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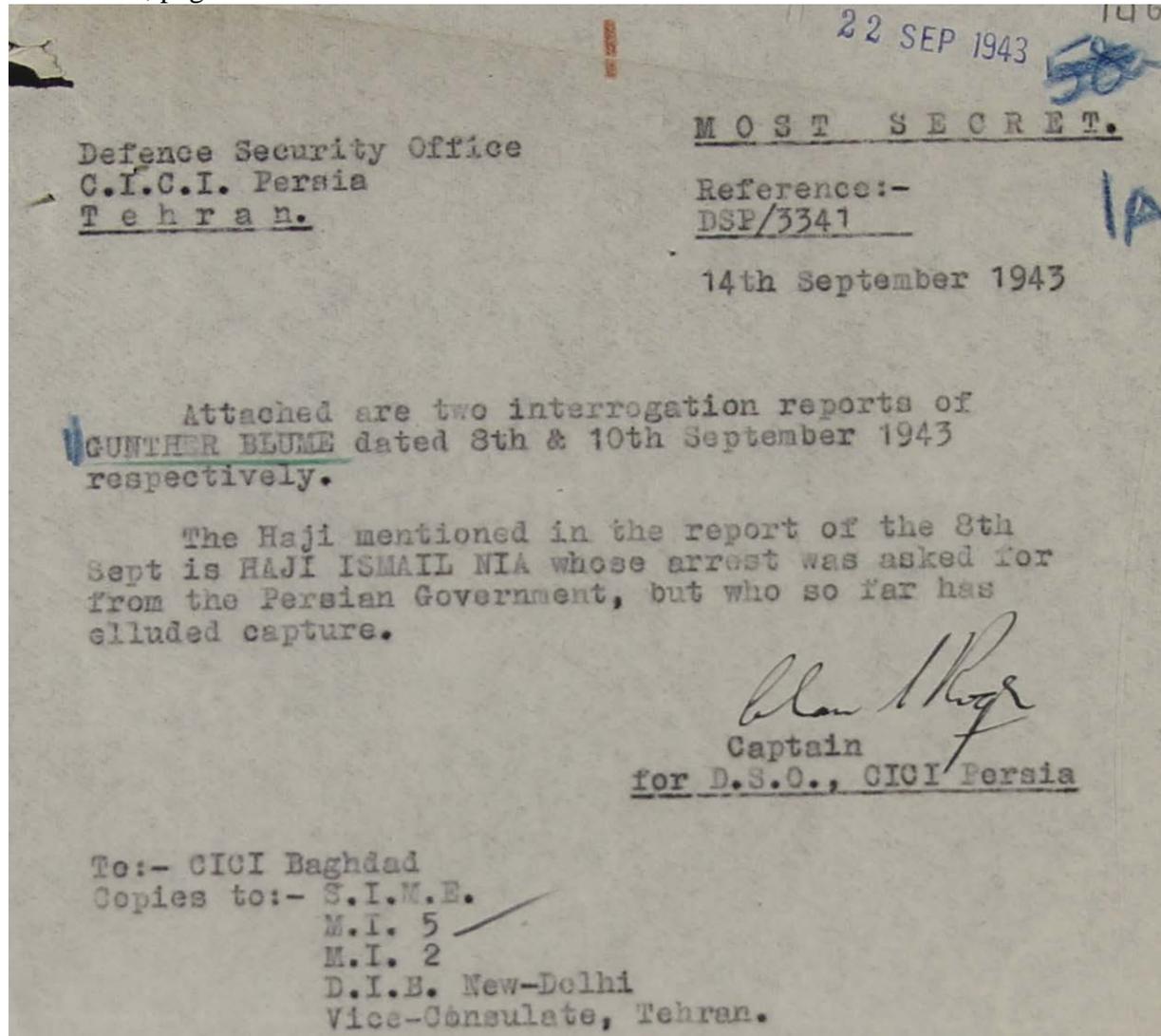
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14 Sept. 1943

Attached are two interrogation reports of Gunther (AOB, Günther) Blume dated 8th & 10th September 1943 respectively.

The Haji mentioned in the report of the 8th Sept is Haji Ismail Nia whose arrest was asked for from the Persian Government, but who so far has eluded capture.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 65932 Supp: vol. Name: MAYR, Franz.
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INTERROGATION REPORT ON GRILLE, HOLZAPFEL AND ROCKSTROH, SEPT 7. 1943.Sabotage.

About 14 March 1943 the operation group were inspected by Gruppenfuhrer KALTENBRUNNER at a S.D. Office in the Delbruchstrasse in Grunewald.

There was a Hauptsturmfuhrer (Captain) present who spoke of Untersturmfuhrer (2nd Lieutenant) GAMOTTA, saying that on his way back from Persia he had been taken ill in Turkey and if he arrived in Berlin in time he would give the group a talk on the general situation in Persia.

The group were told that their immediate objective was to establish W/T communication between MAYR and BERLIN as a necessary preliminary to their further objective which was the interruption of British and to Russia by sabotage of the Trans-Iranian Railway. They were given no details of this however.

While in the Crimea the party learned that GAMOTTA had arrived in Berlin and was ill with malaria. Later, while in TEHRAN, MAYR received a message from Berlin saying that GAMOTTA was in TUBINGEN, WURTEMBERG.

Kaltenbrunner.

