New Information on Cold War CIA Stay-Behind Operations in Germany and on the Adolf Eichmann Case

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Central Intelligence Agency materials released since mid-2005 have been historically significant and highly relevant to the IWG’s congressional mandate. This report will highlight two kinds of revelations received thanks to the efforts of Senator Mike DeWine and Representative Carolyn Maloney, as well as of the IWG’s three public members, and the Archivist of the United States Dr. Allen Weinstein, and due to the cooperation of the CIA under the leadership of Porter Goss. These are preliminary findings and in the months to come further releases are expected that should allow scholars, journalists and the interested public to probe more deeply into these matters.

I. We have received information that reveals additional US intelligence programs involving former Nazis, some of whom were war criminals.

*Between 1949 and 1955, the Central Intelligence Agency organized stay-behind networks of German agents in southwestern Germany and Berlin. The programs, known as Pastime (Berlin) and Kibitz (Southwestern Germany) were designed to provide a source of intelligence from behind enemy lines in the event of a Soviet invasion of West Germany. These agents were trained to use radio-sets and the CIA
buried radio-sets, money and some ammunition at secret dumps for the use of these agents in wartime.

*The Kibitz operation involved at least two former members of the SS--Staff Sergeant Heinrich Hoffmann, Lt. Colonel Hans Rues—and Lt. Colonel Walter Kopp, whom the CIA referred to as an “unreconstructed Nazi.”

*Most of Kibitz was dismantled in April-May 1953 in the wake of public concerns in West Germany about the resurgence of neo-Nazi groups. The large Kibitz-15 network, “a group with Nazi tendencies” run by Walter Kopp, had become a potential political liability for the US government. “No doubt you are aware of the political hay that the opposition party could make of our Kibitz-15 net if they managed to roll it out on the front page of the German press,” wrote CIA headquarters in April 1953. “The present furor in Western Germany over the resurgence of the Nazi or neo-Nazi groups is a fair example—in miniature—of what we would be faced with.” In 1952, the CIA estimated that there were 125 agents in Kopp’s network. In CIA reports, Kopp, a former German army officer in the Balkans, is described as an ardent National Socialist with neo-Nazi connections.

* The CIA disposed of at least one member of the Kibitz-15 network in Canada. His name was Horst Otto Herbert Ims and little evidence has turned up thus far on what he did in World War II, though it appears he was not an SS-man. On October 13, 1952, a CIA officer wrote, “the man was recruited as WT [radio] operator and
dropped, but we know virtually nothing about him, his staybehind work, or the reasons for and security and other circumstances of his release.”

The CIA decided on the basis of his behavior that Ims was a security risk, especially as the Agency had already decided to trim Kopp’s stay-behind network and he knew many of the remaining agents by name. “It was felt,” wrote a CIA officer in October 1952, “[that] emigration was the best solution to our security problem.” See attached document.

The Ims case reveals that in the early 1950s, the CIA ran a program to resettle some of its problem agents in Australia and Canada. According to this program, Australia offered to pay the travel costs of these people, while the CIA provided a resettlement “bonus.” The Agency arranged a meeting for Ims at the Australian Consulate General on October 13, 1952. CIA noted that if the Australians refused to take him, “the HARVARD Unit will attempt to emigrate him to Canada or possibly to the United States.” As it turned out Australia did refuse to take him and so he was given to the Canadians. It is not known whether Ottawa paid for Ims to go to Canada.

Exactly two years later, on October 13, 1954, a Canadian government official identified only as “the Canadian Minister” was to meet with Allen Dulles to discuss 35 ex-CIA assets that had been resettled in Canada, including Horst Ims. On October 7, a CIA officer wrote “Canadian minister to see Dulles – Tuesday – Oct. 13 – re immigration of intell agents in Canada. EE/DE [querying] field (HARVARD) and
various desks for names (Minister supposedly will present 35 names to Dulles).” See attached document. The available declassified materials do not indicate the other 34 names, nor do they contain a list of names of ex-CIA agents resettled in Australia in the early 1950s. There is also no evidence in the Kibitz materials on the outcome of the meeting between Allen Dulles and the Canadian representative. However evidence from 1955 suggests that at least Ims stayed in Canada. In May 1955, a “GFM” noted that the CIA’s Canadian desk (WE/6) had taken Ims’ file because “WE/6 is having the files of all ex-agents who were immigrated to Canada consolidated.”

