

3. Statement of Hans Hinrichs on Early History of the Organization [undated]

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Early History of the Organization

- 3 - 5 May 1945 Distribution of small groups of qualified officers of Dpt. Foreign Armies East (OKH/Gen. St. d.H./Abt. Fremde Heere Ost) to 3 different hiding places in the Alps by Dr. Schneider. Camouflaged hiding of documents.
- Group Dr. Schneider - Elends-Alm near
Hirth Bayrischzell
Schaumburg
- Group Hansen - near Ruhpolding
- Group Wieland - Kaisergebirge.
- 23 May 1945 Dr. Schneider + Hirth voluntarily placing themselves at disposal of 42nd US Inf Div in Sollerssee.
Dr. Schneider via Kitzbühel to Augsburg (3rd US Army) and Freising.
Hirth via 5 other PW Camps to Moosburg.
- End of June 1945 Dr. Schneider and Schaumburg brought to special camp in Wiesbaden (Villa Pagenstecher) upon initiative of Capt Hallstead (Mr. Boker, jun.) and his Field Intelligence Unit.
Begin of research work.
- Middle of July 1945 Wieland, Hansen and Hirth brought to Wiesbaden by Capt Hallstead via Freising. First larger projects started in Wiesbaden.
Dr. Schneider receives permission of Admiral Doenitz (last official head of German Government) for research work unter US Army.

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25 August 1945	Group Dr. Schneider (Schaumburg, Hansen, Forster, Steurer, v. Lüttgendorf, Hirth) brought by special plane to Washington via Azores, Camp PO Box 1142, near Alexandria. Wieland remained in Germany for ^{German} purposes with USFET.
Middle of Sep 1945	Begin of research work in Camp 1142, directed by Col Lowell, War Dpt./Int. Div. Liaison Officer: 1st Lt Waldmann. Projects designated as "B" ("Bolero").
Fall 1945	Improvement of office and billeting quarters in Camp 1142.
March 1946	Herdahl brought from Europe and included into Group.
End of June 1946	Group brought by train to Camp Shanks near New York, accompanied by Capt Wulff.
30.6 - 9.7.1946	Trip from New York to Le Havre on MS "Seaflier".
9. - 10.7.1946	Group led by Capt Waldmann to Paris (truck) and Oberursel (plane). Quartering of Dr. Schneider, Hansen, Hirth in "Basket".

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