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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
MILAN DETACHMENT, ZONE 3
APO 512, U.S. Army

7 June 1946

NEWS FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE--

SUBJECT: BAUMGARTNER, Franz, Lt.

RE : Re-Arrest and Interrogation.

Pursuant to instructions from the Supervising Agent, CIC, Zone 3, based on information received from a confidential source, these Agents located an re-arrested Subject.

1. PERSONAL PARTICULARS:

Name: BAUMGARTNER, Franz Friedrich
Rank: Lt., SS
Address: Milan, 13 Via Carlo Poerio and Berlin
Birth : Limburgerhof, Pfalz, 25 May 1907
Occupation : Book-seller
Nationality: German
Description: Ht. 1.75 - 75 kilos - Corpulent - Bald -
Clean-shaved.

2. MILITARY HISTORY:

28th Artillery Regiment, Wehrmacht, Duesseldorf. Active Service 9 weeks. 1938.
1943 entered service with SS in Berlin. January 1944 came to Italy, Milan, attached to SD, AKO, as Administrative Officer. Duties: Files, Office work, payment of employees and Agents. Administratively attached to SD, Milan.
With German surrender, 29 April 1945, became POW.

3. EMPLOYMENT BY GERMAN UNITS:

Abt. I and II, AKO, Milan.

a. Position held in Unit: Obersturmfuehrer und Polizei Inspekteur, Leiter, Abt. I and II.
OG Administrative Section 55 attached to SD, Milan, Albergo Regina, Jan. 1944 to April 1945.

b. Members of the Unit:

1. LANG, Theo
2. LANGNER, Herrman
Superior: Col. RAUFF

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- c. Last known location: Milan, Italy
- d. Next higher HQ : AKO, Milan, Col. RAUFF
- e. Information on post-occupation plans in Italy: None
- f. Information or Documents affecting Subject's Unit: None
- g. Agent known to have been given post-occupation missions in N.W. Italy : None.
- h. Special knowledge of SI FO and SD : None

4. SUBJECT APPEARED ON GIS LISTS:

- a. GIS 1a/4 - 12/29-46/15
- b. GIS 1/44 - 73/32-95/25

Reported in custody, GIS Bull 73, 25 Sept. 45. Escaped from Cesena Hospital on the night of 10-11 January 1946, GIS Bull 95. Subject was located living with mistress, a Swiss named RIZZI, Trudel, who worked as Secretary at AKO, Milan.

At first denied being BAUMGARTNER, and gave name as BERNHARDT, Freidrich, Swiss-German. Broke under short interrogation. Was found in possession of false Italian identity card, with name of BERNHARDT. Subject claims to have paid an unknown Italian 2000 lire for same.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

Subject is arrogant and reputedly brutal. Is an ardent Nazi. Internment recommended.

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Encl.: 1 Fals Identity Card.