunze from the various unit leaders of the Bund throughout the country in order to have the resignation of various leaders in possession of the Bund in the event the leaders embezzle any of the funds or do not follow out the instructions received from the national headquarters. These resignation certificates govern the following individuals:

A. Otto Willumeit
Illinois and Indiana District leader dated October 9, 1940 at Chicago, Illinois, witnessed by George Froboese and G. Wilhelm Kunze.

B. Otto Willumeit
Unit leader of the Chicago unit.
Same date and witnesses as above.

C. Richard Ohrt, press director of the Chicago unit dated October 9, witnessed by Otto Willumeit and Albert Kolb.

D. Erika Hagebusch
Assistant National Girl's Commander of the Youth Division dated September 2, 1940 New York City, witnessed by G. Wilhelm Kunze and Ferdinand Mohr.

E. B. Lyme, O. D. Fuhrer of the Astoria Unit dated October 3, 1940 witnessed by GILBERT HOLTER and GUSTAVE ELMER.

F. Otto Fentzke, acting unit leader of the New York Unit dated October 14, 1940. Not witnessed.

G. Franz Nicolay, unit leader of the South Brooklyn Unit dated December 13, 1940, witnessed by August Klapproth.

H. Theodore Zahn, leader of the Baltimore Branch dated April 21, 1941 witnessed by G. Kunze and W. Luedtke.

There were several other miscellaneous notes on various scraps of paper however these are not being mentioned herein as they appear to be of no value to this investigation.

All of the above material is being retained in the files of the Chicago Field Division and leads are being set forth for investigation of names contained above where believed advisable.

Under date of August 7, 1941 the writer contacted the office of Post Office Inspector in Charge, New Post Office Building, and mail covers were placed upon mail directed to the following individuals at the following addresses.

1. Dr. Otto Albert Willumeit
   4342 Sheridan Road

2. Antone Kiefer
   5504 Agatite Avenue

3. Mrs. Irene Matz
   1509 Rosemont

4. Richard Ohrt
   1728 Leland Avenue

5. Hugo Luethje
   456 Belmont Avenue

6. All mail directed to Haus Vaterland
   3855-57 Northwestern Avenue

Since placing the mail cover considerable mail tracings have been received however only those believed of investigative value are being set forth and investigation of return addresses is being requested by offices covering such return addresses. According to Bureau instructions the other tracings which are not considered to be of value are being placed in the exhibit file of this case. However it should be further stated that RICHARD OHRT, press director of the Bund has received considerable mail from Berlin, Germany bearing return address of Werda Rechtsanwalt Und Lotar. Berlin Schoenberg Grunewald Str 541. Gl Stephan 6446.

The following letters were received by Willumeit with no mailing date from Germany, return address ABS Fieh Abbiny G. Shanberg Navy, Germany, post mark Atting Strhussing. Also letter with same post mark return address Mat Leftpostnach, Nordamerika. Letter dated August 21, 1941 post mark South Bend, Indiana, return address 1022 South 35th Street, South Bend.

The following letter was received by Antone Kiefer post mark Napolean, Ohio August 18, 1941 E. Helms, Napolean, Ohio.

George Froboese, middlewest leader of the Bund received the following mail addressed to him at 3855 Northwestern Avenue.

Return Address	Post Mark
299 Vernon Avenue, Patterson N. J.	8/9/41 Patterson N. J.
1022 South 35th St., South Bend, Ind.	8/21/41 South Bend, Ind.
H. Weiss 44-04 31st Ave. Astoria, Long Island	8/25/41 Flushing, New York
Martin Christoph, P.O.Box 172 Madison, N. J.	8/27/41, Madison, N. J.
J. K. Strueuer, 3673 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.	8/27/41 Detroit, Mich.
B. Classon, 960 Wilcox St., Hammond, Ind.	9/22/41 Hammond, Ind.

There is being set forth at this point information furnished to the writer by Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, which information informant obtained while in attendance at various Bund meetings at Haus Vaterland, 3855 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. b7C b7D

On July 17, 1941 informant advised the writer that he attended Bund meeting on July 16, 1941 on which date the regular O. D. meeting was held and informant advised he was permitted to attend the closed meeting by Willumeit, the Chicago leader of the Bund. Informant advised there were about twenty two members, all male, in attendance and that Anton Kiefer, the leader of the O. D. group, presided.

Informant stated that RICHARD OHRT, Press Director, presented a song entitled "There will always be an England" and that this song was sung by those in attendance with WILLUMEIT playing the piano. This song is set forth as follows:

"There Will Always Be An England"
The latest Cockney Hit

There will always be an England,
But it won't be much the same;
For the Hebes we set adrifting
To the lands from hence they came.

There will always be an England,
But no Churchill and his gang.
We will hand him to the Yankees
Gladly with his whole sheebang.

There will always be an England,
And no ties with Palestine.
Let the kikes hang up their washing
On the ancient Jordan Line.

There will always be an England
Raise your right and stretch your hand.
Hail away the pretty Eden
And his money-changers band.

There will always be an England,
One without the bloody shame
Of a foreign Master-Rabbi,
Franklin Roosevelt by name.

There will always be an England
When the Yanks and U.S.A.
Will adopt the Yiddish language
We are gonna yell Hurrah.

There will always be an England.
Here's advice to U.S.A.
Keep your punks across the ocean,
But from England stay away.

There will always be an England.
With our Nazi pals and chums
We will clear the shores of England
Of the Asiatic bums.

"There will always be an England
For the rank and for the file
In the dawn of coming Eruope
Hail to Hitler and Zeek Hile."

Informant stated that it was included among those at the meeting and that copies of this song should be mimeographed and distributed as widely as possible. Informant stated that OHRT advised him that this song had been bought from Gehm and had been turned over to OHRT BY a bus driver. It should be noted that this song is violently anti-Semetic and anti-British and contains many aspersions relative to President Roosevelt. Informant also advised that at this meeting every one in attendance had to sing a German song and that if he didn't sing a song he had to treat the rest to beers. Informant advised only HELMUTH MATZ had to buy beers. Informant stated that the regular groups consisting of George OLTMANNS, FROBOESE, HUGO LUETHJE, and others were in attendance. Informant also advised that he observed ENGELBERT WALBACH at the bar and ALBERT KOLB as usual was attending bar assisted by EMER THOROE.

At the O.D. meeting informant stated Kiefer as usual spoke and on this night Kiefer talked chiefly about the fact that the Bund members should continue to come regularly to meetings, to keep on fighting for the Nazi cause and ideas. Also that Bund members should promulgate as much as possible the ideas of the Bund among other German organizations and attempt to get members from various German organizations to come to the Haus Vaterland so that they could see for themselves that the Bund was not engaged in anything which might be construed as un-American.

Informant stated also that HUGO LUETHJE is very strong in his praise of the Nazi regime and stated that he didn't care what happened to him and that LUETHJE severely criticised those members of the Bund that became afraid and dropped out. LUETHJE stated that he was only waiting for the day when the Nazi government would come to the U. S. and take over.

Informant advised that E. THOROE served two years in the German storm troopers organization and returned to the U. S. in 1936 or 1937 and it was the belief of the informant that THOROE was not as yet a citizen. Further that THOROE was recently placed in class 1-A by his Local Draft Board and THOROE told informant that he had stated to the draft officials that he would not serve in the American army; it was a disgrace to serve in the army. THOROE FUrther stated that nothing would happen to him that he was very close to the consulate and he attempted to

go back to Germany with the Consulate but the Consulate officials had told him he would be of better use here to serve the Nazi cause.

Informant stated that another individual very active at the Bund was JOACHIM KAUFMANN who works at nights and comes to the Bund headquarters on Saturday evenings. Informant stated he would attempt to obtain address and place of employment of KAUFMANN at a future date. For the information of the Milwaukee office it has been determined by informant that the correct name of the individual previously mentioned in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Chicago, Illinois July 14, 1941 is JOE LAUMER and not ZEB HERMANN. It should further be stated that a review of the file entitled EUGENE JOHANNAS BUERK, Registration Act--G, Chicago file 65-188 reflects that a lead was set forth for the Chicago field division to locate a JOE LAUMER in connection with whatever information he might be able to furnish regarding the alleged recruiting of him by BUERK to return to Germany. According to informant LAUMER WORKS for an individual by the name of WINKLER and lives at 913 West Fullerton Street. An attempt will be made to contact LAUMER and interview him along the lines requested in the BUERK case.

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Under date of July 24 informant advised the writer that he was in attendance at the Bund meeting on July 23 and that the regular crowd was at the meeting. He stated that the film entitled "Soviet Russia" was shown which film was of a cultural nature and dealt chiefly with the part of Russia formerly belonging to Germany. He advised that at the meeting he made the acquaintance of FRITZ WEISS, who is a heavy set individual wearing very thick glasses. The former stated he would attempt to cultivate WEISS at a later date to ascertain his views on the present international situation. Informant also stated that he had further contacted JOE LAUMER who advised informant that he had just come back from Germany in September of 1940 and that he was for some time in New York attempting to solicit the aid of the Bund in that city however he could not obtain help from them.

Informant advised also that Willumeit spoke at this meeting at which about one hundred were present, one fourth of them being women, and that Willumeit's talk dealt chiefly with the speech recently made by Alfred Landon. This speech opposed the present government's policy and informant stated Willumeit read the speech and made comments regarding it. Willumeit stated he could have made up such a speech but that he would have ended in jail had he done so. Willumeit said that the Bund at the present time is opposed to war and issuing propaganda attempting to sway the government so that they will release those inducted in the draft upon their serving their first year.

Informant observed JOHNNIE STRUDTHOFF, HANZ MYERS, OLLIE SCHULTZ, a barber by the name of KRAUSE, ANNA and XAVER PALLER and a family by the name of FALTNER OR FAULKNER at the meeting. Informant stated that JOE LAUMER keeps company with FALTNER'S daughter.

On July 28 informant advised the writer that while at the Bund headquarters on July 26 he had quite an intimate talk with JOACHIM KAUFMANN and KAUFMANN advised he was saving $50 every week for the purpose of paying his transportation back to Germany. Informant stated KAUFMANN was a big talker and constantly harped on the advantages of living in Germany under the present Nazi regime.

Informant also stated that PETER FATTNER was in attendance and had with him an individual by the name of F. Gehn who operates a real estate business, 2217 Belmont Avenue. Informant stated he ascertained from FATTNER that JOE LAUMER presently works at the Chicago Machinery Laboratories, 2717 South Poplar, telephone Calumet 2363. FATTNER also stated that Laumer's foreman who works at this company is also a Bund member.

On July 31, 1941 informant advised that he attended the O.D. meeting of the Bund held on July 30, that as usual ANTON KIEFER was in charge and there were nineteen present. He advised that Kiefer had written a Nazi song on the blackboard and all in attendance had to sing it. At this meeting informant advised that RICHARD OHRT inquired of those present what would happen to the Bund members in the event they were picked up by Bureau agents. Ohrt stated that he had been out of work for approximately eight months although he was working at the present time and he was seriously wondering what would happen to his family in the event he was arrested. He stated that some plan should be worked out by the Bund members so that in the event that any one or all of the members were picked up they would have a means of communicating with the other members for assistance. Kiefer became very angry at Ohrt and told him that he should put the question to Willumeit or Froboese for their opinion as to what to do.

Informant stated that an individual by the name of William Peters who is employed in the Machine Shop and said he agreed with Ohrt that some system should be worked out whereby communication could be had with other members of the Bund in the event any one of them were arrested. Peters stated that at the time he was employed by the firm he is presently working for one of the questions he had to answer was "Are you a Bund member?" Peters said that he lied about this question and in answering stated he was not. Peters stated that in order to obtain employment it

would be best if all of them denied any German activities and especially Bund membership. Informant stated that George Johnson got up and said that in the event he was picked up by the FBI he would not tell them anything, and not give them any satisfaction whatsoever. Johnson further stated that he could not understand Ohrt's being out of a job so long and stated that at the present time there were plenty of jobs to go around. Informant described George Johnson as follows:

Height	6 feet
Weight	170-175 lbs.
Hair	Dark blond combed straight back
Build	Medium
Wears small mustache	

Ohrt was described as follows:

Age	60
Height	5'5"
Weight	150-160 lbs.
Hair	Grey
Wears glasses	

Informant further stated that GEORGE JOHNSON inquired about the Bund newspaper "The Free American" being reduced from eight to six pages. Ohrt, who is the press director of the paper, stated that this reduction in pages was due to the fact they had lost considerable advertising regarding the sale of foreign food packages. At this point in the meeting informant stated that the hat was passed for donations for the support of the "Free American" and Johnson appearing to want to be a big shot started the donations off with five dollars. Informant stated that the total sum collected was $20. In conclusion of the meeting it was agreed that Ohrt should put the question as to what should be done in the event the FBI picked them up to FROBOESE and WILLUMEIT and to report later as to their answers.

Informant advised that after the meeting he mingled around at the bar and made the acquaintance of a man named KARL MUELLER who also was in attendance at the O. D. meeting. From outward appearances informant stated MUELLER appeared to be one of the important individuals along with GEORGE JOHNSON and seemed to agree with Johnson relative to not answering questions put to them by the FBI. Informant stated that Mueller recently had been in the hospital however he seems to be very active at the Bund.

MUELLER stated that they should sing more Nazi songs at the meetings as it appears that few of the members know the songs. Mueller also stated more encouragement should be given to members to attend the meetings regularly, they should be told not to be afraid to come inasmuch as they are "marked" individuals anyway as the FBI has all the names.

The other individual whom the informant met was CARL VOGEL who appeared to be a small undernourished individual with a sharp nose and sickly complexion. VOGEL appeared to agree with Ohrt and stated that each member should know of the other members whereabouts in case of trouble so that they could come to each other's assistance. Informant stated that all the other O.D. members laughted at VOGEL'S suggestion. HUGO LUETHJE said he didn't care what happened to him, that he was ready to make any sacrifice for the Nazi cause. He said that he was a marked man anyway, that he would have to take it when the time comes.

Informant stated he also talked to FRITZ WEISS who was also in attendance at the O. D. meeting and described him as follows:

Age	45-50
Height	5'6"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Thin
Wears thick eye glasses	

Writer interviewed informant on August 14 and advisedhe had attended the Haus Vaterland on August 12 and 13 however nothing of importance transpired either one of these nights. He stated few of the regular members were at the Haus Vaterland on these two nights and it appeared that most of them were at the Bund Camp at Bridgman, Michigan.

