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CONTACT REPORT

SUBJECT: GAST, Dr. Heinz Wilhelm Paul (C) CITE: CR-347-64(Coll Det)Blm
15 Oct 25 in BERLIN

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REF: None

PROJECT NUMBER: IA (IA GE)

CONTACT NUMBER: 1

DATE: 10 September 1964

WARNING NOTICE - SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

1. (C) Circumstances of Contact:

- a. Date, Time and Place: 4 Sep 64, 1030 hours, in West Berlin at the JROC facility, Sven Hedin Strasse 11.
- b. Purpose: To debrief Source for leads in East German Laser/Maser research.
- c. AAs: None.
- d. US and Other Personnel: and Subject.
- e. Telephone Numbers: None.
- f. Vehicles: Operational Vehicle #890 (B-5902). Not exposed to Subject.
- g. Close of Meeting and New Meeting Arrangements: Meeting closed at about 1200 hours at the JROC facility. No firm arrangements made for next meeting.

2. (C) OPERATIONAL MATTERS:

- a. How A/Hs traveled to meeting site: A/Hs drove from Berlin Brigade to JROC. No surveillance noted.
- b. How Subject traveled to meeting site: N/A, as Subject was already at the JROC facility.
- c. EEI given at last meeting: None.
- d. EEI fulfilled at this meeting: None.

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e. EEI given at this meeting, including old EEI outstanding:
None.

f. How Subject departed meeting site: N/A, as Subject remained at JROC.

g. How A/Hs departed meeting site: A/Hs drove back to Berlin Brigade. No surveillance noted.

h. Subject was the laboratory chief of the Laboratory for Physiological Optics, a subsection of the optical department of the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie, German Academy of Sciences, East Berlin. He defected to West Berlin the night of 28 Aug 64. He had been debriefed extensively for information by Air Force, which has first priority on the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie, before he was made available to A/H. Subject had been nominated for Camp King, and was scheduled to be waybilled to Frankfurt/Main on 9 Sep 64. Under- signed wished to talk to Subject for two reasons. First, to debrief Subject for Laser/Maser leads in the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie, and second, to attempt to elicit from Subject any information he might have about Source 8477, a former employee of the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie who is now residing and working in West Berlin.

i. As a laboratory chief, Source was engaged in research to determine how the various rays in the light spectrum affect the human eye. He also dealt in LASER research to the extent that it affected his specific field of endeavor -- Subject stated that the possibility now existed to use a LASER ray in a specific operation on the human eye. The details of this operation were too complicated for A/H to understand. Source's interest in LASER did not go beyond this specific utilization.

j. Source provided two leads at the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie who are actively engaged in Laser research. They are as follows:

(1) LENZ, Kurt, about 32, POB unknown. Head of the LASER research department of the Institut. Graduate meteorologist. Address unknown to Subject. Single, but engaged. Described by Subject as strongly anti-communist, but politically naive. LENZ' parents live in Koenigs-Wuesterhausen. Subject is not familiar with the "State of the Art" as far as the LASER research in LENZ' department is concerned.

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(2) STARK, Bernd, about 25, POB unknown. Assistant to LENZ. Married, no children. Graduate Physicist. Address unknown. Described by Subject as anti-communist. Has relatives in Switzerland and Austria unknown to Subject. No further information available.

k. After obtaining the above limited information on LENZ and STARK, A/Hs told Subject that they would, in all probability, wish to discuss these leads further with Subject at a future date. Subject agreed to such a meeting, but stated that he did not know whether he was going to remain in Berlin or go to West Germany. He said that after flying to Frankfurt (and Camp King), he would contact a former professor of his, Dr. Gottschaldt, Kurt, director of the Psychological Institute at the University of Goettingen. Gottschaldt's home address is Hohe Weg 15 in Goettingen. Subject thinks he has a good chance to obtain a position with Gottschaldt.

l. A/Hs told Subject that if they wished to contact him again, they would need an address where Subject could be reached. Subject suggested that A/Hs write him in care of his sister, who lives in West Berlin. She is Frau Lisbeth FALK, Berlin/Wilmersdorf, Duesseldorferstr. 11.

m. The name of Source 8477 was elicited from Subject during the course of the interview. Subject provided basic biographical data already known to A/Hs, and said that 8477 was presently working for the Sendlinger Glasswerke in West Berlin/Zehlendorf, something which A/Hs had discovered from CIS coverage, but which 8477 has refused to reveal openly. Subject said that 8477 is maintaining letter contact with Dr. Rudolf RITSCHL, the head of the Institut fuer Optik und Spektroskopie. He said that while 8477 was employed at the Institut, he was highly regarded as a scientist, but did not have many close friends. He said everyone felt 8477 was anti-communist in sentiment, but for some reason Subject could not put his finger on, 8477 was not widely trusted by his colleagues. Subject suggested that perhaps this was because 8477 was a very strong individualist (an accurate description), and also because 8477 was the last of the "Grenzgaengers" who lived in West Berlin and was permitted to continue working in the East. Subject stated that he himself did not know 8477 well, and had no intention of contacting him while in West Berlin. A/Hs did not push the point for fear of surfacing excessive interest in 8477.

3. (C) Finances and Logistics:

a. Commitments: None.

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- b. Cash Payments Made and SRF Tabulation: None.
- c. Expenses: None.
- d. Other Logistics: Subject was given one pack of ICF cigarettes.
- e. USI Equipment in Possession of Subject: None.

4. (C) Agency Checks:

a. Subject:

- (1) Registry, 9 Sep 64, negative.
- (2) OSS, 9 Sep 64, negative.
- (3) Local DAD pending.

b. LENZ, Kurt

- (1) Registry, 9 Sep 64, positive, non-derogatory.
- (2) OSS, 9 Sep 64, positive, non-derogatory.
- (3) Local DAD pending.

c. STARK, Bernd

- (1) Registry, 9 Sep 64, negative.
- (2) OSS, 9 Sep 64, negative.
- (3) Local DAD pending.

5. (U) Agent Handler's Comments: None.



SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

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