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HEADQUARTERS 12TH ARMY GROUP
INTERROGATION CENTER
APO 655

PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT (PIR)

PRISONER: SANDBERGER, Martin, Ober Reg Rat, SS Standf DATE: 23 June 1945

1. PERSONAL DATA

SANDBERGER studied law from 1929 to 1933 in MUENCHEN, KOELN, FREIBURG and TUEBINGEN. In Nov 1933 he became a Doctor of Law. From 1933 to 1936 he was Gerichts Referendar in TUEBINGEN, BERLIN and STUTTGART and assistant on the law faculty of the University of TUEBINGEN.

SANDBERGER joined the NSDAP, SA, and NS Studentenbund in 1931 and the SS in 1936. In 1935 he started part-time work for the SD through his connection with Dr SCHEEL, leader of the NS Studentenbund and Leiter of SD Abschnitt Sued-West. In 1937 he entered the Wuerttemberg state administration and worked as Reg Assessor and later Reg Rat until 1939, continuing part-time work for the SD. In Sep 1939 he was taken over by the SD on a full-time basis. The following summarizes his GIS activities.

Sep 1939	Became Haupt Abteilungs Leiter (Inland) with SD Oberabschnitt Sued-West.
Oct 1939 to Feb 1940	In charge of central immigration office in POZNAN and LODZ.
Feb 1940 to mid-1941	Referent for training in Amt I-F of RSHA.
Mid-1941 to mid-1943	Fuehrer des SD und der Sipo in Estonia under Brigf STAHLCKER, KdS Eastern territories.
Sep 1943 to Oct 1943	In charge of Dept III (SD Inland) under KdS VERONA, Dr HARSTER.
Nov 1943 to Apr 1945	Gruppenleiter of Amt VI-A and Mil Amt A since Aug 1944. In charge of organization, finance and training for Amt VI. Took a leading part in the reorganization of Amt VI in 1944.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SANDBERGER arrived at 12th Army Group Interrogation Center on 17 Jun 45 and was accepted by request of G-2 (CIB) 12th Army Group. Date of arrest and arresting agency unknown. SHAEF buff cards 369, 345, and pink cards 71, 20957, 602 appear to confirm information given by SANDBERGER.

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3. KNOWLEDGE BRIEF

- a. Amt VI of the RSHA.
- b. Last-hour reorganization of Amt VI: purpose of reorganization.
- c. SCHELLENBERG and his activities.
- d. RSHA personalities.

4. INTERROGATION PLAN

The interrogation will be conducted according to knowledge brief.

5. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SANDBERGER is a well educated, capable man who, though still very young, held a high position in the GIS hierarchy. As one of the few in the RSHA with university training, he tried to introduce scientific methods in the organization, in opposition to those who wanted to apply the methods of the criminal police only. His efforts to defend the existence of the SD, and his activities do not follow conventional lines when he calls the SD (later Amt III) a "democratic regulation valve" because it was the only agency through which criticism could be voiced openly to improve the lot of the population. He is extremely anxious to prove that his administration in Estonia in 1941/43 was beneficent and designed to give autonomy to the Estonians.

The recipients of this report are requested to submit special briefs of any subjects upon which this prisoner should be interrogated and to indicate the desired distribution of the resultant report.

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