On August 20 informant advised that he had attended the meeting at the Haus Vaterland on August 15 that Wilhelm Kunze was in attendance but did not speak to any great extent due to the fact he was suffering from a tooth ailment. He advised that Anton Kiefer presided and each day it appears to informant that Kiefer is more important than Willumeit. According to what information informant could find Kiefer is not dependent on Willumeit for any orders and is not bound to take orders from Willumeit. He stated that Willumeit and his wife are presently on a vacation however no one at the Haus Vaterland seems to know just where they are spending their vacation.

Informant stated that Hugo Luethje was very revolutionary this particular evening and stated that he wished that the Bund would take

some action pretty soon as he was getting tired of not doing anything. According to Ohrt informant stated that the delegates for the coming O. D. convention to be held the latter part of August were to be Willumeit, Kiefer, Luethje, and George OLTMANNS.

Informant advised that Kunze talked chiefly about selling more "Free Americans" and about the trouble the Bund members were occasioning throughout the United States in obtaining and keeping their jobs.

Kunze commented upon the coming Bund convention and O. D. meeting to be held in Chicago however stated that the meeting place for either convention would not be announced until the day before it was to be held in order that the meeting places would be as secret as possible and therefore outside interference by any law enforcement body be kept at a minimum.

On August 21 and 28 writer contacted informant and on August 28 advised that he had just determined that Richard Ohrt, press director, became mad at Kiefer during the O. D. meeting held on August 20 and that Ohrt signified his intention of not attending any more Bund meetings. Informant stated that some of the members are attempting to get OHRT back but he refuses to come. Informant also stated that Willumeit came back from his vacation on August 25 and presided over this meeting held on August 27. Informant stated it appears to be Willumeit's intention to continue to take speeches from the newspapers given by other prominent individuals who are opposed to U. S. aiding Britain or entering the present conflict and after giving the speeches makes comments upon them.

At this meeting informant talked to Ollie Schultz who stated that he had two medals from Kunze for service in Nazi Bund work. Informant stated that while talking to Schultz while at the bar Schultz after having several drinks talked fluently about his activities in the Bund and started to mention the fact that the Bund has a secret code for communications however KOLB who was working at the bar overheard Schultz and immediately shut him up. However informant stated Schultz is 100% for the Bund and goes to the Haus Vaterland about every evening and makes several trips to the camp in Michigan in the summer.

Informant stated that LUETHJE was at this meeting as usual and was as defiant against the U. S. policies as he has been in the past.

Informant stated that Willumeit does not comment much upon the present political situation and keeps out of sight as much as possible with

the thought in mind that if outsiders observed him in the tavern they would stop coming to the tavern and thereby the tavern would occasion quite a decrease in profits.

On September 2, 1941 informant advised the writer that he had attended a session of the Bund national convention at the Haus Vaterland on August 30 and had kept company with OLLIE SCHULTZ while at the convention. Informant stated he met Willumeit, Kunze, and Joe Whipple from Milwaukee. He stated Kunze as usual used the Hitler salute in greeting any one and wears his Bund uniform at all times. Informant stated the attendants were divided into four groups covering Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. At this meeting informant stated he also met Albert Neusella whom it is noted is set forth as a member of the Front Fighters Bund on page 45 of report of Special Agent [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, January 17, 1941, address 3960 Milwaukee Avenue. Informant advised this individual stated he works as a machinist at one of the train barns and has been employed at this place for many years. He stated he attended O.D. meetings regularly and had belonged to the Bund for some time. b7C

Informant stated he was unable to attend closed meeting of the convention inasmuch as he is not a member. However informant advised that on several occasions Ollie Schultz has asked him why he did not become a member of the Bund and it is the intention of informant to attempt to gain membership into the Bund within the very near future. Informant upon gaining membership in the Bund will thereafter be able to attend all closed meetings and all meetings of the O.D. group.

Informant also stated that Otto Diester, Ewer Thoroe asked him (informant) to go with them to see Richard Ohrt about returing to the Bund. However before they could go to see Ohrt, Willumeit contacted them and advised them against seeing Ohrt. Willumeit was of the opinion that they should leave Ohrt alone and not coax him back to the Bund. In this respect it is the belief of the writer that possibly due to Ohrt's present attitude toward the Bund it might be wise to openly interview him regarding his activities in the Bund and activities of other individuals. A letter is therefore being directed to the Bureau requesting authority to openly interview Ohrt. This is along the lines of the recent directive from the Bureau stating that Bureau authority should be first obtained before openly interviewing any Bund officials or members.

On September 4, 1941 informant stated that he had attended the Haus Vaterland on September 3 at which time there were about 45-50 in attendance. The speakers were Willumeit, Kunze, Matz, Rappe of New York

and RICHARD WEILAND of Buffalo, New York who is the national youth leader of the Bund.

Informant stated Kunze spoke entirely in English regarding the outcome of the convention and spoke for about an hour. He stated that Kunze commented on the eight or twelve points decided on by the convention which will be published in the coming issue of the "Free American." Informant advised that Kunze's theme was keep America out of War and thereby help the Nazis. Kunze stated that they would accept the government of the U. S. but not the administration. He called President Roosevelt viceroy of the U. S. Kunze also commented on the closing of Camp Nordland in New Jersey and of the conviction of himself and seven co-defendants. He further stated in his speech that coming activities of the Bund will be along the lines of attempting to unite other German organizations in Chicago with the Bund and stated that Chicago has the best set up as regards relations between the bund and other German vereins. Kunze also stated that it was his desire that all members of the Bund bring their friends and that none should have any fear of prosecution as the Bund was not engaged in anything un-American. He further pointed out that it was ridiculous to think that the Bund received money from the Nazi government in Germany for furtherance of German propaganda in the U. S.

Informant advised that RAPPE gave a short talk in German which was very sarcastic in nature and called attention to the relatives of German people in the U. S. who might be fighting in the front lines in the German campaign and raised the question as to what we are doing in the U. S. to help the Nazi cause. He stated that in New York members of the O. D. were furnished with tin banks to keep at home and deposit donations to the Bund and Rappe suggested that when friends come to your home let them donate in the tin bank. He further emphatically suggested that Bund members buy only at German stores and do all possible to stir up unrest and dissatisfaction in the U. S. among the people and to attempt to promote propaganda to keep the U. S. out of the present conflict.

Weiland spoke on the Bund's youth movement and stated it would need to be built up more strongly and highly recommended that it be built up along the lines of the present Hitler Youth Movement in Germany. Weiland advised that the Bund has had a good youth movement, engaged quite a bit in sports and games and attracted other individuals to attend their meetings by having social events and dances.

Informant advised that GEORGE JOHNSON member of the O. D. was also at this meeting. He is described as follows:

Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Face	Full
Small mustache	

Informant also observed an individual by the name of Hoffman whose first name he did not remember however it is stated that Hoffman had dark blonde and curly hair and wears glasses. Informant advised he would attempt to obtain further details relative to the identity of Hoffman at a later date.

On September 11, 1941 informant advised that he was at the Chess Club held at the Haus Vaterland on September 9 however nothing unusual took place that night. On September 10 he stated he was at the regular Bund meeting at which time the film "River of Unrest" was shown which dealt chiefly with the past misunderstandings of the Irish and the English. He also stated that Willumeit talked for about a half hour on current topics but said nothing of importance. He stated that me made the acquaintance of one ERICH DROCKNER who drives a yello cab and works at the Haus Vaterland as bar tender on a few occasions. He also stated that Drockner also has charge of the showing of movie films at the Haus Vaterland. He was also observed by the writer at the German day picnic taking photographs of the movies at the picnic which informant stated DROCKNER later showed at the Haus Vaterland. It might be also stated at this point that informant [redacted] advised that he was acquainted with Drockner and states DROCKNER formerly worked as a clerk in the ACE Schmidt Travel Bureau, 8 South Michigan Avenue. Informant [redacted] further stated that he observed DROCKNER at the Germania Club on September 19 at which time Drockner showed the films he had taken at the German day picnic before a representative group of German day officials. [redacted] stated he talked to Drockner and Drockner gave him one of his business cards which reflected that he operates the Educational Film Service, 1217 West Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois dealing in domestic and foreign films. This card shows Erich G. Drockner, manager. Informant [redacted] described Drockner as follows:

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Height	5'6" or 7"
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Thin line mustache	
Broad cheek bones	
Eyes	Grey
Age	35 yrs.

Informant [redacted] went on to state that the Bund Camp at Bridgman, Michigan is still open and it appears to be the intention that the Bund will have a celebration known as the Harvest Feast in the near future at the camp. Informant said he did not see any new individuals around the Bund on the tenth of September and the delegates which went in for the convention were all gone. He stated that the German School was to be opened soon at the Bund headquarters to be held on Saturday mornings. b7C b7D

On September 18, 1941 informant stated he attended the regular Chess Club on September 16, 1941 at the Bund headquarters but that nothing unusual took place and the members present restricted themselves solely to the playing of chess. However the former stated he was allowed entrance to the O.D. meeting at the Bund headquarters on September 17, 1941 and besides himself there were about twenty members present. He said as usual Anton Kiefer presided and Willumeit was not in attendance. He advised that he made the acquaintance of an individual named A. G. Mellin whom he described as follows:

Age	55
Height	5'6or 7"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	White, combed straight back
Facial features soft and effeminate	
Has small mustache	

Informant also stated that he made the acquaintance of one ALBERT FREISBERG whom he described as follows:

Age	55
Height	5'8"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown parted on left side
Facial features	Full and fresh

Informant stated that FREISBERG suggested it would be a good idea in his opinion that all of the O. D. members know each other by name and each other's addresses so that they could get in touch with one another in the event any assistance was needed by any one of the O.D. members.

It should be noted that a review of instant case report of Special Agent [redacted] Chicago, dated 1/17/41 page 42, reflects that FREISBERG was a member of the Front Fighters and Marine Bund and his address is given as 3038 North Francisco Avenue and also that his name appears on the membership list of the German American National Alliance Chicago file 6 5-275.

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Informant went on to state that while talking to GEORGE OLTMANN at the O.D. meeting OLTMANN gave him a small sticker which he OLTMANN was passing out among the other O. D. members which sticker has the words thereon of "Ve Vant Var." This sticker according to informant was put out in order to ridicule the Jews and also on the sticker was a large six pointed starto imitate the star of Judah and a portion of the star was blacked in to form the letter "V". This sticker is being retained in the Chicago file. Informant described OLTMANN as follows:

Age	50-55
Height	6'1"
Weight	185 lbs.
Hair	Blonde

On September 26, 1941 informant advised he had attended the Haus Vaterland on September 19 at which time the celebration was to be held at the Bund headquarters by the German day organization. At this point it should be stated that Confidential Informant [redacted] ~~whose identity~~ is known to the Bureau, advised ~~on September 18, 1941 that~~ MICHAEL BELDEN head of German day organization, contacted OTTO WILLUMEIT ~~and advised~~ WILLUMEIT that the Board of Directors of the German day association had met the evening previous and they had voted a change in the meeting place from the Haus Vaterland to the Germania Club. BELDEN advised the reason the change had been made was due to the fact that the delegates for German day believed that if the meeting was held at the Haus Vaterland the newspapers might criticise the German day organization. However in this respect Confidential Informant [redacted] subsequently advised on September 19 that Albert KOLB stat d that the celebration would be held at the Haus Vaterland and that the well known German KURT SCHEGEL would entertain and WILLIE KIEFER and his orchestra would play. According to informant [redacted] ~~WILLUMEIT~~ stated that inasmuch as many of the German people had already received their invitations to come to the Haus Vaterland for the German day celebration it would be best perhaps

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to have some sort of entertainment in the event many of them would show up at the Haus Vaterland not knowing of the change in meeting place to the Germania Club.

Regarding the meeting at the Germania Club Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity also is known to the Bureau, was requested by the writer to circulate around at this meeting to ascertain the activities that were carried on. [redacted] subsequently advised that there were probably one hundred in attendance, that free beer was served, and motion pictures of German day celebration were shown by ERIC DROCKNER. He advised that MICHAEL BELDEN spoke a few words of greeting but he noted no unusual activities on the part of any of those at the meeting. [redacted] stated that the majority of those in attendance appeared to be hard working laborers, mechanics, etc., who spent most of the time at the bar fearful of the fact that they would not get their allowance of beer. Continuing Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that Willie Kiefer and his orchestra played at the Haus Vaterland however this Kiefer is not related to Anton Kiefer, unit leader of the order in Chicago and that Kurt Schlegel put on a short bit of comic entertainment. Informant stated that there were only about three dozen people at this function.

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As an amusing sidelight informant stated that Willumeit, Matz, Froboese, and Kiefer left the Haus Vaterland at an early hour giving as an alibi the fact that they were going to the Germania Club to steer some people back to the Haus Vaterland after the entertainment was over at the Germania Club. Informant stated that neither of these four individuals ever put in an appearance again at the Haus Vaterland with anyone from the Germania Club.

Informant stated that while at this meeting he was talking to Ollie Schultz and Schultz advised him that he was now living with OSCAR SHOEMAKER at 700 Calumet Street. Schultz further advised informant that he has been instructing young men who are about to be inducted into the draft to accept induction under protest and if questioned as to their reason for accepting under protest to give as their answer personal belief.

Informant stated that he attended the meeting at the Haus Vaterland on September 24 at which time 80-100 people were present and

Willumeit gave a talk in English chiefly about inflation and high taxes. Willumeit made the remark that the U. S. is the same as at war now and severely criticised the U. S. for furnishing convoys to England. Willumeit stated that the U. S. is at war and we are now in enemy country. Willumeit further made the announcement that George Froboese, Middlewest leader of the Bund, was scheduled to speak at the Bund on October 8, 1941.

Informant advised that a film of Chinese cultural pictures was shown and the meeting adjourned. Informant advised that ~~he observed~~ FROBOESE spent much time on the 24th conversing with HANS MEYER who lives in the Fox River Region outside of Chicago on a farm. Informant described MEYER as follows:

Age	About 60
Height	5'5"
Weight	185 lbs.
Build	Heavy set
Hair	Turning gray
Has gray mustache and goatee	

It is being set forth as follows schedule of functions held at the Haus Vaterland during the week:

Monday nights--nothing scheduled
Tuesday nights--regular Chess Club ($1.00 initiation fee, 25¢ for each night in attendance.)
Wednesday nights--regular open meeting every other Wednesday which includes speaker chiefly Willumeit and usually motion picture is shown. Also every other Wednesday is comradeship night which is followed by the closed section of the O. D. meeting with Kiefer leading and Willumeit assisting.
Thursday nights--nothing scheduled.
Friday nights--taken over by the Concordia Maennor Chord (leader Anton Kiefer with Willumeit playing the piano.)
Saturday nights--open social night.

