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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

I. PREAMBLE: S lived in BERLIN-LICHTENBERG (5231N 1330E) since 1945. He was arrested in Jun 48 for cooperation with West-BERLIN SPD party newspapers and anti-Soviet propaganda as a free reporter. S was imprisoned in BERLIN-LICHTENBERG from Jun 48 to Apr 49, then sentenced to 10 years of confinement in a concentration camp and transferred to SACHSENHAUSEN (5247N 1314E). In Feb 50, S was transferred by RR to the USSR via several Polish and Soviet prisons. In Apr 50 he arrived in a penal laborers camp near VORKUTA (6622N 7008E). Due to his health status he was interned in the medical camp for penal laborers #5110/36, located approx 18 km N of VORKUTA in the pit coal mine area, close to the shafts #4 - 6. S was interned in this camp from Apr 50 to Dec 53. During the first 2 years he worked on general jobs in the camp and in the immediate vicinity. From Feb 52 to Dec 53 he worked as a medic in the camp, bandaging prisoners, preparing injections, etc. S had knowledge of medical experiments performed with prisoners and S himself was subject to a surgery experiment as described in the body of the Rpt. The camp inmates consisted of 100 Estonians, 200 Latvians, 200 Ukrainians, 100 Lithuanians, 100 Russians, 35 Germans, 1 American, 1 Dutchman, 1 Frenchman, 1 Italian, 1 Japanese, and an unkn number of Poles, Rumanians, etc, both, criminals and political prisoners. S had a limited opportunity to collect info. All info contained in the Rpt below was based on S's personal observations unless otherwise stated.

II. SOURCE'S EXPERIENCE IN THE MEDICAL CAMP FOR PENAL LABORERS #5110/36 NEAR VORKUTA.

A. MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS PERFORMED ON CAMP INMATES. In Jul 50, S was practically forced to volunteer for a case of experimental surgery, a separation of the nerve PHRENUS, which had to be performed by the camp surgeons (all of them camp inmates) by order of higher-up Soviet authorities. S emphasized that except for a bad and constant malnutrition he was completely healthy and had no troubles. He was threatened with immediate transfer to the coal mines, which in his state of health would have been almost equal to certain death, if he did not volunteer for the experiment. On the other hand it was explained to him that this operation had to be performed on him in order to gain idleness of a sick part of his lung and thus save his life. S did not believe that but felt that under the circumstances it might be best for him to agree with the proposal to volunteer for the operation. The surgeons performing the operation were the following camp inmates: SARGORSKI (S's phonetic spelling), Ukrainian, 50 yrs old, 1,80 m tall, heavy-set, blond, former PW of the German army. RAUPE, Polish patriot, 55 - 60 yrs old, 1,67 m tall, lean, grey hair.

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MICHAELJANO, Georg, Rumanian patriot, 33 yrs old, 1,65 m, lean, dark hair, with a club foot, liked, helping the camp inmates; S heard that he was a Jew and that his uncle was a chief rabbi in NEW YORK (4043N 7410E).

NIKITIN, Russian national, 55 - 60 yrs old, 1,67 m tall, lean, grey hair. Furthermore the NATCHALNIK SAN-CHASTI of the camp (chief medic, simultaneously serving as an interpreter) named NORD, a VOLKSDEUTSCHER (German, but not a German citizen), 38 yrs old, 1,70 m tall, lean, read hair, liked by the camp inmates, he was not a camp inmate.

The operating room was in a very poor condition and very primitively equipped. S was told that the operation was supposed to last 20 minutes. S was tightened to a crude operating table and received 2 injections of 10 cubic centimeters each for a local anaesthesia. At the very moment when the nerve was separated he felt a pain as if he had come in contact with an electric current of high voltage. The operation did last for 40 minutes. After 30 minutes the effect of the anaesthetic vained and S felt almost unbearable pains. Upon completion of the operation S had to walk to the next room where he was bandaged, sitting on a chair. Then he had to return to his quarters all by himself. He received further medical treatment on the next day by MICHAELJANO, and from then on in 5 days intervals. S heard later that at 99% the surgeons did not give him a chance to survive, and that none of the surgeons ever had performed a similar operation before. However, miraculously S did recover. After 4 weeks S was transferred to another section of the camp and had to perform work, such as scrubbing floors with bricks, etc. After 8 weeks he had to carry heavy water containers of 50 kg and more weight.

LAYER, Hans, Austrian national, 58 yrs old, 1,70 m tall, lean, white hair, residence in VIENNA (4812N 1622E) was operated several times in Summer 50. Parts of animal placenta were transplanted into various portions of his back, allegedly as means of healing chronic headache. The man survived and was transferred to the coal mines about Mar 51.