The description of Gruppenfuhrer KALTENBRUNNER given in the Interrogation Report of Werner ROCKSTROH dated 4th September, is confirmed and further details are: -

- 1) He is Head of S.D.
- 2) Aged about 45-48.
- 3) Has dualling scars.
- 4) Wears the "Old Fighter" badge of an early member of the Party.

HARBERS.

Description in Report on Interrogation of W. ROCKSTROH dated 4 Sept. confirmed.

HARBERS also has a scar under one of his eyes.

INTERROGATION OF GRILLE AND ROCKSTROH 9th SEPTEMBER 43.SECURITY CHECK.

GRILLE confessed that he had hidden the fact that the Security Check described in Int. Report of 7 Sept, was only for the first 15 days of the month.

For 1st - 15th of any month the letter in the clear text corresponding with the date would be put forward one letter of the alphabet, i.e. on the 14th day if the 14th letter of the clear text was "H" it would be written and encyphered as "I".

From the 16th to the end of the month this procedure was not followed. Instead, when at the end of this clear text the number of letters were made up so as to be dividable into complete five letter groups, the last three letters were always HAV. Thus the end of the message in the clear text might be XXPZQHAV or however many letters were needed to make the whole dividible by five. If the operator were working the set while in enemy hands he would insert both checks in the message irrespective of the date.

Extract for file P.F. 65932 Name Mayr, Franz
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Interrogation Report on Grille, Holzapfel, and Rockstroh, Sept. 1943.
Sabotage.

About 14 March 1943 the operation group were inspected by Gruppenführer Kaltenbrunner at the S.D. Office in the Delbruchstrasse (AOB, = Delbrückstrasse) in Grünewald.

There was a Hauptsturmführer (Captain) present who spoke of Untersturmführer (2nd Lieutenant) Gamotta, saying that on his way back from Persia he had been taken ill in Turkey and if he arrived in Berlin in the time he would give the group a talk on the general situation in Persia.

The group were told that their immediate objective was to establish W/T communication between Mayr and Berlin as a necessary preliminary to their further objective which was the interruption of British and to Russia by sabotage of the Trans-Iranian Railway. They were given no details of this however.

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Kaltenbrunner.

The description of Gruppenführer Kaltenbrunner given in the interrogation Report of Werner Rockstroh dated 4th September, is confirmed and further details are:

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- Aged about 45-48
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Harbers.

Description in Report on Interrogation of W. Rockstroh dated 4 Sept. confirmed.
Harbers also has a scar under one of his eyes.

Interrogation of Grille and Rockstroh 9th September 43.

Security Check.

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12th November 1943

Acted
Je
JM - R.A. Hays

Dear *Low Rouschild,*

investigators

No doubt you will be fairly well up in the interrogation of the MAYR group of agents; possibly even more au fait with the situation than myself. I have not yet had the opportunity of questioning BLUME, the party's saboteur, but I hope to do so once the ground has been cleared by trained investigators. However, an interesting point has arisen with regard to his capture. Apparently, certain items of sabotage equipment, of which I have so far had no details, were captured when BLUME was arrested, and Captain Thistlewaite, one of the officers from TEHERAN who participated in BLUME's arrest, mentioned to me that he was able to recognise the items of BLUME's equipment from illustrations which appeared in an American pamphlet on enemy sabotage equipment, rather than from our own two volumes which were forwarded to TEHERAN some time ago. I am trying to check up on this equipment in order to ascertain whether it has in fact appeared in the M.I.5 manual, and I will write to you in more detail on this subject later. For the moment however, it would be interesting to know whether you have seen such an American pamphlet and whether it is as comprehensive as Thistlethwaite seems to infer.

I am in touch with the American security authorities here and a considerable amount of information on enemy sabotage is being exchanged between us. We are in fact establishing quite a close liaison with American counter-sabotage authorities at Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa. However, I do not think that our American liaison officer at S.I.M.E. can help much in this

respect since he is more concerned with counter-espionage than counter-sabotage, and if you could manage to let us have a copy of the American pamphlet we should be very grateful indeed.

Yours *sincerely,*

J.S. Crompton Lieut.

J.S. CROMPTON
Lieutenant, S.I.M.E.

12th November 1943

Dear Lord Rothschild,

No doubt you will be fairly well up in the interrogation of the Mayr group of agents; possibly even more au fait with the situation than myself. I have not yet had the opportunity of questioning Blume, the party's saboteur, but I hope to do once the ground has cleared the trained ???. However, an interesting point has arisen with regard to his capture. Apparently, certain items of sabotage equipment, of which I have so far had no details, were captured when Blume was arrested, and Captain Thistlewaite, one of the officers from Teheran who had participated in Blume's arrest, mentioned to me that he was able to recognise the items of Blume's equipment from illustrations which appeared in an American pamphlet on enemy sabotage equipment, rather than from our own two volumes which were forwarded to Teheran some time ago. I am trying to check up on this equipment in order to ascertain whether it has in fact appeared in the M.I.5 manual, and I will write to you in more detail on this subject later. For the moment however, it would be interesting to know whether you have seen such an American pamphlet and whether it is as comprehensive as Thistlewaite seems to infer.

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Yours sincerely
J.S. Crompton
Lieutenant, S.I.M.E.

AOB : The rest of this file being mainly concerned with Blume's sabotage gear and other technical matters; blowing the objectives of the Franz Mayr Case.