Informant stated that the present trend of the Bund is openly to try to keep the present members attending regularly and to attempt to get more members and to try to get members from German vereins to

to come to the Haus Vaterland so that the Bund can prove to them that there is nothing underhanded being carried on at the Haus Vaterland. Informant stated that so far the Bund does not appear to have had much luck in obtaining new members or in getting other organizations to come to the Haus Vaterland.

September 29, 1941 writer contacted Confidential Informant [redacted] who stated that he attended regular social night meeting of the Bund on Saturday September 27 and spent most of his night talking to FRED GEHM, real estate operator previously mentioned in this report. Informant stated that GEHM mentioned to him an interesting incident which occurred about two weeks previously at the Haus Vaterland. GEHM advised that a young girl who is known as EMILY around the Haus Vaterland but whose real name is GEORGIA, whose occupation is a waitress, was at the Huas Vaterland on this particular night. GEHM advised that he had an individual acquaintance with him who had a pin of the America First Committee on the lapel of his coat which pin is red, white, and blue in color. EMILY went up to this friend of GEHM'S and proceeded to rip the pin off the coat and said, "Red, white and blue, phooey, my colors are red, white and black." GEHM stated to informant that this created quite an incident at the bar room and Willumeit ordered Ollie Schultz to follow this girl and to keep close contact with her to find out whether she was not possibly an informant who was putting on an act. According to informant Schultz is to keep track of her at subsequent meetings to learn all he possibly can regarding her background and activities. Informant stated he has since observed this girl at the Haus Vaterland and described her as follows:

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Age	25-27 yrs.
Height	5'5"
Weight	125 lbs.
Hair	Long, artificial blond
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Waitress

Informant stated that he did not believe Gehm was a member of the Bund although he was 100% sympathetic with its ideals and attended regularly on Saturday nights. According to Gehm the three main people at the Haus Vaterland are GEORGE FROBOESE, MRS. IRENE MATZ, AND ALBERT KOLB. Gehm further states that ALBERT KOLB, MRS. IRENE MATZ, and OTTO WILLUMEIT each own one third interest in the Haus Vaterland property.

It is being incorporated as follows information furnished to the Chicago Field Division by Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. In this regard there is being set forth memorandum dated July 2, 1941 submitted by translator Ralph M. Lindsey setting forth result of interview had with informant. b2 b7D b7C

"The writer met with Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining information relative to the latter's acting as a courier for the German Embassy and was told by the Informant that he had spoken with Dr. OTTO WILLUMEIT who had suggested, because of the recent affair with the police that, it would not be wise for him to go to the German Consulate. DR. WILLUMEIT told the Informant that a special appointment would be made with DR. KRAUSE-WICHMANN for July 3 at some place other than the Consulate office. The Informant states that he will advise this office as to when and where this appointment is to be. b2 b7D

The name of LIEUTENANT GENERAL COUNT VON CHEREP-SPIRIDOVICH, [redacted] residing at 9 Sheriff St. New York City, N.Y. was furnished by Informant [redacted] The above name and address was obtained from DR. WILLUMEIT who stated that he, WILLUMEIT, and WILHELM KUNZE were in close and continual contact with CHEREP-SPIRIDOVICH who is said to be Russian National Socialist and a millionaire. CHEREP-SPIRIDOVICH publishes a newspaper known as the "PUBLICITY" and a number of the articles in this paper written by DR. OTTO WILLUMEIT. The informant does not know how news articles are transmitted from Chicago to New York for this newspaper however he is certain that if it is done through the mail that the name of DR. WILLUMEIT does not appear on the cover as addressee. b7C b7D b2 b7D

[redacted] "Informant [redacted] stated also that MR. SCHAPOWAL introduced him to DR. STEPHANUS C. HRYNIEWIECKI who in turn gave the informant a note of introduction to REMPE FRANCIS, 642 W. Deming St., Chicago, Illinois, Phone Lincoln 3326. Informant [redacted] through his conversation with HRYNIEWIECKI, concludes that REMPE FRANCIS is second only to the Consul General in Chicago and that he keeps valuable papers at his home. The Confidential Informant promises to visit REMPE FRANCIS within the next few days. b7C b7D A·R

Relative to activities in South America and his proposed trip to that country the Informant set forth the following two plans:

"1. To go directly to Rio de Janeiro where they could contact a number of Ukrainians and Germans, latter being employed at the German Consulate from there they wouldtravel south to St. Paulis (app. 350 mi.) and meet a Mr. OSTROEWSKY, Ukrainian, and his German wife. Mr. OSTROEWSKY operates a printing press and distributes much German propaganda. They would then go further south to Curitiba where the informant is personally acquainted with the German Consul General, the publisher of the German newspaper "The Compass", Dr. MASURYCHYM, leader of the Ukrainian Organization and HORCHUK, secretary of the same organization and also a publisher. From this point they would cross over to Chile.

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Plan No. 2 would be to secure introductions from Dr. WILLUMEIT to the German Consulates and other German agents on the West coast. They could then travel through Old Mexico to the State of Panama where the three agents RUESENBECK, KELLER and RUEHLER, who were brought from Argentina by the German Agent ZINSSER. Informant [redacted] hopes that ZINSSER could be met in Old Mexico as it is known that he is operating in that country. From Panama they would travel to Lima, Peru and to Santiago, Chile where they would Consul Generals BAUMANN and KIESSFELD respectively of these two countries. The informant states that the above is only a rough draft of the plan which would have to be worked out in greater detail. He states, however, that introductions which the above mentioned persons would offer him and his assistant would make possible the uncovering of the plot of Japan to occupy the countries of Chile and Peru.

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The Informant suggested that the person who accompanies him on this survey be able to speak German, Ukrainian and Russian. Either of the last two would be necessary so as to cover up any suspicion that the two persons were not the best of friends and countrymen. The Informant further suggested one [redacted] whom he knows to be an informant of some Governmental Bureau. [redacted] is staying, according to the Informant, at the Hotel Rex, New York City."

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On July 7, 1941 translator Ralph Lindsey and the writer contacted Confidential Informant who advised that he had been to the Bund camp at Bridgman, Michigan over the fourth of July holiday stating that he went to the camp with JOHNNY STRUDTHOFF, who serves as part time bar tender at the Haus Vaterland. Review of instant file report of Special

b7C Agent [redacted] Chicago, Illinois dated 1/17/41 reflects on page 47 that Strudthoff resided at 2132 School Street, and is a member of the Front Fighters and Marine Bund.

According to informant STRUDTHOFF is married and his wife went to Germany about two years ago to visit her folks but that due to fear of ocean travel in the present international situation she has chosen to remain there. According to informant STRUDTHOFF has a brother serving in the Brazilian navy and this brother is said to be very well informed on all geographical and political questions pertaining to South America.

Informant further stated that while at the camp he became acquainted with JOACHIM KAUFFMANN, 1927 North Kimball Avenue, whom [redacted] described as follows: b2 b7D

Age	25-28
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Blonde
Wears glasses	

According to informant KAUFFMANN advised him he was a member of the Nazi party but due to his above average intelligence and graduation from a college of political economics in Hamburg, Germany he was not accepted when he volunteered to offer his services in the German army in 1939. The reason for this non acceptance was due to his anticipated trip to the U. S. it being assumed that KAUFFMANN could render a greater service to Germany in America than he could in a German army. Kauffmann further told informant that he has been receiving articles of German propaganda from the German consulates in Washington which he Kauffmann has used in his activities as unit leader in the Bund. KAUFFMANN further stated that he is now to be employed as a political employee of the German government. KAUFFMANN said he claimed U. S. citizenship through his father CARL KAUFFMANN, 1927 North Kimball. At the time of this contact with informant he furnished photographs of groups of various individuals in attendance at the German camp over the fourth of July holidays. Several copies of these photographs were made as well as enlargements and will be retained in the Chicago file in this case. The individuals in these photographs were all identified with the

exception of a few whose identities will try to be determined at a later date. Photograph No. 1 includes:

ENGELBERT WAMBACH	HENRY DIEBEL
JOHNNIE STRUDTHOFF	ROSE MARIE _____
MR. AND MRS. MYER	JOE LAUMER
HANZ KLEINKE	JOHNNY MATHIESSEN
EWER THOROE	Unknown Individual

No. 2. A duplicate of above with different poses.

No. 3. JOHNNY MATHIESSEN
IGOR PELYPENKO
ROSE MARIE_____
Unknown Individual

No. 4. Photograph of Rose Marie blank.

No. 5. Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. MYER AND JOHNNIE STRUDTHOFF.

No. 6. Duplicate of the above photograph, same individuals, different poses.
(It might be stated that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Myer in this photograph is an English individual however he is sympathetic with Bund ideas and the Nazi regime. He states his wife is an Austrian by birth and at the present time they are operating a restaurant, address unknown, however informant will obtain address at a later date.) b7C b7D

No. 7. Photograph of JOHNNY MATHIESSEN and HENRY DIEBEL on hands and knees with an individual whose last name is KALTMANN balanced on top. Picture also includes [redacted] b7C b7D

No. 8. Photograph of HENRY DIEBEL hanging from cross bars and also blank KALTMANN.

No. 9. Photograph of [redacted]

Under date of July 22 translator, Ralph M. Lindsey, and the writer contacted Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and he advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is also known to the Bureau, had just arrived in Chicago. According to [redacted] Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Field Division instructed informant on July 15 that due to the returning to Germany of all German Consular officials informant's services would no longer be needed and he may feel free to return to South America. [redacted] stated that the reason for his trip to Chicago was to bid his son good bye before leaving for South America. Informant [redacted] stated that on his way to Chicago he stopped in Detroit, Michigan and visited with the German vice consul, that the latter occupied the same offices as before and has the same office force and carries on the same business as he did before the German consulates were ordered closed, the only difference being the sign "German Vice Consul" has been removed from the door. According to [redacted] the Japanese and Hungarian Consulates throughout the U. S. have taken over the work of the German Consulates and informant might be able to obtain some very specific information regarding their activities. [redacted] was questioned regarding his accepting the proposed job as a courier for the German government and he advised that when he arrived in New York to contact Consul HIRSCHFELD, HIRSCHFELD stated that due to the closing of the Consulates he had concluded all office work and it wouldbe impossible for him to give any documents to informant to be delivered to persons in Canada. In this respect is should be stated that informant was at a loss to explain why he did not consult the Embassy at Washington, D. C. and obtain his instructions there inasmuch as it was understood at the outset that he was to obtain any documents from the Embassy.

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Also on July 22 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that while he was speaking to JOACHIM KAUFFMANN mentioned previously in this report pertaining to employment for informant, KAUFFMANN suggested that informant might be able to find employment at the Belmont Hospital, 4058 Melrose Avenue, with Dr. URBAN V. COMES, President of the hospital. KAUFFMANN according to informant, stated that Dr. Comes although born in the U. S. is 100% Nazi and would be happy to have such a person as [redacted] working for him. Accordingly KAUFFMANN made an appointment with [redacted] with his sister Charlotte Kauffmann, a girl of 17 or 18 years of age who introduced informant to Dr. Comes at the latter's residence, 4047 Northwestern Avenue. The informant stated that Dr. Comes

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appeared to be extremely cordial and told informant he would let him know within the near future relative to an opening for informant at the hospital. Informant stated that three days later Dr. Comes called him and asked that he come to his office whereupon Dr. Comes hired informant for a period of three years as an assistant at the hospital to commence work on July 24.

According to informant one of the conditions to which he was asked to agree before being introduced to Dr. Comes was that he informant would cooperate fully with JOACHIM KAUFFMANN in the latter's activities in the German movement.

Informant further stated that he accompanied MR. AND MRS. ALBERT GERDES with whom he has been staying to Long Lake, Illinois on July 20 where the Reich SDeutsche Vereinigung held a picnic. Informant stated that there was no business transacted at this picnic and that there were only a small number present. He stated that the ones he was acquainted with which were present were HEINZ BAMBERG, ANTONE ZIMMERMANN, a MR. WERNER and an individual by the name of VOGEL, a family by the name of KOCH and a family by the name of SCHILLING. In this respect it might be stated that membership lists of the RV reflects a HANZ KOCH, JOSEPH KOCH, THERESIA KOCH but no family or individual by the name of SCHILLING, WERNER or VOGEL.

Continuing informant advised that the activities consisted of drinking beer, playing games, and swimming, and that all around the picnic grounds were signs, "Not for Jews."

On July 24 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised translator Landsey that on July 23 he contacted Willumeit at the Haus Vaterland. He stated that the object of his contact was to show the latter a book entitled "The Ukrainians Weep" which book was written by Confidential Informant [redacted] He stated at the conclusion of his conversation with Willumeit Willumeit agreed to come to the home of the Gerdes, 2041 West Belle Plaine Avenue, where [redacted] are living, for the purpose of Willumeit's talking to Confidential Informant [redacted] Informant [redacted] reported that about 4:15 p.m. WILLUMEIT arrived at their residence and that while [redacted] prepared drinks for Willumeit and [redacted] he overheard that they were engaged in confidential conversation pertaining to connections between the Ukrainian and German Consulates. Willumeit it appears expressed

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a desire of introducing [redacted] to the Hungarian Consulate in Chicago and stated upon his departure from [redacted] home that he would make the necessary contact with the Hungarian Consulate and would call [redacted] by 6:00 p.m. and advise him of the outcome. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, Willumeit contacted [redacted] and reported that he had not forgotten to call the Hungarian Consulate but that he had not been able to contact the "person" he desired to but he would continue trying to contact him and that [redacted] should pay WILLUMEIT later at the Haus Vaterland. Accordingly about 9:15 p.m. [redacted] met Willumeit in front of the garage at the Haus Vaterland and Willumeit informed [redacted] he had just received a telegram and that it would be necessary for him to leave immediately for New York and that his visit was to be secret and confidential the only persons knowing of his departure being his wife and Mrs. Matz. Willumeit cautioned [redacted] about mentioning his trip to anyone and told him he would return to Chicago on Saturday and would carry out the contact at the Hungarian Consulate.

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Under date of July 29, 1941 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised Ralph M. Lindsey, translator, that George Froboese had recently been installed as head of all Bund units in Eastern U. S. and that Froboese holds now a high position in the organization, that Otto Willumeit the leader being only head of the Chicago division. If this information is true Froboese is Eastern leader as well as middlewest leader of the Bund.

