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The following are the names and secret numbers of the prisoners mentioned in this report:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Secret No</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Place and Date of Capture</u>
PAUER, Friedrich	GENLT a.D. (Maj Gen) (retired)	45/998	Retired	WUERZBURG, 9 Apr 45
GAEDE, Heinrich	GENMAJ i.G. (Brig Gen, GSC)	45/950	OG, 719 Inf Div	BERGZABERN, 30 Mar 45.
STEINBACH, Paul	GENMAJ (Brig Gen)	45/969	FUEHRER- RESERVE, OKH	KLEINRINDERFELD 2 2 Apr 45
RODENWALD, Ernst Prof	GENARZT (Surgeon Gen)	45/975	Mil Med Academy, BERLIN	HEIDELBERG, 1 Apr 45.
LUETKENHAUS, Hubert	GENMAJ a.D. (Brig Gen) (retired)	45/978	Retired	MOSBACH, 4 Apr 45.
MILTZOW, Hermann	OBSTLT i.G. (Lt Col, GSC)	45/951	Ia, 719 Inf Div	BERGZABERN, 30 Mar 45.
HACKEMANN, Ernst	OBSTLT (Lt Col)	45/992	Battle Group GERS- FELD	GERSFELD, 6 Apr 45
SCHREIBER, Kurt	LT (2nd Lt)	45/976	LUFTWAFFE Bn z.b.V.6	HEIDELBERG, 31 Mar 45.

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I. SOURCES:

- a) GENMAJ (Brig Gen) Heinrich GAEDE, CG 719 Inf Div, a 47-year old General Staff Officer, intelligent, arrogant, very Prussian, and violently anti-American. From 1942-1944 he was in Bulgaria as Chief of the German Training Staff attached to the Royal Bulgarian Army Staff.
- b) GENMAJ (Brig Gen) Paul STEINBACH, FUEHRERRESERVE OKH (German Army Officers' Replacement Pool), a 58-year old professional soldier with a non-Nazi attitude.
- c) OBSTLT (Lt Col) Hermann MILTZOW, Ia, 719 Div, a 35-year old General Staff Officer of typical Prussian caliber.

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1. Personalities

M: They seem to have respect for KEITEL.

G: KEITEL is only a messenger boy; when the FUEHRER calls, he runs.

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G: I wrote to Gen SEIFFERT in HAMBURG to do something about my wife, and I (also wrote to) the General of III Corps in BERLIN.

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G: I was with the Arty Inspectorate in BERLIN before the war.

S: With HASE ?

G: Yes.

S: I made HASE's acquaintance in NUERNBERG when he was CG of a div, the 3rd. Then he became Arty Inspector.

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S: ROMMEL and RUNDSTEDT are supposed to have told the FUEHRER on 25 July, i.e. after the invasion, that the war could no longer be won.

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M: HIMMLER's train was always marked SZH.

G: What does that mean ?

M: SONDERZUG HIMMLER (Special Train HIMMLER). It was always well guarded.

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M: Did you know LATTMANN (?) at the War Colloge in DRESDEN ?

G: Recently he was a colonel with MODEL; an efficient fellow.

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G: Are you the same age as SEIDOWSKI (?), he was also Ia under me, and so was ROTH (?).

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M: SEIDOWSKI (?) was fat and blond ?

G: No, tall and thin; he is engaged to be married now.

M: VON ROTH (?) was in my class; we were together in STUTTGART with the MT troops.

G: They were all with me in SOFIA.

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M: SEYDLITZ was always a blabbermouth, and so was his wife.

G: PFELSOH (?) was first Ib with Army Group, then he was Id (?), then he was transferred.

M: And Gen MERK (?) ?

G: Gen MERK (?) was first with (Army) Group BLACK SEA, then he was together with us.

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2. Miscellany

G: The General Staff is the only good thing still left in Germany, and it will certainly still have a great influence on the civilian population.

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G: As soon as the Party joined in the conduct of the war, the course of the war could be foreseen.