Between Jun and Aug 51 about 80 camp inmates received injections of PASK (a colorless liquid medicament, not yet tested on human beings) into the veins. S heard that these injections were made by order of higher-up Soviet authorities. The people for those test injections were selected by the camp's doctors. They received 1 injection of 10 ccm of PASK daily for a period of 14 consecutive days which was supposed to cause a reduction of temperature. S stated that 20 - 30% of those 80 people soon suffered from liver complaints as a result of the injections. Further test injections of penicillin, streptomycin and albomizin, all of them imitations of western products which had been manufactured in Russia, were applied to camp inmates.

Furthermore several more operations were performed by the above mentioned camp surgeons, transplanting parts of animal placenta into various portions of the patient's body as means of healing troubles of stomach, eyes, lungs, and intestines; between Jul 50 and Jul 51, altogether approx 60 cases, results unkn to S.

B. NAMES AND PERSONAL DATA OF PROMINENT CAMP INMATES.

EICHENDORFF, Adolf, 45 yrs old, 1,85 m tall, lean, dark-blond hair, lower jaw slightly displaced due to an accident, claimed to be a former Canadian national, then a colonel of the US Air Force, in 1948-49 commanding officer of the airfields in BERLIN-TEMPELHOF (5230N 1330E) and BERLIN-GATOW, captured near the airfield in GATOW while unintentionally crossing into the Soviet Sector, sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for kidnapping (since he was responsible for transport of Russian deserters and German refugees to West Germany). He arrived in this camp about May 52 sleeping in the cot below S. S said he never could make up his mind whether to trust this man or not, but he was on friendly terms with him since EICHENDORFF was a good comrade. EICHENDORFF spoke English, French, German, and Russian fluently and some Japanese or Chinese. He also claimed to be well-known to the retired General Mc ARTHUR. He wore Russian civilian clothes, a shawl and a pullover of American manufacture with the American firm signs still attached to them. About Apr 53 EICHENDORFF was released from this camp to work as a civilian mine engineer

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at Shaft #1. S saw him last in Summer 53 when he approached the camp fence from outside, waving to S.

EISENHAUER, Otto, about 60 yrs old, 1,80 m tall, heavy-set, white hair. He claimed to be a British national, formerly German, a cousin of the present US President, married to a British woman, residence in Ethiopia, captured by the Russians while visiting his mother in the Soviet Sector of VIENNA. He was charged with espionage and sentenced to 25 years of penal labor. EISENHAUER was already in this camp when S arrived. During roll calls he was often teased by Russian camp personnel because of his name and his relations to the US President. S often talked to him and was under the impression that EISENHAUER was an intelligent and reliable man. EISENHAUER was transferred to the 40th shaft in the vicinity of VORKUTA about Mar 51. S never saw him since.

JANSEN, Ray, Dutchman, 32 yrs old, 1,75 m tall, dark-blond hair, lean, singer by profession, residence in W-BERLIN, arrested in 1946 in E-BERLIN, charged with espionage and sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment, arriving in this camp with the same transport as S from the SACHSENHAUSEN Concentration Camp. JANSEN remained in this camp when S left.

IGUMNOW, Nikolai Ikentowitsch, Siberian reporter, 56 yrs old, 1,80 m tall, lean, white hair, wearing glasses, highly intelligent, serving a 25 years term for underground nationalist activities.

C. ALARM TRAINING IN THE CAMP.

The camp consisted of 13 single-story bldgs of wood and clay, approx 30x8x3,5 m with gabled shingle roofs. The camp area of 400x200m was surrounded with 2 barbed wire fences, 2 and 3 m high with a dead zone in between and equipped with 5 wooden guard towers with search lights.

The camp's WATCHMAN SAN-CHASTI was NORD (refer to Par A, above). In Jun 52 NORD was replaced by a Russian female major WASSILJEWA, about 45 yrs old, 1,60 m tall, plump, dark-blond hair, fanatic communist.

The work officer was Lt MUCHIN, 31 yrs old, 1,70 m tall, heavy-set, blond, good-natured, liked by the camp inmates. The other Soviet officers often changed and S did not know their names. The guard personnel consisted of about 30 men of a nearby garrison also changed almost monthly.

Twice there was an alarm exercise for the guards, once in Jul 53 and once in Sep 53, lasting from about 2100 to 0400 hours. During the alarm there was a complete blackout in the camp, the guards were enforced, machine guns were placed on the guard towers. The guards signaled with rounds from signal pistols. The camp inmates were ordered to keep quiet and not to leave the bldgs. Nothing unusual happened. In Sep 53, shortly after the second alarm training there was a strike in the surrounding coal mine district. The guards were immediately enforced and machine guns were placed on the guard towers. The camp inmates heard about the strike from the guards. Nothing happened in the camp.

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