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Informant stated further that George Froboese and Otto Willumeit returned by automobile from New York with Wilhelm Kunze and that upon their return they had had contact with Lt. General Count Von Cherep-Spiridovich. Another man whose name was unknown to informant was also scheduled to be at this meeting.

Informant went on to state that Confidential Informant [redacted] left Chicago July 26 and went to Detroit, Michigan, that before leaving he had been invited by Willumeit to attend the special meeting which was to be held on July 29, 1941 and accordingly [redacted] had returned to Detroit early in the morning of July 29 in order to attend this meeting. Informant stated he will report further relative to the details surrounding this meeting. Under date of July 31 [redacted] stated that Informant [redacted] went to the Haus Vaterland as scheduled on July 29 for this special meeting. He stated the minute [redacted] returned to Detroit he wrote a special

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delivery letter to [redacted] pertaining to the special meeting held in Chicago. [redacted] advised in this letter that Willumeit and himself were met at the Bismarck Hotel after leaving the Haus Vaterland by Lt. General Count Von Cherep Spiridovich, Count Vonsiatsky, Kunze and Froboese. The following is a description of Vonsiatsky: b2 b7D

Age	45-48
Weight	190-196 lbs.
Complexion	Tanned
Face	Long--face and head smoothly shaven.

It was stated that Vonsiatsky and Cherep Spiridovich had just returned from the West Coast and were certain to be in direct contact with Berlin, Tokyo and Charbin, Manchuria. [redacted] advised that the trip to the west was to contact military agents and saboteurs on the West Coast. The main objectives as cited by this group in the meeting are to destroy Communist Russia, to destroy Churchill, and do away with Roosevelt and his Jewish servants. [redacted] advised that very often throughout the meeting the terms "Heil Hitler" was used. b2 b7D

A review of the Chicago files reflected that a case has been opened 65-2167 entitled Anastase A. Vonsiatsky with aliases, Espionage--G, New Haven, Conn. origin. In this case the Chicago Field Division will incorporate additional information regarding the activities of Confidential Informant [redacted] and Vonsiatsky while in Chicago. b2 b7D

Under date of August 8 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he had telephonically contacted Willumeit informing Willumeit that he had received a letter from Confidential Informant [redacted] stating that he would like to see Willumeit personally. Accordingly [redacted] had a meeting with Willumeit in the Haus Vaterland on August 8 and [redacted] was introduced to Kunze. Shortly after this introduction to Kunze Willumeit displayed a large roll of bank notes. Willumeit advised that it would be necessary for him to go to the bank to get them changed. While he was gone [redacted] stated he had a lengthy conversation with Kunze during which time they spoke of the political situation and of Polish birth certificates which Confidential Informant [redacted] was supposedly going to send to Willumeit through [redacted] further stated that Kunze b2 b7D

had written two letters to [redacted] within the past week and that one of these letters had contained pictures of Kunze which were necessary for the birth certificate. It was further learned through [redacted] that Kunze would remain in and around Chicago during the next week and that Willumeit was leaving Chicago not to return until around August 15.

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At this point it might be stated that reference conference teletypedated 8/8/41 from Newark advised that Kunze, national leader of the Bund had been ousted by the members following admission by Kunze of his intention to try to leave the U. S. This teletype further stated that Kunze was in Chicago at a home of a Bund member allegedly under constant watch of the O.D. to prevent his leaving the U. S. He further stated that FROBOESE would probably become national leader of the Bund.

Further reference teletype dated August 14, 1941 from New York City from Assistant Director Connelley advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] had contacted the German Embassy in Washington and stated that the forged passports and birth certificates for Kunze and Willumeit were ready and that informant should obtain these from a Rev. MALZAHNS, 288 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia on August 15. [redacted] stated that he told Von HEYDEN of the German Embassy that he was going to Chicago and that he would deliver the passports personally to Kunze and Willumeit who would plan to leave the U. S. after receiving the passports.

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Regarding Kunze's being guarded by O.D. members of the Bund it should be stated that Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau advised that there was no indication at Bund headquarters that this was so. Reference teletype further stated that [redacted] could furnish no information why the German Embassy was anxious to have Kunze and Willumeit leave the U. S. Along this line it should be further stated that at the time the writer interviewed Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is also known to the Bureau, he advised that the reason Kunze was being guarded was due to the fact he was under bond in New Jersey and that the bond was acash bond raised by the Bund and that in the event he left the U. S. and jumped his bond the Bund would stand to be loser of the cash put up for his bond.

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Reference teletypedated 8/15/41 from Newark Field Division stated that [redacted] advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] was at national headquarters of the Bund on August 15 and held a conference with Kunze and Willumeit and Von Ziatsky on the 13th instant at the residence of

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Von Zlatsky. According to this teletype Kunze and Willumeit were returning to Chicago to be in attendance at the national convention of the Bund to be held at the end of the month.

Under date of August 18, 1941 Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that he had contacted Albert Kolb at the Haus Vaterland relative to the whereabouts of Kunze and Willumeit and it was ascertained that Willumeit was still out of town however Kunze would see him on that date about one p.m. It was stated that Willumeit would not return to Chicago until August 25. Also according to Kolb Kunze had been visiting GEORGE FROBOESE in Milwaukee but at the present time was staying at the residence of Mrs. Matz, secretary of the Bund at 1509 West Rosemont Street. b2 b7D

Accordingly [redacted] contacted Kunze at the Haus Vaterland and advised Kunze that his passport was ready but that he was still waiting for a picture for the forged passport of Willumeit so that it could be completed. [redacted] further stated that he had received a letter from [redacted] to learn when [redacted] should come to Chicago so that Kunze, Willumeit, and [redacted] could make plans to leave the country together, the plan being for them to go to Mexico and then to South America. To this Kunze replied that he did not think it wise for him to leave with another person because he might be sought by authorities and for that reason it would be much safer for him to go alone. Further that because of the indictment against him and eight other Germans in New Jersey he could not leave immediately for fear of causing serious trouble for the other eight Germans involved, & Kunze told MD in view of this fact that he was in no hurry to leave the country. b2 b7D

On August 27 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised he had just spoken with Dr. Willumeit at the Haus Vaterland and Willumeit had told him that his trip had been more for business than for pleasure, that he had been in the east principally in New York where he made a number of contacts. Willumeit also told [redacted] he had been in Washington where he contacted members of the German Embassy to obtain instructions for Kunze and himself regarding leaving the country. [redacted] stated that Willumeit promised immediate action in obtaining a picture for him of himself for use on the forged passport. b2 b7D

Conference teletype from the Chicago Field Division dated August 16 set forth the above information.

Reference teletype dated August 18 from the Newark Field Division advised that [redacted] stated that [redacted] was at the national headquarters b2 b7D

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of the Bund on August 15, that conference between Kunze, Willumeit, [redacted] and Von Ziatsky was held at the latter's home August 13. b2 b7D

Reference letter from the Chicago Field Division to the Bureau dat d August 21 stated that Kunze had advised that a meeting was held at the Haus Vaterland on August 15, that the time and place of the Bund convention and of the executive session would be kept in strictest confidence until just shortly before the meeting in order to insure the utmost secrecy. He further stated that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the delegates at this convention would be Otto Willumeit, Anton Kiefer, O.D. Commander, Hugo Luethje, deputy unit commander, and George Oltmann. Reference teletype from the Newark Field Division dated August 21 stated that the executive session of the Bund convention would be held on the 27th and 28th of August at the farm of PAUL KRUEGER near Bridgman, Michigan. He stated that those to be present were Willumeit, Kunze, Willie Luethje, George Froboese, Gustav Elmer, August Klapprott from the East, and Wippelmann from the West coast and Attorney Keegan. Teletypercquested that Chicago Field Division advise of the possibility of satisfactorily covering the convention by means of informants. Reference teletype dated August 25 from the Bureau also requested that arrangements be affected for coverage of the Bund convention by informants in order to assure full coverage and to confirm information given by [redacted]

Teletype dated August 25 from Newark advised that [redacted] furnished information that the Bund convention was to be held in Chicago on August 30, 31 and September 1 and that [redacted] would contact Chicago Field Division as soon as possible upon his arrival in Chicago on August 30. b2 b7D

Reference teletype dated August 26 from the Chicago Field Division to Director advised that it was believed inadvisable to conduct a physical or technical surveillance of the Paul Krueger farm due to its location and further no one except appointed O. D. delegates would be permitted to attend the executive session at the home of Krueger. However appropriate steps would be met to have full coverage of the convention scheduled at the Haus Vaterland August 30, 31 and September 1 by means of confidential informants.

Reference letter dated September 4 from the Chicago Field Division to the Bureau set forth the results of the interview between the writer and Confidential Informant [redacted] regarding the activities at the executive b2 b7D

session of the Bund convention held at the home of Paul Krueger and of the activities of the Bund convention at the Haus Vaterland in Chicago. It was not deemed advisable to restate this information in a report however it might be stated that [redacted] advised he would furnish the Bureau with appropriate minutes and photographs of this convention. It is noted that photograph was received from the Newark Field Division as furnished by [redacted] showing delegates in attendance at the convention held in Chicago in 1940. This photograph is being exhibited to informant in the Chicago Field Division to identify those individuals whose names are not known. However a lead is being set forth for the New York Field Division to recontact [redacted] and request him to obtain photograph of the convention held in Chicago in 1941.

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Reference is made to letter from the Bureau dated September 16 requesting that the Chicago Field Division be on the alert to ascertain the activities of Otto Willumeit and Wilhelm Kunze when they are in Chicago inasmuch as they may attempt to leave the U. S. In this regard the Bureau is advised that a periodic check will be made by means of a physical surveillance or otherwise so that the Bureau can be immediately informed in the event any effort is made by Kunze or Willumeit to affect their departure.

Teletype dated September 25 from the Newark Field Division advised that [redacted] stated Kunze intended to leave New York City on September 26 for an extended tour of Bund units in the U. S. This teletypestated Kunze would be in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, and Detroit. Further that Otto Willumeit was scheduled to join Kunze at Cleveland and accompany him on his trip. In this regard Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is also known to the Bureau, stated that on September 27 Willumeit sent the following telegram to JOSEPH BELOHLAVEK, 5505 Beddulth Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. "Tax appeal case coming up Monday. Cannot leave until Wednesday." This would indicate that Willumeit intended to possibly meet Kunze in Cleveland on September 30.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on August 1 she was at the Haus Vaterland together with FRITZ WEISS, who was to take informant to the Bund camp at Bridgman, Michigan on August 2. Accordingly on August 2 Fritz WEISS, Dr. Alfred ERNST, and informant drove to the camp. Informant advised that every effort had been made to arrange a meeting with two individuals by the name

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of KURT&EWALD, two alleged German storm troopers, Sturmtroopers who are members of the Reichs deutschen. Informant advised that the last names of these individuals were not known however they had been very active around the Ernst Henneckes Tavern at 2873 Lincoln Avenue and continually extolled praises of Hitler. A search of membership lists of Reichsdeutschen membership list reflected a KURT PIEPER, 1539 Estes Street, Kurt Schlegel, 3701 North Damen and Kurt Wolf, 5426 South Harper and Ewald Rumpf, 8155 South Ellis Street. Nothing is known of these four individuals other than the fact that Kurt Schlegel purports to be a German humorist and just recently on September 19 put on a performance at the Haus Vaterland. Informant stated however an attempt would be made to obtain the last names of the two individuals to ascertain whether they are identical with any of the above listed members of the Haus Vaterland.

While at the camp informant stated contact was made with Frau WOLFSKEEL who lives on property near the camp and informant spent considerable time talking of old Germany with FRAU WOLFSKEEL. Informant stated that she is 100% German in her attitude and prays every night for speedy German victory, and stated what she wanted before she died was a journey to Germany after a complete German victory so that she may kiss the hem of Hitler's trousers. Informant stated that the next day was spent at the camp and among those around the camp were Rudolf Bender, Ollie Schultz, Henry Diebel, Fritz Kuebler, and Johnny Mathiessen.

At this point it shouldbe stated that Fritz Kuebler is a member of the Front Fighters and Marine Bund having served during the World War in the first torpedo division of the German navy. His address is given in report of the writer dated 1/17/41 page 43, as 434 Belden Avenue. The license number of Kuebler's car has also been observed on many occasions in the vicinity of the Haus Vaterland.

Informant stated that a lengthy conversation was had with Mr. and Mrs. HENRICH GOLZER chiefly regarding international affairs. Informant stated that the GOLZER's have a little girl Rose Mary who belongs to Jugendhaus in charge of FRAU ANNA FALLER. ANNA FALLER resides with her husband XAVER on the second floor of the Haus Vaterland. According to informant Mrs. GOLZER is still a German citizen and sends many packages to German prisoners in Canada. Informant stated that Mrs. GOLZER bemoans the loss of Mrs. HORST FRICKE, wife of the former commercial attache who was ordered returned to Germany by the German government. Mrs. Golzer stated that FRAU FRICKE was a very capable leader of the Reichsdeuchen Frauen organization. According to Mrs. Golzer when she was young and lived

in Germany she helped serve the Kaiser at his hunting lodge. Upon referring to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated Chicago, Illinois January 17, 1941, page 42 it is noted that HENRY GOLZER is a member of the Front Fighters and Marine Bund, address 929 Wolfram Street. Also page 99 of the same report reflects that Henry GOLZER, address 4542 North Ashland contributed the sum of $25 to help retire the debt of the Hans Vaterland Inc. which is the property of the Bund. b7C

Later on in the day at the camp informant stated that Paul Kruger and Kuebler got into an exciting discussion, analyzing Hitler's actions and future moves and as former German soldiers they seemed well qualified to understand his purpose.

On July 24, 1941 PETER GISSIBL, former leader of the Bund at the time it was known as "Friends of New Germany" voluntarily called at the Chicago Field Division and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer. Gissibl stated that he was still living in Waukegan, Illinois, had recently bought himself a new home and was trying to make a living as a tailor. He said that the reason for his appearance at the Chicago Field Division was instigated by information he had received indirectly that the Immigration Department were investigating him with the thought of his possible denaturalization and deportation. GISSIBL was advised that this office had no information along this line and could not help him out in this respect. However the opportunity was taken to question him relative to any information he might be able to furnish regarding individuals still members of the Bund that were members while he was leader that might be contacted as possible informants. GISSIBL stated that JAKOB LEIMANN, 2154 West Ohio Street if still a member of the Bund might serve as an informant. He advised that Leimann was of Russian extraction and due to the present war between Russia and Germany might be willing to inform against the Germans. According to the membership lists of the Front Fighters and Marine Bund, JAKOB LEIMANN, 2154 West Ohio Street, is listed in this membership list on page 45 of serial 19 in instant case. It is also noted that the initials B.M. appear after his name which indicate that he is a Bund member. A lead is being set forth to contact LEIMANN in an effort to develop him as an informant.

