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II. DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE:

Civilian:

Education 12 years
 Trade or Profession . . Student
 Years Practiced 12 years
 Present Occupation . . Student

SOURCE HISTORY:

Dates	Camp No.	City or Area	Place of Work and Duties
Oct 50 - Oct 50	N/A	NEUBRANDENBURG	MVD Prison, Prisoner
Oct 50 - Mar 51	N/A	SCHWERIN	MVD Prison, Prisoner
May 51 - Jun 53	019	CHUNOYAR	Forced Labor Camp, Forest Worker
Jul 53 - Dec 53	Unknown	TAPLAU	Forced Labor Camp, Inmate

III. SOURCE RELIABILITY:

SOURCE was willing to cooperate and thoughtful in his answers. His general intelligence was above average. Therefore, the info contained in this Report can be considered fairly reliable.

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I. PREAMBLE:

SOURCE was arrested in the SZG for possessing western propaganda material, in Oct 50. In Mar 51, he was sentenced to 25 years at hard labor by a Soviet Military Tribunal. After he was sentenced, SOURCE was sent to the forced labor camp 019 in the area of CHUNOYAR (5727N-9718E), where he was held from May 51 to Jun 53, working in the forest as a lumberjack. SOURCE had no contact with the civilian population. The info contained in this Report is based on SOURCE's own observations unless otherwise stated.

II. INFO ON US CIVILIANS HELD IN THE FORCED LABOR CAMP IN CHUNOYAR:

The number of prisoners held in SOURCE's forced labor camp was estimated at 1,600 men. There were people from all nations, except Great Britain. Among the inmates were a Japanese general, an Estonian general, and numerous Russian emigrants who were lured back from China after World War II, and then sentenced to 10 years at hard labor. Additional details hereto were not obtainable. SOURCE knew also of two US civilians who were both arrested in one of the former Baltic countries, in 1945, and sentenced to 10 years at hard labor for espionage. Both Americans claimed to have visited relatives in the USSR. One of the Americans was a man of Armenian descent, about 48 years of age; his name was unknown to SOURCE. He measured about 1.80 m in height and weighed about 70 kg. Slender build, dark hair, dark eyes, and dark complexion. He had a long sharp-featured face, no scars. Additional description was not obtainable. He was a mechanic by profession; residence in the US was unknown. He spoke Armenian and Russian without trace of accent, and English with a Russian accent. The man was not very talkative. He arrived in the camp in autumn 1952, and left in Apr 53. It was rumored that he was to be released. Additional info on this man was not obtainable. The other US civilian was a man whose last name was GUENTHER. He was of German or Baltic descent. Physical description on GUENTHER was not obtainable since SOURCE never saw the man. What SOURCE knew about GUENTHER he learned from a fellow inmate by name METZNER, Hans, about 21 years old, who was a member of the VOPO in the SZG State of Mecklenburg. METZNER, who was GUENTHER's friend, was released together with SOURCE. METZNER told SOURCE that GUENTHER wrote to MOSCOW (5545N-3735E), in 1952, and that he was taken to MOSCOW for several weeks in 1952. GUENTHER also left the camp in Apr 53, and it was rumored that he was to be released. Additional info was not obtainable.

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