* In April 1953, the CIA briefed Hans Globke, Konrad Adenauer’s chief national security adviser, in general terms on US stay-behind operations in Germany. With the exception of the few remaining Kibitz agents that the CIA kept running, the US government pledged to leave this activity to the Germans themselves and to finance a West German stay-behind system.

* The Kibitz project was formally dropped in 1955, though three stay-behind agents remained active. Detailed information on the CIA’s Pastime stay-behind operation in Berlin has yet to be declassified.

II. Some of the releases have added significant detail to previously released files. As a result of these releases we now have information that suggests that West German intelligence could have captured fugitive war criminal Adolf Eichmann in the 1950s
but feared the consequences of what he might say about State Secretary Dr. Hans Globke, a highly-placed former Nazi in the Adenauer government. As a member of the “Jewish Affairs Department” of the interior ministry in the 1930s, Globke had assisted in the writing of the Nuremberg laws. In postwar West Germany, Globke was effectively Konrad Adenauer’s national security adviser and the chancellor’s principal contact with US intelligence.

- In March 1958, the West German foreign intelligence service (the BND) reported to the CIA that since 1952 the notorious Holocaust administrator Adolf Eichmann had been living in Argentina under the alias CLEMENS. Eichmann’s actual alias was Klement but the BND’s information was close enough phonetically to have been used to find him. As it was not then US policy to pursue Nazi war criminals, the CIA did not act on the report. Although West Germany would attempt to extradite Josef Mengele from South America in 1959, it did not make a similar attempt to get Eichmann. Tragically at the moment the CIA and the BND had this information the Israelis were temporarily giving up their search for Eichmann in Argentina because they could not figure out his alias. Published memoirs by members of the Israeli intelligence service agree that as of September 1957 the Israelis suspected Eichmann was in Argentina but their source did not know what name he was living under. Neither the BND nor the CIA, it appears, provided the CLEMENS lead to the Israelis. See attached document.
• In September 1960, at the request of the West German government, the CIA persuaded Life magazine to delete any reference to Hans Globke from excerpts of Adolf Eichmann’s memoir that the magazine had purchased and was preparing for publication. Eichmann had been captured earlier in the year by the Israelis in Buenos Aires and his family had sold the rights to his memoir to pay for his defense. On September 20, 1960, Director of Central Intelligence Allen Dulles reported to Reinhard Gehlen, the head of the BND: “Life believes have entire material amounting to 600 pages, 40 in Eichmann handwriting. Life contract allows resale as they see fit except to Israel. Life has not advised Israel, apparently does not intend to. Entire material has been read. One obscure mention of Globke which Life omitting at our request.”

See attached document. Life published the excerpts in November and December 1960.

• Fearing what Eichmann might say at his trial about Globke, Gehlen came to the United States in April 1961 to report in person to Allen Dulles that he had sensitive evidence from Eichmann’s defense team that the Nazi war criminal had “converted” to communism while in Israeli custody. The West Germans hoped the US would use this information to launch a worldwide campaign to denounce Eichmann as a tool of Soviet propaganda. CIA analysts rejected the allegation as implausible.

June 6, 2006
TO: Chief, EE

FROM: Chief, FRB

DATE: 24 October 1952

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - OPERATIONAL/CASE

SPECIFIC - Disposal of KIBITZ-171

REF: BOPA-313

1. KIBITZ-171 was a W/T instructor in the KIBITZ-15 net from October 1951 until June 1952. He was originally recruited by KIBITZ-15 and C.

2. Prior to his employment as a fulltime W/T instructor for KIBITZ, subject was employed by Rhine Military Post, Kaiserslautern in the Signal Section. At the time of his employment, arrangements were made with Rhine Post to have him rehired by then when he would no longer be of operational use to us. Such arrangements were laid-on through ID RCOH. In June of this year, we decided that subject was unsuitable for intelligence operations and should be dropped.

3. June, July and August of this year were spent trying to have KIBITZ-171 rehired by Rhine Military Post. E carried on all discussions with the Chief of Personnel, Rhine Post. Due to the cut-down of indigenous personnel employed by military installations in Germany and the fact that KIBITZ-171's inadequacies were also known by the Signal Section at Rhine Post, we were told — despite their promise to rehire him — that Rhine Post could not re-employ KIBITZ-171.