GISSIBL stated that in his mind the Bund was a harmless organization that WILLUMEIT its present leader was spineless and not capable of drawing up any plans for the purpose of a concentrated espionage or sabotage attack on the U. S. He also stated that the caliber of men

who made up the membership at the time he GISSIBL was a member of the Bund were of the dull ignorant type who needed leadership to direct them.

Contact was had by the writer with Mr. and Mrs. FRED OBENDORF owner of a small grocery store located at the northwest corner of Byron and Western Avenue for the purpose of obtaining their consent to use their store as a point of surveillance of the Haus Vaterland. It is noted that from the inside of the store it is possible to watch all three entrances to the Haus Vaterland, that is the entrance on the west side, the corner entrance, and the entrance on the north side. Consent having been obtained from the Obendorf's it is contemplated in the near future to obtain motion pictures of individuals going in and out of the Bund headquarters especially when meetings are held.

Under date of September 15, 1941 Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Dr. Willumeit was contacted by Dr. Shurliff (phonetic) relative to Willumeit's purchasing the summer boat. Arrangements were made by Dr. Shurliff and Dr. Willumeit to meet on that date on the Burnham Park Yacht Harbor and have Willumeit take a ride on his boat which boat is named "The Owl." According to informant Willumeit's intention is to use this boat which will cost him about $2,000 to sail on Lake Michigan near the Bund Camp at Bridgman, Michigan. Along this line informant further advised that on September 22 Dr. Shurliff again contacted Willumeit and Willumeit advised Shurliff it was his intention to purchase the boat. Further on September 23 Dr. Shurliff again got in touch with Willumeit regarding the sailboat which Willumeit was to purchase from him. Willumeit advised the Dr. that he had been unable to contact the youths who are to handle the boat however he believed he would be able to contact them on September 24 when they attended the meeting at the Haus Vaterland. On September 24 informant stated that Dr. Shurliff got in touch with Willumeit relative to the training of the youths to take care of the sailboat. SHURLIFF advised Willumeit that he would work out a plan regarding the youths and would like to meet with the boys on September 30 in this regard.

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Informant further stated that on September 18 Willumeit was contacted by an unknown individual and Willumeit was requested to be present at Rinksmeiers House, 2849 North Kenneth on September 17 at 8 p.m. to attend and speak at a meeting of the United Women's Club. Willumeit informed this individual that he would be there at the appointed hour.

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On September 23 [redacted] advised that Willumeit was contacted by an unknown woman who advised that she had a friend visiting her from Germany and Switzerland and was in Paris when the German troops marched in. This woman advised Willumeit that in the event he had no speaker for the program for the meeting on September 24 at the Haus Vaterland that this person would be glad to speak. This woman advised Willumeit further this man would speak freely and would hold nothing however he would have to be assured that there would be no newspaper reporters present. She stated that this man was not at the present time in Chicago but was expected to return to Chicago on the evening of September 24. According to informant Willumeit appeared to be very enthusiastic and planned to have this man speak on the program. It might be stated however that according to informant
b7C [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, there was no outside
b7D speaker at the Haus Vaterland on September 24 and Willumeit was the only speaker.

There is being set forth as follows lists of license numbers obtained by the Chicago Police Department being license numbers of automobiles observed by members of the police department in the vicinity of the Haus Vaterland on various meeting nights of the Bund. There is being set forth first the individual's name and address, his license numbe[redacted] and date license number was observed.

Name and Address	License Number	Date Observed
ALTER, R., 3251 No. Western Avenue	791,570	9/3/41
AMBOS, H., 1814 Henderson	131,357	7/23/41
ANZUINI, B., 621 South Paulina	963-698	7/23/41
BAKER, C. J., 4427 Maplewood	957-711	3/22/41
BALDWIN, C., 155 W. & Western Ave., Harvey	1,746,246	7/26/41
BARTHEL, W. O., 621 W. Moody Ave.	108,802	9/3/41
BAUER, J., 2649 No. Racine Ave.	533,391	7/26/41 & [redacted] 41
BAULMAN, HENRY, Rt. #1 Box 250H, DES Plaines, Ill.	594,349	7/11/41 7/[redacted] 7/26/41
BAUR, J., 2449 No. Seminary Ave.	743-017	9/10/41
BERENZ, A. B., 1535 No. Avers Ave.	1-477-957	9/13/41 9/[redacted]
BERNSTEIN, H. 3727 Pine Grove	962-259	7/23/41
BISCHOY, J., 7535 Kenneth (Skokie	977-307	9/10/41

Name and Address	License Number	Date Observed
BLAKE, G. W., 4225 No. Damen	946-758	3/22/41
BOATWIGHT, W. & M., 4441 Michigan	928,438	9/3/41
BOLDT, A., 3733 Agatite	308-994	7/23/41
BRUHN, R. E., 3422 N. Leavitt	896,347	7/23/41 7/26/41 8/7/41 9/10/41 9/13/41
BUNN, H., 1411 Orchard St., Des Plaines	292-206	7/23/41
CHENEY, H. E., 6 20 Addison St.	1-271-625	9/13/41
CIANGLO, W., 6250 No. Sheridan Rd.	102-794	9/10/41
COBB, W. H., 3839 Greenview	363-410	9/10/41
COFFMAN, O. E., 3249 Gustave St., Franklin Park, Ill.	56735	7/11/41
CORLO, R., 1814 No. Francisca	100-834	9/10/41
DAWSON, A. I., 3537 No. Sheffield Ave.	1,729-040	7/23/41
DELAMATER, J., 2121 Berteau Ave.	303,542	9/13/41
DeWITT, J., 1716 W. 21st Street	718-292	7/23/41
DIESTER, O., 1211 23rd St., Wilmette	1-742-246	9/13/41 9/3/41 9/10/41
DIEST R, R., 2018 So. Wabash	350-879	3/22/41
DORTEN, J., 1836 Hudson	1-743-010	9/13/41
DREYER, M. M. (MISS), 3037 Belmont Ave.	900-057	7/11/41 7/23/41 9/3/41
DROCHNER, E. G., 1217 W. Cornelia	169-178	3/22/41 7/11/41 7/23/41 9/10/41 9/13/41
DYRSSEN, G. W., 8541 Ferris Morton Grove	1-290-780	3/22/41 7/11/41
EBNER, J. JR, 2540 No. Marshfield	1,147,061	7/2/41
EGGERD, L., 2950 No. Talman	907-897	7/26/41 9/10/41
ELLING, W., 4938 No. Leavitt St.	208-745	8/7/41
ERNST, E. A., 3321 Carroll Ave.	190-675	9/10/41
FISCHER, P., 4243 Wrightwood Ave.	921-943	9/10/41
FISHER, R., Rt. #2, Tamora	1,089,231	7/23/41 7/26/41
FOX, A. M., 1633 Farwell	57,080	7/23/41
FREINIK, W., 3226 Potomac	997-554	7/23/41 9/10/41 9/13/41
FRENZ, A. B., 1535 N. Avers Ave.	1-477-957	8/7/41
FROSCHMAYR, L., 5025 Belmont Ave.	727,986	9/3/41
FUCHS, R. P., 4338 No. Albany	1,147,298	7/2/41
GAGO, E., 3026 W. 38th Place	1-169-839	9/10/41
GARTHER, A. J., 2132 Belle Plaine Ave.	603-238	7/23/41

Name and Address	License Number	Date Observed
GEHM, F. A., 2217 Belmont Ave.	1-148-451	9/13/41
GEISLER, R., 6732 S. Bell Ave.	1,713,088	7/26/41
GERICKE, MARY, 3931 No. Paulina	1-129-215	3/22/41
GIBBONS, L. P., 2340 Addison	719-185	9/10/41
GIES, J., 3511 No. Clark St.	160-449	8/7/41
GOEBEL, C., 1726 Orchard St.	686-477	7/23/41
GOLDMAN, S., 1604 So. Milland	894,797	9/3/41
GOLZER, H., 4542 No. Ashland	501-067	7/11/41 9/3/41 9/10/41
GORSKI, E. F., 3424 No. Kolmar	935,030	7/23/41
GRACE, H & G., 4814 Hutchinson St.	935,091	7/2/41
GRANT, M. J., 1100 Roscoe	953,145	7/23/41
GRASS, T., 1544 No. LaSalle	1,101-293	7/23/41
GREDELL, A., 1140 No. LaSalle St.	935-070	7/23/41
GRIDLEY, W. H., 1721 No. Washtenaw	131,423	7/2/41
GRIESBACH, H. S., 4252 N. Damen Ave.	54,535	7/26/41
GROS, R. A., 4948 No. Whipple	65340	7/11/41
GROTH, F., 5553 Leland	941-922	3/22/41
GRUNDWAG, I., 3206 Ainslie St.	713,795	7/11/41
HAAS, J. W., 4339 No. Claremont	1,723,339	9/3/41
HAASIS, M., 2427 Cullom Ave.	729-139	7/23/41
HAIN, F., 4031 No. Oakley Ave.	553-685	9/13/41
HARDT, A. J., 4159 No. Oakley Ave.	1-169-838	7/11/41 9/3/41 9/13/41
HARRIS, J. B., 3811 No. Western Ave.	1-723-546	7/2/41 7/23/41
HENNIQUEZ, E., 925 Windsor Ave.	843,542	7/11/41
HILDMANN, A., 1322 Millard Ave.	587,605	7/11/41
HJORTHAMMAN, R., 1561 W. Birchwood	317-639	9/10/41
HOBAN, W. I., 1748 Albion Ave.	737-345	9/10/41
HOFFBERG, D., 1620 Columbia Ave.	1,180,516	7/2/41
HOTTON, G. P., 1340 Henderson	987-349	3/22/41
HORITZ, E., Grove & Depot, Glenview	486-861	7/11/41 7/23/41 9/10/41
HRADISKY, M., 5429 No. Central Ave.	309,994	7/23/41
IDOUX, P., 321 Wilder St., Aurora	1-290-870	9/13/41
IMMONER, R., 3651 No. Richmond	381,268	7/11/41
IRSAY, C., 1900 Milwaukee	1-109-652	3/22/41 7/2/41
JAEGER, H., 2545, Gunnison	500-652	3/22/41 7/11/41
JARECHOW, E., 927 Montana St.	154-926	9/13/41
JUSTROW, G. H., 2636 No. Sacramento	830-064	9/13/41
JOEKS, E. A., 2824 Barry Ave.	506,057	9/3/41

JOHANNES, G., 4938 Byron St.	314-446	9/13/41	
JOHNSON, E. F., 10640 Ave. J.	965-388	9/13/41	
DR. JOURDAN, A. E., 3166 Lincoln	274-750	7/2/41	7/11/41
		7/23/41	9/13/41
KAUFMAN, W., 710 Oakdale Ave.	69,224	9/3/41	
KELLY, L., 2039 Belle Plaine Ave.	828-799	9/13/41	
KIEFER, W., 5421 E. Neva	742-161	3/22/41	9/13/41
		9/26/41	
KLINK, M. E., 2238 No. Kedzie	194-588	3/22/41	
KLEINPASO, E., 3649 No. Bell	1-718-843	9/10/41	
KLETT, G., 3937 No. Bell Ave.	89,269	9/3/41	
KLAEPFEL, E., 2740 Farwell	508-163	3/22/41	7/11/41
		9/3/41	
KOESSEL, T. C. (DR.), 6919 No. Ashland	158-819	9/13/41	
KOLB, A., 4023 No. Springfield Ave.	560-735	3/22/41	7/2/41
		7/23/41	8/7/41
		9/3/41	9/10/41
		9/13/41	
KOEBS, J., 3645 No. Leavitt St.	1-145-558	7/23/41	9/10/41
KRICK, S. P., 6509 No. Rockwell	404,950	7/11/41	
KRONE, A.M.P., 6105 No. Glenwood	939-653	9/13/41	
KUEBLER, F., 434 Belden St.	534-392	7/2/41	7/23/41
		9/3/41	
KUNKEL, A. J., 2250 Farragut Ave.	136-755	7/23/41	
KUNZ, C., 3624 No. Damen Ave.	735-451	9/13/41	
KWITKOWSKI, J. E., 5125 So. Loomio St.	369-052	9/13/41	
LERCH, E., 3732 No. Racine	1-137-740	3/22/41	
LESNAW, L. J., 4020 No. Monitar Ave.	1,158,181	7/23/41	
LETKIEWICZ, J., 739 Belmont Ave.	1-742-281	9/13/41	
LIND, R. A., 4321 No. Ridgeway Ave.	1,733,580	7/11/41	
LINWOOD, R. A. SR., 1044 El mas, Winnetka	792-794	9/10/41	
LOSH, E. R., 638 No. Avers Ave.	189-203	7/23/41	
LOSASSO, J., 2326 W. Lincoln Pkwy.	1-281-951	3/22/41	
LUDEKE, A., 1255 Waveland	775-942	9/13/41	
LUETHJE, H. J., 456 Belmont	1-225-875	3/22/41	7/11/41
		7/23/41	7/26/41
		9/3/41	9/10/41
		9/13/41	
MANDRICH, E., 6226 Woodlawn	947-531	3/22/41	9/13/41
MARHOEFER, J., 8438 So. May St.	155-701	9/13/41	