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G: If this thing collapses, and we lose the war, we will have to work for the people with all our strength. The German people just cannot be destroyed. Many things that were done are difficult to defend, for example the mass murder of the Jews. As an officer it was sometimes difficult to participate in these actions. They should have solved the problem in another way. Sometimes it was horrible the way they shot women and children.

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G: They want to sound out our attitude now; they expect us at any rate to support the military government.

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G: We were sold out by Dutch and Russian workers.

S: That was bound to end badly, what with 25-30 nations running around in Germany.

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S: Why do you dislike the Navy so much ?

G: Because they gorged themselves with hundreds of thousands of youths (int)..

S: And the Luftwaffe, too. Young fellows, classified 1A, who never heard a shot fired; they were on duty with searchlight units.

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G: All the men in the Navy are young kids, while we had only 47 and 48-year olds.

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G: They are all in flight at the approach of the Russians. The fields are not taken care of anymore, and we have to feed ourselves again. The SEYDLITZ government is supposed to be already on German soil. The Russians are rebuilding German industry for them, and after that the war against England will follow.

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S: The war in the EAST has taken a shameful course. Women have been raped. The Germans are no better than the others. In the beginning the Germans shot all commissars who were taken prisoner. Plenty of Russian prisoners have simply been beaten to death.

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S: How long does it take until a request for a decoration goes through?

G: 24 hours by telephone, three weeks by mail. I had an UFFZ in charge of a pillbox; he received the Knight's Cross and a lieutenantancy immediately by order of the FUEHRER. He never went to OCS.

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S: I was always horrified about concentration camps.

G: Well now, that depends on how you look at it, one could also consider them as penitentiaries.

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S: Were the Bulgarians only committed to combat partisans?

G: They were not committed at all. They were used as guards along the railroad lines. They were only provisional divs, and not regular ones.

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G: I was Chief of the Training Staff in Bulgaria. I had 20,000 men under me. I had a combat school. All the shipping on the Danube, security of mines, all that was under my control, the entire ABWEHR (Intelligence Service).

II. SOURCES:

a) GENLT (Maj Gen), GENERALSTABSINTENDANT (Quartermaster Gen), a.D. (retired) Friedrich PAUER, a 70-year old Bavarian who is too old to worry about politics and too senile to do anything else.

b) GENARZT (Medical Corps Gen) Prof Dr Ernst RODENWALD, a 66-year old HEIDELBERG Professor, one-time head of the Institute for Tropical Diseases in BERLIN, who is well acquainted with scientists all over the world. (See Report Ref No SAIC/7, 13 Apr 45).

c) LT (2nd Lt) Hans SCHREIBER, ASSISTENTARZT (Junior Medical Officer) Luftwaffe BEWAHRUNGSBTL (Punishment Bn), a 28-year old medical officer who did medical research in connection with criminal investigations in civilian life.

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1. Bacteriological Warfare

R: My personal opinion is that bacteriological warfare is impossible. I do not know anything about it, and do not think that a German scientist will permit himself to be used for that, especially for ethical reasons.

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P: If there had been any preparations made for bacteriological warfare, then we people from the Housing Administration would also have known about it, since we would have to make preparations for the protection of the population.

R: The following motto is valid in this case: what you yourself are working on, you do not talk about, and what others are working on, you do not ask about. I have received no indications of bacteriological warfare. What I worked on myself - malaria control - I will gladly tell them about.

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P: I knew the man in charge of the Hygiene Dept in the OKH, Prof SCHREIBER.

R: Yes, he's now head of Training Group C, at present in POTSDAM. I myself am from the Institute for Tropical Hygiene, and also consultant of the SANITÄTSSINSPEKTOR (Medical Inspector) for tropical hygiene. Besides that I had my work at the University of HEIDELBERG.

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S: Wasn't there a bacteriological institute in LEMBERG?

R: No, I think you are mistaken. It is in KRAKOW.