4. The undersigned then took the KIBITZ-171 case to the Harvard Unit and spoke with J. In September, Harvard was asked (BOPA-95, to OCM only) to try to get KIBITZ-171 a job in Germany and at the same time lay on necessary arrangements for possible emigration. It was felt that emigration was the best solution to our security problem. E, during September, saw a chance to have KIBITZ-171 emigrate to Australia. (Their attempts to get him a job on the German economy were not started due to the chance of his possible emigration in the very near future.)

5. On 8 October, 1952, E, under the alias of Mr. Hendricks, met KIBITZ-171 for the first time. An excellent "sales job" on why KIBITZ-171 should emigrate to Australia had been done at undersigned's direction previously by KIBITZ-15. KIBITZ-171 was agreeable to emigrating to Australia, only questioning the job and personal security situation there saying that he did not want to become just an ordinary laborer, but wanted to stay in his profession — the Radio/Electronic field. Arrangements were made by E to have KIBITZ-171 meet the Australian Consulate General in Frankfurt on 13 October 1952. This KIBITZ-171 did and we are now waiting for the results.

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of his emigration application. If the Australians do not take KIBITZ-171, the HARVARD Unit will attempt to emigrate him to Canada or possibly to the United States. If KIBITZ-171 emigrates to Australia, his passage will be paid by the Australian Government in connection with PEEME. Passage to other countries will be taken care of by HARVARD or countries involved. In addition, [Redacted] has intimated to KIBITZ-171 that he will be given a small "bonus" upon emigration to aid him to start his new life.

6. Reasons for disposal of KIBITZ-171 are:

a. Subject is immature and has a personality not suited to clandestine activities. His main faults are his lack of regard for money and his attraction to members of the opposite sex.

b. Original control of subject and his operational activities are not considered to have been secure in that subject learned too many true identities of his students (other W/T operators in the KIBITZ-15 Net).

c. Operationally, the KIBITZ-15 Net is being slowed down and we have no further need of subject's services.

d. Because of the sensitive nature of the Staybehind Program and (a), (b) and (c) above, subject's evacuation from Germany would have to be accomplished at the outbreak of hostilities. For better security now and elimination of evacuation problems, it is recommended that he be emigrated at once.

7. KIBITZ-171 knows the following:

a. W/T Operational Data: DECLARE W/T procedure and training methods. (He has instructed some 11 W/T agents in the KIBITZ-15 Net). He is familiar with TR-1, RS-6, ES-1, Red Oscillator, AdE, MP-1 KX-71, Hall-crafter, crypto system and signal plan system. NOTE: All equipment that was used by KIBITZ-171 in his duties as instructor, has been taken away from him.

b. Subject knows the following staff W/T instructors: [Redacted] as Mr. Robert T. Larriss; [Redacted] as Dennis H. Donn; [Redacted] as Edward Hartman; and [Redacted] as George.

c. Subject also knows the following staff personnel: [Redacted] as Nicholas Kessler; [Redacted] as Edward Hartman; and [Redacted] as George.

d. Subject knows the following safe houses — all of which are going to be vacated by KIBITZ within the next month: Heidelberg — Rohrbacher Strasse 56; Ulm — Galgenbergweg 20; Unterschondorf — Bahnhof Str. 10.

a. Subject knows operational vehicles of: [Redacted] and [Redacted] which [Redacted] now has. Also the one used by [Redacted] as well as [Redacted].
f. Subject knows: as Mr. Hendricks who will be the only staff personnel seeing subject from now on.

g. Subject knows KIBITZ-15 by true name and all personal data, and exactly what KIBITZ-15 is doing for us.

h. The wife of KIBITZ-136 is KIBITZ-171's sister. KIBITZ-136 is one of KIBITZ-15's favorite "team leaders" and confidant. KIBITZ-171 knows that KIBITZ-136 is in the KIBITZ-15 Net and vice-versa.

i. KIBITZ-171 also knows the following agents in the KIBITZ-15 Net: (Other than KIBITZ-15 and KIBITZ-150, it is believed that most of the agents listed below know KIBITZ-171 as Hans Schaeffer)