MARKEL, L., 434 Roscoe	417-076	3/22/41	7/23/41
MASSAD, O., 3428 W. North Ave.	737-536	9/10/41	
MATTHIESON, Jr., 3855 No. Western	1-175-918	7/2/41	7/11/41
		7/23/41	7/26/41
		8/7/41	9/10/41
MAY, O. H., 4844 N. Huron	502-753	8/7/41	
MAYR, I., 4147 No. Narraganseld	296-130	7/23/41	
McCARTHY, D. J., 910 E. 82nd St.	1,713, 450	7/2/41	
MELLIN, A. G., 7834 C. Bishop	~~1-479-497~~	~~9/10/41~~	
MENCH, F. J., 6243 So. Artesian Ave.	361-495	9/13/41	
MENZER, K. G., 2626 No. Halsted St.	541-667	7/11/41	7/23/41
MEYER, KURT, 3803 No. Francisco	149,801	7/26/41	
MEYERS, L., 640 W. Douglas, Freeport	1-578-842	9/13/41	
MILLMEIER, MRS. F. G., 1924 Eddy Ave.	254,194	7/2/41	
MAINCH, M., 3054 W. Irving Pkwy.	880-915	3/22/41	7/23/41
		9/3/41	
MOERMAN, O. R., 6333 Glenwood Ave.	792-714	7/2/41	7/11/41
		7/26/41	8/7/41
		9/3/41	
MORAZONI, J., 3542 No. Albany	127-160	9/10/41	
MUDRA, J., 6 55 Elm Park, Elmhurst	729,714	7/23/41	
MUELLER, R., 4858 No. Ashland	1-715-199	7/23/41	9/10/41
NAGEL, J. P., 4552 No. La Porte Ave.	558-138	9/13/41	
NELSON, F., 3401 No. Pulaski Rd.	557,761	7/23/41	
NELSON, L., 2220 Roscoe	191,650	7/23/41	
NEMUTH, A., 2722 Diversey Ave.	417-862	9/13/41	
NEWMAN, I., 1256 Columbia	577-702	9/13/41	
NICKLAUS, H., 925 Montrose	963-171	3/22/41	
O'KEEFE, J. P., 4201 No. Meade	973,980	9/3/41	
OLDENBURG, F. JR., 4623 No. Avers	382-861	7/23/41	
OLLMANN, H., 3854 Wrightwood	1-149-979	7/2/41	7/23/41
OLTMANNS, G., 2039 Moffat St.	146-125	7/2/41	7/23/41
		9/3/41	
OTTEN, H., 810 So. 4th	790-547	3/22/41	
RASCHAL, H. F., 2344 No. Granville	392-313	7/23/41	
PECHECK, C. P. JR., 7700 Calls Ave.	538-438	9/10/41	
PEDAK, A., 187 W. Lake, Elmhurst	136,735	7/23/41	
PETTER, H., 2848 Barry Ave.	113-382	7/23/41	
PETERMANN, F., 2644 Leland Ave.	620-076	7/23/41	
PETERS, F., 1306 No. 15th Ave. Melrose Park	826-573	9/13/41	

PETSCHAUER, A., 876 No. Mozart	949-067	9/10/41	
PFOSER, L., 940 23rd St., Wilmette	1-364-470	9/13/41	
PHILLIP, H., 3301 No. Hoyne Ave.	890,086	7/11/41	9/3/41
PILAR, J. M., 3040 No. Spaulding	1-180-302	7/23/41	
PIRCHNER, V. O., 1909 Cleveland	982-550	3/22/41	
PLAUL, C., 2041 Belle Plaine	1-118-238	9/13/41	
PRICE, A., 5643 Calumet	1,166,435	9/3/41	
PRINCE, A. F., 1748 Winnemac	418,916	7/2/41	
QUIST, F., 2619 No. Kimball Ave.	1,214,791	7/26/41	
RABE, J. H., 331 So. Washtenaw Ave.	1-116-601	8/7/41	
ROLKENBACH, B., 2926 No. Francisco	512-353	7/23/41	
RAEMER, N., 614 W. Belmont Ave.	1,138,904	7/23/41	
RICHMOND, B., 3024 Gunnison St.	1-1060594	7/23/41	
RIEDELL, H., 107 No. Marion, Oak Park	953-719	7/23/41	
RIEPE, K., 1511 So. Kolmar	188,310	7/26/41	
RISLEY, R., 2931 No. Rockwell St.	928-178	9/13/41	
RISLEY, R., 2931 No. Rockwell St.,	928-178	3/22/41	
ROBERTS, J., 4951 No. Leavitt	306-648	9/10/41	
ROYKE, A., 2105 No. Nagle Ave.	198-636	7/23/41	
SANABRIA, V. A., 6441 No. Albany	561-571	9/13/41	
SAWICKI, J., 2613 W. Walton	502-187	9/13/41	
SEHALK, D., 4949 W. Oakdale Ave.	953-135	9/10/41	9/13/41
SCHEIBL, L., 2737 73rd Ave. Elmwood Park	463-689	9/10/41	
SCHEIDGEN, C., 3533 Beach	563-917	3/22/41	7/26/41
SCHMID, G., 2915 Lowell	1,606,463	7/11/41	
SCHMID, O., 9018 Baltimore Ave.	582,585	7/2/41	
SCHOENHEIT, J. H., 1528 So. Halsted	1,664,696	7/2/41	7/11/41
		7/23/41	
SCHRADER, S. G., 525 No. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Park	728,418	9/3/41	
SCHROEDER, W., 3823 No. Monticello	1-102-008	9/13/41	
SCHROENER, K., 1639 No. Honore St.	312-881	3/22/41	9/13/41
SCHULZE, S., 2438 No. Clark St.	193,218	9/3/41	
SEAQUIST, W., 937 Cornelia	79-937	3/22/41	
SEDLOCK, E., 2154 So. Marshall Rd.	927-597	3/22/41	
SELLNIK, P., 4608 No. Seeley	1,117,609	7/11/41	
SHAEDEL, E., 1508 Fargo Ave.	712,653	9/3/41	
SHULTZ, O. D., 3937 No. Bell	956-269	3/22/41	7/23/41
		9/3/41	9/10/41
		9/13/41	
STANKE, T. E., 6374 No. Hermitage	265-900	3/22/41	
STEINMETZ, H., 8946, So. Bishop	82-740	7/23/41	

STEPHANY, F. E., 3453 No. Seeley Ave.	1,093,620	9/3/41	
STAHR, W., 5698 Ridge Ave.	949-923	7/23/41	9/3/41
		9/10/41	
STRAUSSL, K., 2852 No. Western	948-550	3/22/41	
STRYCK, P., 1320 Wellington	1-236-373	3/22/41	9/10/41
STRUDTHOFF, J., 3800 Greenview	410-283	3/22/41	7/11/41
		7/23/41	9/3/41
STUCKMAN, H. F., 1752 Albion St.	1,150,780	7/23/41	
STUECKL, H., 1850 W. Nelson	1-580-784	9/13/41	
SWANSON, O. W., 3914 No. Whipple	458-273	3/22/41	
SULESTER, G., 1741 No. Kedzie	89-761	3/22/41	
TARUTWEIN, R., 3052 Belmont Ave.	991,318	9/3/41	
THIET, A. M., 250 Lake St., Oak Park	354-143	7/23/41	
THEIS, W. Balcom, Union County	1-086-909	9/13/41	
THOROE, EWER, 3857 No. Western	702-775	7/23/41	
~~TOTH, E. J., 4455 No. Whipple St.~~	~~1-141-967~~	~~7/23/41~~	
TRIS, F., 1943 Roscoe St.	1-743-874	9/10/41	
VALLELY, J., 5215 Gladys Ave.	387-524	9/13/41	
VOGT, A., New Minden	1-506-057	9/13/41	
VORREITER, F., 2434 Winnemac	581-196	3/22/41	
WAGNER, A., 7190 Oakdale	590-255	3/22/41	
WAMBACH, E., 2142 No. Winchester	829-379	3/22/41	7/2/41
		7/23/41	9/3/41
		9/13/41	
WEIDINGER, F., Ridge & Walnut, Wilmette,	508-613	9/13/41	
WELL, A., 2700 W. 23rd St.	1-086-209	7/26/41	8/7/41
WELL, LUDWIG, 2700 W. 23rd	144-024	3/22/41	9/13/41
WERGIN, O., 5416 So. Wood St.	791-817	3/22/41	7/26/41
		9/13/41	
WHITAKER, A., ~~1000 No. St. Louis~~	967,171	7/26/41	
WILKENS, H., ~~7824 Oakleaf Ave.,~~ Elmwood Park, Ill.	691-295	7/23/41	9/10/41
WISHER, G. W., 2414 Byron St.	968-437	7/23/41	9/13/41
WITT, J., 1633 ~~Sayre Ave.~~	~~128,031~~	~~7/2/41~~	
WUERFFEL, L., 3845 W. Division	794-099	3/22/41	
WUERTELE, E. J., 2242 Orchard St.	917-443	9/13/41	
ZENKER, F., 4315 Dayton St.	779-976	7/11/41	7/23/41
		9/10/41	

It should be stated that since the dictation of this report information has been received by letter from the Newark Field Division that copies of the photograph of the delegates to the 1941 Bund convention have been furnished to the Newark Field Division by Confidential Informant [redacted] therefore no lead is being set out for the Newark Field Division to obtain copies of this photograph as mentioned previously in the details of this report.

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The attention of all offices is directed to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Baltimore, Maryland, August 28, 1941 in which report several leads are set out for various field divisions to conduct investigations concerning individuals whose names appeared in the possession of Theodore Zahn, one of the Nazi leaders in Baltimore. As suggested in this report each field division is requested to make their respective field division the office of origin in cases opened showing results of investigations of each of the individuals set out for the respective field divisions to investigate.

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Further reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Indianapolis September 23, 1941 wherein various leads are also set forth for field divisions to conduct investigations of the names of numerous individuals found in the possession of G. Wilhelm Kunze at the time he was detained at South Bend, Indiana May 12, 1941. As also suggested in this report it is requested that each field division open individual cases for the names of persons set out in this report for each field division and that each field division consider themselves office of origin for the requested investigations. In this respect it should be also stated that the Chicago Field Division which is the office of origin in instant case will not reset leads for the requested investigations in the above two reports.

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It should be further stated that report of Special Agent [redacted] mentioned above sets forth the leads of the material found in the possession of Kunze therefore the Chicago Field Division is not reiterating these leads based on the material found in the possession of Kunze on May 12, 1941.

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] it is noted that on page 54 leads are set out for the Grand Rapids Field Division to investigate the background and activities of PAUL KRUGER, Baroda, Michigan and at Dowagiac, Michigan to conduct investigations relative to Mr. and Mrs.

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EMIL VOLRATH. These leads may be disregarded by the Grand Rapids Field Division inasmuch as a review of instant file reflects that information concerning these three individuals is already in possession of the Chicago Field Division.

The attention of the Kansas City Field Division is directed to the report of [redacted] dated Kansas City October 4, 1941 in which a lead is set forth for the Kansas City Field Division to conduct an investigation relative to the activities of the Bund at Jefferson City and Columbia, Missouri. b7C

A review of instant file reflects that report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Kansas City August 22, 1941 sets forth results of investigation at Jefferson City, Missouri and stated that there was no information available that the German American Bund existed or had ever existed in Jefferson City. Therefore the lead in the report of Special Agent [redacted] for investigation at Jefferson City may be disregarded. b7C

Attention of the Cleveland Field Division is directed to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Newark, New Jersey, August 28, 1941 wherein a lead is set forth for the Cleveland Division to conduct an investigation relative to Max Wax and Martin Kessler.

It is noted that the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Cleveland August 14, 1941 information is set forth that Martin Kessler and Edmund Wax believed to be identical with Max Wax left for Germany in 1940. In the event that these two individuals have not returned to the U. S. lead set forth in the above report may be disregarded by the Cleveland Field Division. b7C

PENDING

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will report results of mail covers placed on officers of the Bund and on the Bund headquarters at the Haus Vaterland, 3855 North Western Avenue.

In the event authority is received from the Bureau to openly interview Richard Ohrt, 1728 Leland Avenue, Press Director of the Chicago unit of the Bund who recently discontinued relations with the Bund, will conduct appropriate interview with him and obtain all information he may be able to furnish regarding the present activities and background of the Bund and its officers.

Upon receipt of photographs from the Bureau showing delegates to the 1941 Bund convention and exhibit these photographs together with the photographs of the 1940 delegates already received from Confidential Informant [redacted] to Confidential Informants [redacted] in order to identify those individuals whose identities are presently unknown. b2 b7D b7C

Will also interview JAKOB LEIMAN, 2154 West Ohio Street, who is a member of the Front Fighters Bund as set forth in serial 19, page 45 of instant case. It should be noted that Peter Gissibl stated that

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Will also report identities of individuals whose license numbers are observed at the Haus Vaterland by the Chicago Police Department during evenings when regular meetings of the Bund are held.

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* Will ascertain the reputation and activities of L. Mueller, 3656 North Magnolia Street.

* Will conduct similar investigation of Von Lengerke and Antoine Cartridge, 33 South Wabash Street and of A. A. Lehnart, 1974 Wentworth

Avenue (Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Springfield, Illinois July 16, 1941). b7C

* Will conduct investigation of background and activities of Theodore KOESSEL, Room 1061, 108 North State Street, telephone Dearborn 1048. In connection with this investigation it is to be noted that Dr. Willumeit is reluctant to permit [redacted] and Dr. Koessel to be left alone. It was [redacted] idea that Willumeit was afraid Dr. Koessel would talk. b2 b7D

* Will make appropriate investigation in connection with CPA and Mrs. Sauter in Chicago who have been mentioned as possible persons to replace Dr. Willumeit. In making this investigation it is to be noted and remembered that Sauter and CPA may be identical.

* Will exhibit photograph of FRITZ KUHN, Hitler, et al to informants who may be able to identify other individuals on the photograph. (Report of Special Agent [redacted] Newark, N. J. 9/23/41). b7C

* Will forward enlargements of the snap shots sent by the Detroit Field Division showing Wilhelm Schleicher, Herbert Busse, Fritz Heiler, and three unidentified individuals in German uniform. And also forward copy of the enlargement to the Bureau and return the original snapshot to the Detroit Field Division.

BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

At Baltimore, Maryland

* Will report the Laboratory's translations of the information obtained through a confidential source from the possession of KARL ZAHN, 2023 McElderry Street, Baltimore, Maryland. (Report of [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland 8/28/41). b7C

* AT WILMINGTON DELAWARE, will check their indices for WARREN ROBERTS, Attorney-at-law for any evidence of subversive activities or connections he may have. (Report of S/A [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, 9/16/41).

* BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

* At BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, will ascertain from the Editor of the Newspaper COUNTER CURRENT what evidence is contained in his files with respect to German Bund activities in the Boston area.

(Report of S. A. [redacted] 5/5/41).

BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

* AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK will through HANS NEUBECK and other informants determine whether or not the German American Bund is still active. If not, the file will be RUC'D. (Report of S/A [redacted] 6/28/41.) b7C

* Will conduct investigation concerning Spring Garden Association to learn whether or not there is any connection between that organization and the German American Bund. (Report of S/A [redacted] 6/28/41).

* Will, unless it has already done so, conduct appropriate investigation concerning KARL WENDEL, new National Bund Youth Leader. (Report of S/A [redacted] Newark, 9/23/41).