S: I knew a GENERALSTABSARZT (Surgeon Gen) who had worked as a bacteriologist, but I can't remember his name.

R: There is nobody outside of Prof ZEISS and myself. Altogether there are only 10 GENERALSTABSARZTE (Surgeon Generals) in the Germany Army.

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R: I bred 80,000 mosquitoes (anopheles) in a mosquito breeding station near BERLIN for experiments with sprays.

III. SOURCES

a) GENMAJ (Brig Gen) Hubert LUETKENHAUS, a 54-year old professional soldier, ex-WEHRMACHTSKOMMANDANT (Army Commandant) MANNHEIM-LUDWIGSHAFEN, who was put on the retired list on 31 Mar 45.

b) OBSTLT (Lt Col) Ernst HACKEMANN, Battle Group GERSFELD, a reserve officer, who was employed at I.G. FARBEN before the war.

1. Dr ILGNER, Director of I.G. FARBEN

(Note: Dr ILGNER was a detainee at the Seventh Army Interrogation Center during the same period as sources above.)

H: Dr ILGNER, the plant manager of I.G. should not remain unpunished either. A Democrat until 1930, he then changed horses, a real profiteering Nazi. When I saw him again in 1940, 10 years later, he greeted me with "HEIL HITLER!",

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Nazi from top to bottom. These swine! People like us have to sit here, and they run around free. (See note above).

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H: You know, of course, that I.G. is a great concern with many branches in foreign countries. During the war these branches are not in direct contact with FRANKFURT. If, for instance, the branch in Argentina has a lot of foreign currency, and the branch in Chile does not have any, but needs money to build a branch office, then Argentina can send the money to Chile, and ILGNER supervises and approves these transmissions. For that purpose he travelled all over the world. He was the central financier.

This ILGNER is a miserable character, completely uninteresting as a person. He lets everybody down if it is to his own advantage.

2. Planning for the Future

L: It would be funny if I were to work for the military government now.

H: It would be a neat trick to be sent to BERLIN by the Americans. Then you would have something to eat, and you could still do what you wanted.

L: But we still have to feed ourselves.

H: We'll get something out of them yet. And imagine what freedom of movement you would have. You could travel again through all the countries.

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H: Did you hear anything about the partition of Germany? As far as I know, Southern Germany, Baden, etc, will be occupied by the Americans. That's a good thing; we will be safe that way. All Northern Germany will supposedly be occupied by the British, and the rest will be given to the Russians. Well, that's terrible, and quite unthinkable.

L: Yes, the so-called ELBE Line for the Russians. There will be a mixed occupation for BERLIN.

H: What will happen to Austria and the Tyrol?

L: We shall soon see.

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L: (Re Nazis) The responsible persons must be hanged, and the others must be put in labor battalions where they will have to pay for their guilt.

3. Miscellany

H: Shortly before Christmas I was a member of an Honour Court. A paymaster made some typical remarks. HIMMLER did not sanction the verdict. We acquitted the man shortly before Christmas, which had a resounding effect (KNALLEFFEKT). A miserable Party wench excused herself. She was one of the worst kind. Thank heaven the prosecutor and the foreman of the jury were decent people.

Then there was another case where a medical capt in the Army, a Party member, was supposed to have said, "the FUEHRER should stick to architecture instead of the conduct of the war". That fellow was also acquitted; but HIMMLER reversed the verdict, with the demand that he be condemned to death.

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L: (Talking about his days as WEHRMACHTSKOMMANDANT, MANNHEIM). A few months ago I officially invited a bishop for dinner. The bishop appeared, and so did the Party big shots (PARTEIBÖNZEN) - the bishop came in full regalia. Everything went off smoothly, but after a few weeks I received a notice saying that it was forbidden to invite bishops to official receptions. Well, I am a Catholic, but I let it go anyway.

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H: (Re the hopeless situation near FULDA) There were no maps of the sector in which we were fighting; we made our retreat by means of an old atlas.

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