- KIBITZ-150 — by true name and all personal data
- KIBITZ-127 — by true name but not address
- KIBITZ-156 — by true name but not address
- KIBITZ-161 — by first name only
- KIBITZ-173 — by true name, but not address
- KIBITZ-177 — by true name and address
- KIBITZ-150 — by first name
- KIBITZ-182 — by sight
- KIBITZ-190 — by sight
- KIBITZ-192 — by full name and all personal data
- KIBITZ-197 — by sight
- KIBITZ-198 — by true name and all personal data
- KIBITZ-199/200 — by true name and all personal data
- KIBITZ-195 & 185 — by true name; however, these agents have been dropped

KIBITZ-171 has not seen anyone in KIBITZ-15 Net, other than KIBITZ-15, since June, when he gave basic W/T instruction to KIBITZ-199/200. This 4-month period has probably dulled his memory somewhat of names etc. In addition, KIBITZ-15, whom KIBITZ-171 respects quite a bit, has given him a severe security lecture and collected all notes, etc., he could from KIBITZ-171.

8. In KIFA-197, we requested a name check from CIS on subject and also necessary action by CIC that they would withhold knowledge of subject's intelligence activities from the Australians or other country requesting a check in regard to KIBITZ-171's emigration applications. CIC, Chief CIS, informed undersigned verbally that CIC had no record (other than his KIBITZ activities) of subject and that they would so state when any inquiries regarding his emigration were made.

9. Subject had false documents furnished him by METOPAZ in the name of Hans Schaeffer. These were a Kennkarte and driver's license. These have been taken up and are now held in his file here. Subject realizes that his employment as W/T instructor was a temporary position. It is not felt that
there will be any problem with subject, security-wise, if we keep our portion of the agreement with him; that is, getting him another job or, according to recent developments, help him to emigrate and get a new start in life. KIBITZ-171 did not sign a contract for his employment as W/T instructor in KIBITZ-15 Nat. Files here indicate (MERA-33911, 25 September 1951) that subject was hired by verbal agreement for 1000 DM per month with periodic increases up to 600 DM per month by . He, however, received only one increase and has been paid only 450 DM per month plus 25.00 DM for Krankenfalle payments since January 1952. We will request of HARVARD to obtain a quit claim from subject once he is on his way to the boat and/or resettled on German Economy. HARVARD will continue to pay him until he is emigrated or resettled.

10. A copy of HARVARD's PRQ Parts II (detailing personal data on disposal cases) is attached for EE files. A copy of HARVARD's PRQ Part I is forwarded by KGAP-313.

NAME: Horst Otto Herbert SCHAEFFER

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 June 1924 - Ogersheim - Ludwigshein/Rhein

DATE OF EMPLOYMENT WITH CIA: October 1951

TYPE OF OPERATION & SUBJECT'S ACTIVITY: Staybehind project - Subject used as operator of clandestine radio in Staybehind unit.

DATE TERMINATED & CIRCUMSTANCES: Terminated June 1952 for the following reasons:

1. Immature and personality not suited to clandestine activities.
2. Original control of subject and his operational activities are not considered to have been secure in that subject learned too many true identities of his fellow W/T students.
3. Because of the sensitive nature of the staybehind program and the above reasons, subject's evacuation from Germany would have to be accomplished at the outbreak of hostilities.

ALIAS (INCLUDING DATES & CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH USED):

Hans SCHAEFFER - used while a member of the staybehind unit - he was issued a Kennkast and driver's license in this name by TAD.

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1. We recently provided SMITTEKAIN into some generalizations regarding UPWIND's Near Eastern connections. Some of this information has been reported from other UPWIND sources before. It is reported here for the sake of the confirmation it provides.

2. SMITTEKAIN states that no former MOSS people are being used by UPWIND in their operations in the Near East. He says he knows every source they have and none of them are ex-MOSS or former MOSS men. In fact, he stated no former MOSS or MOSS types are included. He states all of their sources are clean and not tainted in any way by former MOSS or MOSS work.

3. In fact, one of the greatest headaches for UTILTY today is the repeated appearance of alleged UPWIND agents all over the world. They are falsely giving out the word that they are UPWIND agents, even in fact they may be East German or Soviet agents. SMITTEKAIN agreed that every person of MOSS or MOSS background in the Middle East should be targets of mutual interest with the aim of eliminating their true lists.