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

* AT CLEVELAND, OHIO will locate and interview HANS ENGLERT, HANS FEBEL and ALOIS (LOUIS) LEIB and will interview them concerning their connections with the Bund and for any additional information they may be able to give.

* Will again contact JOSEPH FLUBACHER for any additional information he may receive concerning the activities of the Bund, inasmuch as he is willing to cooperate with this office.

* Will report any further activities of JOSEPH BELOHLAVEK.

* Will locate OTTO LITSCHKE and question him thoroughly regarding his membership in the local Bund, with particular reference to his activities as leader of the youth movement.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, 8/14/41) b7C

DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

* AT IOWA CITY, IOWA, will conduct appropriate investigation relative to the identity, background and activities of KARL GRISSMAN, 419 North Dubuque Street.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/4/41)

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

* AT LANSING, MICHIGAN will ascertain the name of the person to whom Michigan License number M.A. 47-76 is assigned and conduct a similar investigation of said individual, as set out under the Chicago lead for L. MUELLER. (Report of S/A [redacted] Springfield, Ill. 7/16/41).

* AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN will immediately contact all sources of information in an effort to ascertain information concerning the present activities of the German American Bund in the Detroit area. (Report of S/A [redacted] Chicago, Illinois 7/14/41). b7C

* Will continue to contact sources of information and confidential informants in an effort to ascertain information concerning the activities of the German American Bund (Springfield Social Club) in the Detroit area.

* Will review reports in the pending German files in this area and report all pertinent information concerning Bund activities.

* Will contact WILLY H. RUF, 15175 Ward, Detroit, Michigan, and secure from him any information he is in possession of regarding the German American Bund.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Detroit, Michigan 10/4/41).

EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

* AT CLAYTON, NEW MEXICO will contact Mr. POUNDS, Chief of Police, Mr. HUFF, who is Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. MARTIN, who works for a lumber company and is a World War Veteran, with the view of ascertaining all possible information with respect to Mrs. GUS AZAR and JOE THOMAS, both of whom are supposed to be ring-leaders of the hundred persons who reportedly are Bundsmen at Clayton.

(Report of S/A [redacted] El Paso, Texas 9/25/41). b7C

GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

* AT ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN, will maintain contact with BERNIN KUBATH, NPA, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and with B. F. PHAIRAS, Chief of Police, St. Joseph, for information they may receive relative to the activities at the Bund Camp during the summer. (Report of S/A [redacted] 6/7/41).

* Will discreetly ascertain from the sheriff at St. Joseph, Michigan the nature of the trouble surrounding the Bund camp at Bridgman, Michigan which OTTO WILLUMEIT allegedly discussed with him on June 17, 1941.

* AT PAW PAW, MICHIGAN, will interview Detective ARNETTE, Michigan State Police, who is a plain clothes officer assigned to the investigation of Bund activities in Berrier County, and will obtain from him information which he has relative to the Camp.

* AT BRIDGMAN, MICHIGAN, will maintain contact with CLYDE STANDARD, Village Marshal, for information he may obtain relative to BILL HAAS, who is reputedly active in Bund activities in Bridgman, Michigan.

* In this connection it is also believed advisable to maintain contact with MR. OSCAR CROCKER, Commander of the American Legion, and GUS KNAAK, Postmaster at Bridgman, Michigan.

* AT NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN, will contact Trooper NICOLEN, Michigan State Police, for information which he has relative to Bund activities in Berrien County.

* AT CASSOPOLIS, MICHIGAN, will ascertain the party who is presently listed under telephone number 173, and will attempt to discreetly ascertain the connections of this party with PAUL KRUGER, who is reported to be Vice President of the Bund at Bridgman, Michigan.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/22/41). b7C

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

* AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, will continue efforts to develop confidential informants who may be in a position to render information relative to German American Bund activities in Northern Indiana and South Michigan. (Report of S/A [redacted] 5/22/41).

* Will ascertain to whom the 1941 Indiana License No. 450-215 and No. 894-428, which plates were observed at the Bund Camp near Bridgman, Michigan over the Fourth of July holidays, were issued.

* AT ROCHESTER, INDIANA, will ascertain the person who is listed for telephone number 255-W and will conduct discreet investigation to determine his activities and background, also endeavor to find any possible affiliations he may have with un-American organizations.

* AT GARY, INDIANA, will ascertain the identity of the individual who is listed for telephone number 26783 and will conduct a discreet investigation to determine his activities of un-American nature and his background.

* It is to be recalled at the time of conducting these investigations that calls were made by members of the German American Bund at Bridgman, Michigan, to the above telephone numbers.

* AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, will at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, ascertain the names, addresses, and any pertinent information concerning the persons who appear in the report of reference as having Indiana license plates issued to them.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/22/41)

* AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, will, if possible, obtain the identity and activities of HOMER CAMPBELL whose acquaintance was made by Confidential Informant [redacted] and who advised Confidential Informant [redacted] that he had been active in the Bund Camp at Bridgman, Michigan for years and spoke of Bund meetings being held at South Bend, Indiana, and it was noted he was living with an old couple, possibly Mr. and Mrs. OTTO CALLSEN.

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(Report of S/A [redacted] Chicago, Illinois 7/14/41).

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

* AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will reinterview Confidential Informant [redacted] and ascertain what proof he may have concerning his statement that the Los Angeles German Consulate gave the records of songs played during the radio program conducted by the German American Bund and will obtain all other documentary proof of connections between the former Los Angeles German Consulate and the German American Bund.

* Will obtain all documentary evidence which may be in the possession of Confidential Informant [redacted] to prove that "World Service" is a part of the German Government propaganda agency and its connection with the German-American Bund.

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* From Los Angeles Confidential Informant [redacted] will secure information concerning the present political activities of the German American Bund and will ascertain if the political committee listed on the Letterhead used by the Bund is presently in existence and if so will ascertain the present members thereof together with the present activities of this committee, especially since January 15, 1941.

* Will obtain if possible, the names and addresses of witnesses who are available to testify that Bund members have stated "Democracy is on its last legs. A new Weltanschauung will take its place; after the war is over there will be chaos and the people will look for a new form of government. Then it will be out time to step forward and lead them."

* Will, from [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] ascertain and develop proof which will be admissible in court, that idealistically the Bund stands for exactly the same thing in the United States as does the Nazi Party in Germany. b2 b7D

* Will ascertain if possible the names and addresses of witnesses who are available to testify that they have seen members of Los Angeles O.D's go through their military drill and rifle practices and will obtain any information as to the O.D's present activities together with the date and proof that orders were received from New York directing that members of the O.D. are to be trained in the handling of firearms, but that these practices must be camouflaged.

* Will continue to follow the activities of the Bund through confidential informants.

* Will make arrangements to obtain full information on Bills of Lading and photographic copies of same on any film shipments or other propaganda material addressed to any member of the Bund at Los Angeles.

* Will check the name of individuals obtained through license numbers of automobiles parked in front of the Deutsches Haus for the purpose of ascertaining their connection with the Bund.

* Will ascertain the background and identity of "DOC" SAHLI and his connections with the German-American Bund.

(Report of [redacted], Los Angeles, California 10/3/41.)

* Will make appropriate investigation into the activities of Mr. WIPPELMANN, new West Coast Leader of the Bund. b7C

* Will take steps to determine the identity of the brewer who runs the one-man brewery in that area and is the source of Bund funds for the West Coast. Will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, 9/23/41).

MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

* AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, will contac[redacted]nd secure from him a list of addresses of reputable Legionnaires from whose premises a surveillance might be conducted on the subjects in this report. b2 b7D

* Will contac[redacted]and secure any further information which he might have regarding the German American Bund in Memphis.

* Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant[redacted]and ascertain whether he has secured any information regarding the German American Bund in Memphis.

* Will contact MRS. JAMES B. STANDFORD and ascertain whether she has elicited any information from her close acquaintance, MRS. DINTENFASS, regarding the activities of HUBERT GANGL and OTTO PAHL. b2 b7D b7C

* Will report the results of the mail covers placed on these subjects.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/29/41)

* AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, will conduct appropriate investigation into the background, activities, and associates of Mrs. Kate Campbell and Mrs. Henry Regenhardt to determine whether they may be engaged in any un-American activities.

* The Memphis Field Division will consider itself origin in this investigation and will report for the benefit of the Chicago Field Division any information of value to this investigation.

* It is deemed desirable that investigation into the activities and background of those persons whose names were found in the possession of KUNZE and LUEDTKE be conducted to determine whether they are active members of the German American Bund or whether they are affiliated with any other un-American organization and if so, what is the extent of their activities.

(Report of [redacted] Indianapolis, Ind. 9/23/41). b7C

MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

* AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Will, unless it has already done so, ascertain the identity of the doctor in St. Petersburg who is important in German affairs and to whom DR. WILLUMEIT has very close access and who also was not initially willing to give KUNZE an appointment. Will thereafter make appropriate investigation into his activities.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, 9/23/41)

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MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

* AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN will interview WALTER RIEBAU to ascertain the exact nature of the oath which members of the Friends of New Germany were supposedly required to take.

* Will conduct investigation to determine whether or not the Bund is actually meeting at the Schwaben-Hof, 2042 North 12th Street.

* Will interview EMIL SONNTAG, President of the Grafton Settlement League, concerning activities at Camp Hindenburg.

* Will report the results of investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Office of Ashland County.

* AT GRAFTON, WISCONSIN will contact Confidential Informant [redacted] for any information he may have developed concerning the activities of the Bund at Camp Hindenburg.

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* AT RACINE, WISCONSIN will interview WILLIAM MORGANROTH and WALTER and CARL DICK, 1915 LaSalle Street, Racine, for information concerning the activities carried on at the German beer garden near Wind Point Lighthouse. Care should be taken not to disclose the source of information in interviewing WALTER and CARL DICK (See report of SA [redacted] dated 6/7/41 at Chicago.)

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(Report of S/A [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin 8/19/41)

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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* Will consider the advisability of placing mail covers on the leaders of the German American Bund.

* Will interview CHARLES M. CAIN and GEORGE ULLRICH, reporter and photographer respectively of the "Newark Ledger" who were witnesses at the hearing in connection with the appeal of AUGUST KLAPPROTT for the issuance of a liquor license in July 1939. It is to be noted in this respect that the then "Newark Ledger" is now known as the "Newark Star Ledger." (See report of [redacted] Newark, N.J., dated 8/28/41).

* Will keep in close touch with informant [redacted] and will seek the following:

1. German American Bund membership cards.
2. Residence address of national leader.
3. Residence address of national treasurer.
4. Residence address of HUGO WEISS, Long Island leader.
5. (Fulfilled)
6. (Fulfilled.)
7. The identity of Bund-dominated and controlled organizations.
8. (Fulfilled.)
9. The method of the transmission of messages to Germany and the connection of these messages to the German-American Bund.
10. Other matters in line with the items promised by [redacted]
11. Will determine through [redacted] whether MATTHIAS KOHLER of Irvington, New Jersey, and HERMAN WIMMER of Maplewood, New Jersey, are in possession of German American Bund records and of their intention and reasons concerning leaving the United States, and will thereafter take such action as is found necessary.

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Will through [redacted] b2 b7D

1. Determine whether KUNZE actually returns the $2,800 to VON SIATSKY.
2. Will obtain additional information having a bearing upon any renewed attempt of KUNZE to leave the United States.
3. Will obtain and photograph minutes of the 1941 National Bund Convention.
4. Will obtain the photograph of 1941 National Bund Convention delegates.

5. Will continue to obtain information concerning changes in Bund leadership throughout the United States.
6. Will obtain list of expelled German American Bund members who reformed Friends of New Germany.
7. Will obtain regular information concerning the Bund dissolution.
8. Will ascertain the identity of others on the KUHN, Hitler, et al photograph.
9. Will obtain 1937 to 1939 Bund minutes for photographing.
10. Will obtain minutes of other Bund organizations for photographing.

* Will seek information concerning the connection between the League for Germanism Abroad and the German American Bund.

* Will seek information concerning the identity and whereabouts of WALTER KOOPE, who is mentioned by [redacted] as a possible connecting link between the Bund and Germany. b2 b7D

* Will through informants seek to identify the other persons on the KUHN, HITLER et al photograph.

AT UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

* Will after careful investigation interview if possible HANS WIDMANN for information concerning the connection between the German American Bund and Germany.

AT HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY

* Will if desirable interview MAX SCHUMANN at the Hofbrau House for information concerning the connection between the Bund and Nazi Germany.

AT CARLSTADT, NEW JERSEY

* Will conduct such character investigations as appears necessary in connection with MAX WEINGARTEN of the Law Committee of the Supreme Convention of the German Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh. (Report of Special Agent [redacted] PITTSBURGH, 6/2/41.)

AT PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

* Will conduct such investigation as appears necessary concerning AUGUST RUEDE, Supreme representative of the German Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh. (Report of Special Agent [redacted] Pittsburgh 6/2/41). b7C

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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* Will report on the Bund documents already photographed following receipt of appropriate copies from the Bureau. Will thereafter set out proper leads.

(Report of [redacted] Newark, N. J. dated 9/23/41)

AT IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY

* Will seek further information concerning the Bund meeting places at the three addresses given by Informant [redacted]

OTTO DARKLAND, 19 Coyt Street
C. BOWBEN, 620 Nye Avenue
JOE KOEPPLE, 26 Linden Avenue

* Will conduct the necessary investigation to determine whether meetings of subject organization are being held at the home of the person who is the President of the Metals Craft Manufacturing Company, and the Interstate Sheet Metal Company, Irvington, New Jersey, and will thereafter take such action as is deemed necessary.

* AT JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

* Will ascertain whether the German-American Front was in reality incorporated in Hudson County.

* Will interview J. GEORGE FREDMAN, 591 Summit Avenue, for additional information concerning the affidavits referred to by him in serial 65 of instant file.

* Will interview the Attorneys MILBERG and MILBERG, Jersey City, who according to J. GEORGE FREDMAN, are handling certain matters in connection with the closing of Camp Nordland. This interview should take place following the interview of FREDMAN and not before.

AT MIDVALE, NEW JERSEY

* Will conduct such investigation as is necessary in connection with the information received from the New York Office thata Camp near Midvale,, New Jersey is being used by the German American Bund for the storage of arms, ammunition and airplanes.

AT WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

* Will discreetly interview TONY GUADAGNO, 2 Mitchell Street, who is the proprietor of New Majestic Hall, which is the meeting place of the ESSEX SINGING SOCIETY, a unit of subject organization. The interview should seek to develop information concerning the activities of subject organization at the New Majestic Hall.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Newark, N. J. 9/5/41)

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

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* AT NEW YORK CITY, at 1591 Second Avenue, will conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the present activities of the AMERICAN DESTINY PARTY and its connections with subject organization.