4. The hardest work for UPWIND 26 weeks at present time is the competing activity of Paul WIRTHLERN (born 31 July 1912, Liibel). WIRTHLERN, with the support of the SG, the Foreign Office and the Chancellor's office, has created a net based on Lebanon and extending into the Middle East. The people involved are of dubious loyalties (many ex-SO and ex-SO background as well) and yet the information is used, unfortunately, by the German Office to check UPWIND reports. Other individuals discussed with a WIRTHLERN are:

   a. Kurt Hardt WERNEM (born 26 October 1912, Forest, Belgium) spent World War II in Turkey under commercial cover. After the war he lived in London as international trader between Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. He lived there in London but is now supposed to have a permanent residence in Switzerland.
b. Franz KRAEMER (alias KREHELLO) (born 2 Feb 1906, Maxen-Haida, Germany) Commandant of Legation retires, was sentenced by the Munich Court to three to five months in jail for assistance in the mass murder of 1300 Serbian Jews. While two appeals were pending, KRAEMER was freed on a writ of his defense counsel. He fled to Syria and now lives in Damascus as a self-employed export-import businessman.

c. Adolf KIDDIWANN (201-0/47132) was born in Israel and became an SS-Untersturmführer. He is reported to have lived in Argentina under the alias CLEONDI since 1952. Some sources have it that despite the fact that he was responsible for mass extermination of Jews, he now lives in Jerusalem.

d. Johannes von EMMES (born 20 January 1932, Hat-Luken, Oldenburg) presently resides in Cairo, Head # 221, Rue #7. von EMMES went to the Gymnasium and studied law in Berlin, Bonn, and Berlin. He served as a branch of the German Foreign Office until 1928. Then he switched to journalism and devoted himself to intelligence propaganda. In 1928 he became a member of the NSDAP, and of the SA in 1932; in 1936 he became a member of the National Literary Chamber (NSDAP). He was appointed SS-Jour-
banführer in 1938 and in 1939 he was chief editor of the SS-journal "Welt und Wissen". He met and married a Norwegian woman in 1935. After the war he succeeded in escaping both Soviet and American imprisonment. He stayed in Germany until 1950 and then emigrated to Argentina with his family. He was employed there by the publisher of the magazine "Der Weg", which appeared weekly in Buenos Aires. In 1956 he published "Marcos de Oro", a work which concerned the experiences of the German resistance before and after the end of World War II. Since early 1956 von EMMES has remained in Egypt. His main activity is that of Professor of German at the Cairo University Paul al-Amin. He also holds an important position in the Egyptian Ministry of Information. The magazine "Der Weg" has been engaged by the Egyptian Ministry of Information to translate and publish propaganda material. He is occasionally entrusted with propaganda tasks by the Ministry of Information. Von EMMES's daughter, name unknown, resides in a city in Germany. Her father has approached the German Embassy in Cairo to this effect, fearing that an entry permit could not be granted by them. He has been advised by the German government that she may do as if she wishes. Von EMMES has become a Moslem woman and has taken the first name "SHERIF" (husband).
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5. WANTINGTON would like to have from us all we know about these people for comparison with what he has. None of the above, nor their associates, are working for OPMHED. In fact, RAGNARSEN has publicly said statements that he could never work for OPMHED.

6. We assume Headquarters has a good deal of information not available to us here. May we have clearance on these people, cleared for passage to OPMHED? There is no information in the Munich Base files which did not originate here. We note that we asked for information on von LEBER in August 1977 (DIA-5358, 27 Aug 1977).

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1. With some cavities as before you may advise Uphill following.

2. Life believes have killing material amounting 600 pages to
   Eichmann handwriting. Life contract allows resale as they see fit except
   to Israel. Life has not advised Israel, apparently does not intend to.

3. Extensive material has been read, one Tyburn mention of Globe
   which Life objected at our request.

4. Unless Uphill can come up with convincing written evidence
   suggest you discuss with Montefiore whether any possibility might
   be part of Eichmann's claim or attempting return with books
   material in exchange for would pay to Uphill.

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C/S Comment: Requested H/QS suggestions re handling with Uphill re
Eichmann memoirs being published.

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