(Report of [redacted] San Antonio, Texas 7/17/41)

* AT NEW YORK CITY will seek to determine the identity and whereabouts of WALTER KOOPE, mentioned in connection with the Friends of New Germany in instant report, and will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation concerning him. It is to be remembered that he is named by [redacted] as a possible connection between the Bund and New Germany.

* Will make inquiries at the District Attorney's Office with which HERMAN McCARTHY was connected and may still be connected, for the purpose of determining whether he in fact has information concerning the alleged transportation of DR. MILLUMEIT ofa woman to New York for immoral purposes. Will ascertain thereafter the facts and take appropriate action.

* Will exhibit for identification purposes to reliable persons the FRITZ KUHN, HITLER, et al, photograph, following receipt of it from the Bureau. It is to be noted that WEILER KUHN and FROBOESE have already been identified but the two persons in the center have not.

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK and GLENDALE, LONG ISLAND

* Will interview, if deemed advisable, HENRY WAGNER, his son and ERNST MUELLER for information in their possession concerning the link between the German American Bund and Nazi Germany. In this respect, it is important that their relationship with the Friends of New Germany, as set forth in this report, first be reviewed.

(Report of [redacted] Newark, N. J. dated 9/23/41) b7C

* AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, is requested to make a thorough character and reputation investigation concerning THEO H. HOFFMANN, 369 Lexington Avenue, to determine what his activities and connections there are, as from the facts, it would appear that he may be a leader of German un-American activities in the United States.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 6/2/41)

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* Will interview JAMES MAC FARLAND, correspondent for the "New York Times" for the purpose of obtaining from him any knowledge or evidence he may have which would be of use in connection with prosecution under the Voorhis Act. It is to be noted in this connection that MR. MAC FARLAND testified at the hearing in Newark, New Jersey in July, 1939 with regard to the appeal of AUGUST KLAPPROTT for a renewal of his liquor license.

* Will obtain a copy of the April 24, 1939 issue of "Life Magazine" in which photographs of the various German uniforms are shown unless this has already been done or other and better photographs are available.

* Will check the indices on HORST A. WEGENER, C. P. A., 70 Pine Street, New York City, for the purpose of determining what steps could be taken to obtain information from WEGENER concerning his knowledge of the records of the German American Bund and associated organizations. Will thereafter conduct such investigation as becomes necessary and desirable.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 6/9/41)

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* AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK will ascertain the identity and nationalistic tendencies of FRIEDA BAUMANN, 8640 21st Avenue, Brooklyn. It will be noted in connection with this lead that a letter addressed to this individual will shortly be translated by the laboratory and the New York Office furnished with a copy of same.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/9/41)

* AT NEW YORK CITY, will contact ROY P. MONAHAN for information concerning the evidence which he stated he had in his files concerning names and addresses of German Bund organization members in the Boston area.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Boston, 5/5/41)

* AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

* Will verify the criminal record of FRED JACOB of the Bronx unit of the German American Bund, which criminal record is alleged to be in the possession of the New York Police Department, and depending upon the type of the information in the files of the New York Field Division concerning JACOB will include such a report in the present investigation or under a separate case.

(Report of [redacted] Newark, N. J. 8/28/41)

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION b7C

* AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, will ascertain from the Integrity Trust Company, Broad and Columbia, the type of bank account that was opened by H. C. HARTMANN, and under what name it was carried.

* Will conduct an investigation concerning THEODORE E. MARTIN'S past and present association with the German American Bund and the Deutschhorst Country Club.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 6/13/41) b7C

RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

* AT DANVILLE, ALEXANDRIA, HOLCOMB ROCK, ARLINGTON, PETERSBURG, ROANOKE, LYNCHBURG, LEXINGTON, AND STAUNTON:

Will contact confidential informants to determine the existence of personnel and activities of subject organizations. If subject organizations exist in any locality, will then conduct investigation to establish possible violation of the Registration Act (Voorhis Act) as outlined in reference Bureau teletype. b2 b7D b7C

(Report of [redacted] Richmond, Virginia 9/26/41)

SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION

* AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, will through, Confidential Informant [redacted] endeavor to definitely determine whether KARL AMELUNG and KURT PRILLWITZ are members of the German American Bund and if so, what their present activities are. It is to be noted that PRILLWITZ has just recently returned from Chicago to San Antonio to reside.

* Will place a mail cover on the mail of KARL AMELUNG and KURT PRILLWITZ and LOUIS SCHAFER to ascertain if they are connected with the German American Bund.

* AT TAYLOR, TEXAS, will conduct investigation concerning the background and activities of HANS ACKERMANN and HANS KEILBAR, publishers of TEXAS HEROLD, in order to ascertain information concerning the identity of any principles of the TEXAS HEROLD as well as any information which may be developed concerning activities inimical to the best interests of this country.

* Will report the results of mail cover placed on the mail of HANS ACKERMANN and HANS KEILBAR at Taylor, Texas.

* AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, will report the information obtained from investigation by the Sheriff's Department at Stonewall, Texas, of THEODORE LEONHARD with aliases.

(Report of S/A [redacted], San Antonio, Texas 9/16/41)

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION b7C

* AT SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, will ascertain the identity of P.O. Box 239 and will endeavor to ascertain the nature of his relations with FELIX SCHMIDT who has been receiving mail at that P. O. Box. A similar lead was set out for San Francisco in a report dated 5/28/41 at Birmingham, entitled DR. JULIUS A. KLOSTERMANN, wa., Espionage-G.

(Report of S/A [redacted], 6/16/41.)

* AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA will keep in contact with Confidential Informants, [redacted] In particular, information should be solicited from these informants regarding the places where Bund meetings are reportedly held, the persons in attendance and the purpose of said meetings. Information should also be secured as to the activity of persons attending these meetings and also those persons listed in the files of this office as former Bundists with regard to the "Keep America Out of War" program, in conjunction with other organizations, as mentioned in this report. b2 b7D b7C

* Will contact MR. WHITNEY MERRILL, 1428 24th Avenue, telephone Overland 3160, Civil Engineer Inspector for San Francisco, relative to information he reportedly has regarding the meeting of the Bund and military drilling of large groups in the vicinity of Redwood City, Calif.

* AT MOFFETT FIELD, CALIFORNIA will contact MAJOR EARL HOUSE, who reportedly informed DR. PAUL DAVIES OF Palo Alto that he had heard of German American Bund activities in the south Palo Alto region in the area near an abandoned airplane parts factory on Middlefied Road, for additional information concerning this episode.

* AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA will contact Inspector J. M. MC DONALD of the Oakland Police Department relative to CHARLES VEUERSCHAER, who was reported by that Department as posting stickers (anti-Jewish) in the name of the Bund at conspicuous places. If possible, the names of the members of the Bund which he was reportedly carrying in a notebook, should be secured from Inspector Mc Donald.

* AT UKIAH, CALIFORNIA will contact DR. RAPPAPORT at the Mendocino State Hospital and arrange to interview PORTER V. BOND, who is confined there, relative to the name of the person and his identity reported by him as having been offered a position recruiting members for the Bund at $80 per month.

* AT NORDEN, CALIFORNIA will contact the law enforcement officials relative to further information they may have concerning Bund meetings held on Thursday evenings at the Norden Store, Highway #40, two and one-half miles east of the Soda Springs Hotel, it being noted that information had been received that the group attending these meetings had in their possession blueprints and maps of the Southern Pacific Railroad route in that vicinity.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/6/41)

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

* Will keep in contact with Confidential Informant [redacted] and [redacted] b2 b7D b7C

* Will ascertain if possible the identity and affiliation with the German American Bund of KARL SCHMIDT, 43 Noe Street, San Francisco, whom [redacted] reported as applying for meeting place at FUGAZI HALL for the Bund.

* Will report on letter to the Sheriff's Office of Redwood City requesting preliminary investigation of the Sportsman's Club in El Granada which is also reported as a Bund Meeting Place.

* Will report on police letter to the San Francisco Police Department requesting an investigation of the range allegedly maintained by HOMER WRIGHT at his garage at 119 Wilmont Street, and believed in connection with a Bund camp.

(Report of [redacted] San Francisco, California 7/9/41)

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SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

* AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, will develop informants and arrange for personal surveillance of the activities of EDWARD REESE, HERMAN KILLIAN and CARL HESSE for the purpose of ascertaining the present membership, organization activities, and schedule of meetings of any unit of the German American Bund presently in existence in Spokane, Washington.

* AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON will develop informants and conduct personal surveillance of WILLIAM OTTERSBACH, 8227 Interlake Avenue, for the purpose of developing complete membership, activities, organization, and schedule off meetings of the Seattle unit of the German American Bund.

* Will contact for the purpose of ascertaining any present pertinent activities of HARRY LEDCHNER or PAUL STOLL, former leaders of the German American Bund at Seattle, Washington, one or more of the following informants:

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* In the above investigation and any additional investigation made in connection with other reported Bund units, will ascertain whether such organization engages in civilian military activity, or any political activity, or has any purpose or aim to establish control, conduct, seize, or overthrow any government agencies or subdivision thereof by the use of force, violence, military measures, or threats, in violation of the Voorhis Act.

(Report of S/A [redacted] 5/6/41)

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT WATSEKA, ILLINOIS

* WILL determine from the records of the County Clerk of Iroquois County the exact location of a farm allegedly purchased by HEINRICH KNOCHENMUS in May or June of 1941.

* AT GILMAN, ILLINOIS

Will interview MR. FRANK OHLER, blacksmith, (name in phone book) for the further information concerning his neighbor Mrs. HOBBEN and her family, and will check to confirm the statements of MR. WATCHORN concerning threatening letters sent to President ROOSEVELT. If these statements are confirmed, will obtain specimens of the handwriting of MRS. HOBBEN, her daughters, her son and her brother, to be submitted to the Bureau for comparison with the threatening letter files.

* Will conduct a discreet investigation of HEINRICH KNOCHENMUS, HERMAN LANG and HOWARD CLARK, for consideration as possible custodial detention prospects.

* Will ascertain the license numbers of all cars congregating at or visiting the KNOCHENMUS farm.

AT THAWVILLE, ILLINOIS

* Will ascertain the reputation and activities of W. CASE.

AT DECATUR, ILLINOIS

* Will ascertain at the office of the Decatur Cartage Company the name and address of the driver of the truck carrying instant cartridge cases from St. Louis, Missouri to Chicago, Illinois, on or about January 17, 1941, and will interview said driver concerning the details of his trip.

AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

* Will ascertain the reputation and activities of MR. R. WOOD, 427 North 83rd Street.

(Report of S/A [redacted], Springfield, Illinois dated 7/16/41)

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* AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS will attempt to ascertain whether LEROY SCHULZ, 610 Harmon Avenue, is presently living at that address, and if so, will interview him in connection with this investigation.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Chicago 6/24/41)

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

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* Will maintain contact with Confidential Informant [redacted] and report further activities of the Bund in this area.

(Report of S/A [redacted] St. Paul, Minn. 10/1/41)

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

* AT WASHINGTON, D. C., will conduct appropriate inquiries with regard to the activities of FRED MEISSNER, JR., in order to ascertain his connection with the German American Bund and if such organization is active withinthe District of Columbia.

* Will make appropriate inquiries regarding the fact that Mr. SCHIFFLER, Manager of the Raleigh Hotel, is a possible leader of the German American Bund at Washington, D. C., and with regard to the fact that members of the Bund meet at the Raleigh Hotel.

* Will contact EUGENE BISHOP, Postmaster #483, Brightwood Station, Washington Post Office, for any information in his possession regarding the action of BARTHELEMESS and HELDENBROOK.

(Report of S/A [redacted] Washington, 6/18/41) b7C

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October 6, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

It is requested that you give consideration to authorizing the installation of a telephone surveillance upon the telephone of Dr. Theodore C. Koessel, Room 1031, 108 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Koessel is one of the active officials of the German-American Bund in the Chicago area and is in regular contact with Dr. Otto Willamite, Bund leader. Collateral investigation has established that Dr. Koessel is one of the leading figures in the German-American Bund, although he keeps well in the background. Dr. Koessel is reported to be a close friend of Dr. Hesselstein, author of the book "Hitler is Right".

The purpose of this proposed installation is, of course, to ascertain complete information concerning Koessel's contacts and general activities.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 25, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1836 Raymond-Commerce Building
Newark, New Jersey

Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated October 20, 1941, with which you transmitted four film packs containing exposures made of a report being made by the A. V. PUBLISHING CORPORATION, Inc., for the U. S. Treasury Department.

In accordance with your request, one enlarged photographic print of each exposure is being forwarded by registered mail to the New York and Chicago Field Divisions, and the negatives and two prints of each are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

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497855 John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
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October 2[redacted] 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
~~REGISTRATION ACT~~

Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed with a copy of this letter, four packs of film for development. These films were exposed in the photographing of documents obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. These documents consisted of a report being made by the A. V. PUBLISHING CORPORATION, Inc., for the U. S. Treasury Department in connection with the freezing of the funds of this corporation.

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It is requested that prints be made of these films, enlarged to a readable size, and furnished to the field divisions as follows:

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1 New York
1 Chicago

A separate letter is giving some additional details in connection with this report.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

DATE 1-9-02 SP5 JCMC

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Re: THE GERMAN AMERICAN BUND;
Voorhis Act

Supplementing previous correspondence in the above-ca[illegible] matter, I am enclosing for your consideration one copy of each [illegible] following designated reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 28, 1941, at Baltimore, Maryland;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 28, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 23, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 1, 1941, at St. Paul, Minnesota;

Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated October 3, 1941, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 4, 1941, at Detroit, Michigan;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 15, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 18, 1941, at Seattle, Washington;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 27, 1941, at Cleveland, Ohio

Investigation of the German-American Bund is continuing as additional pertinent information is secured it will immediate be brought to your attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND

Ins. Egan:

There have been numerous files opened in this office pertaining to the German-American Bund. There is no place in the office where all this information is assembled where it can be reviewed and studied. It is believed that a general file on German-American Bund should be opened and all the information pertaining to the Bund consolidated therein, and when necessary individual files should be opened up on individual subjects along the lines of the general German file.

SAC Crowl:

These instructions will be followed immediately. I have noted how they were previously handled and the reason therefore.

Report of Inspector Egan
Springfield, Illinois
December 4, 1941

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