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26. It. Col. BRES's Activities Since May 1945. Oberstabsingenieur (-St. Col.) Wolfgang BRES (para 14) was head of section 29 of Development in V2A (torpedoes, guided missiles etc) under Lt. Col. KUNDT and indirectly under General WISSING, chief of V.2.A. BRES was interrogated on numerous occasions, in 1945, in various PW camps, including H.I.S.S. at CHERTON. Later he was sent to the United States and recently he has been working for U.S. Naval Intelligence at RENNERTON. Since his return to Germany in August 1946 he has been travelling all over the British and U.S. Zones in an official U.S. car, accompanied only by his German driver.
27. KAMMER's Connection with Missing Documents. Dr. KAMMER and Lt. Col. BRES had received information from a reliable source that BRES had been in direct touch with General WISSING during the last phase of the war and not indirectly through his immediate superior, Lt. Col. KUNDT. He had also direct relations with SS-Obergruppenführer (- General) KAMMER. The same source stated that "Stab KAMMER" had removed many tons of documents dealing with V-2, guided missiles, torpedoes etc. from BERLIN or DRESDEN to BAD SACHTA and other towns in the FAHRE Mountains, early in 1945 and had transferred them to Southern Bavaria or to the Southern Heideut in April 1945. Most of these documents are still missing. The Germans were going to make a retreat of the FAHRE Mountains. For some time after this area had been taken by U.S. troops it was noticed that whenever suspected hide-outs of documents or weapons were approached SS snipers fired upon armed groups who tried to approach them. This led to the surmise that valuable documents or weapons remained hidden in that area.
28. Interrogation of BRES on 26 and 27 February 1947. Lt. Col. BRES was invited by G-2, USFET, to an informal talk in FRANKFURT. Dr. KAMMER, Lt. Col. KAMMER and the undersigned conversed with him for several hours on 26 February 1947. After this he was allowed to go to a private address in FRANKFURT for the night. On 27 February he was interrogated in detail on the location of documents and on the whereabouts of German rocket specialists. It is obvious that BRES had decided not to tell the truth he was interned at CHERTON.
29. BRES's Trips, in January and February 1947, to BAD SACHTA. BRES spent approximately 10 days in BAD SACHTA, in the British Zone, on various dates in January and February 1947. The pretext for his 4 or 5 trips to this town, which is only a mile from the Russian Zone, is the need to provide for the comfort of the wife of Prof. WAGNER, the rocket expert. WAGNER himself has just arrived on a visit from the United States and is staying with his wife at GÖTTINGEN, not at BAD SACHTA. Prof. WAGNER is seriously ill with cancer and is not expected to live much longer. It is obvious that BRES is hiding something from us in connection with BAD SACHTA, the place where SS-Obergruppenführer (General) KAMMER attempted to continue the development of rockets, guided missiles and other Luftwaffe weapons with the help of General BOHRER, Prof. von DRACH and Oberstabsingenieur BRES who had taken the place of his immediate chief KUNDT.

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30. Although BAD SACHSA was discussed with BREE for a full hour he failed to tell us that he had paid at least four visits to the scene of most intense activity in March and April 1945. His recent trips to BAD SACHSA were discovered a few hours later from his confiscated diaries and notebooks.
31. General DORNBERGER Hid Documents Near BAD SACHSA in April 1945. During the preceding interrogation BREE had said that he "had heard" from others that General DORNBERGER had hidden important V-2 documents in a forest near BAD SACHSA and that a few days after the capture of that town some Germans had gone to the forest with American officers and had dug up the buried documents. An hour later BREE, when asked where he had obtained his information, said that DORNBERGER himself had told him that he buried some boxes in the forest at the beginning of April 1945.
32. "Stab KAMMLER" in charge of Documents. BREE denied that he had ever anything to do with V-2 documents. This statement he has been asked to correct in writing. According to information received in the United States "Stab KAMMLER" had taken care of all these documents in Spring 1945.
33. Activities of "Arbeitsstab KAMMLER in the HARZ Mountains in Spring 1945. On 27 February 1947 BREE drew a chart of KAMMLER's organization at BAD SACHSA in March and April 1945. BREE was in charge of one of the three groups. Under all this he outlined a special group called "Arbeitsstab KAMMLER" (KAMMLER Executive *or Work Staff*) which was under Prof. von BRAUN. When von BRAUN met with a car accident BREE took his place. This "Arbeitsstab" dealt exclusively with the evaluation and appreciation of projects chiefly for the construction of anti-aircraft rockets which GÖRING and others had deemed the most urgent and effective weapons. BREE maintained that almost daily new proposals were made and new projects were submitted to them.
34. At this point BREE's memory grew very faint. He belittled all the projects proposed at these daily conferences under the chairmanship of KAMMLER *or Gen. DORNBERGER* (On the preceding day BREE, whilst discussing his contacts with KAMMLER, had failed to mention his daily meetings with KAMMLER *at BAD SACHSA.*) On 27 February he could not remember any projects that had proved of any value.
35. Acoustic Fuse for "X 4." A few months ago, Capt. SORG had spoken of an acoustic fuse used on an aircraft to aircraft rocket as the last weapon he had tested in his Erprobungskommando LARE (RECHLIN). SORG admitted that he had "forgotten" to mention this to anyone in 1945 during his numerous interrogations. When BREE was faced with this acoustic fuse he admitted that this had *been* one of their latest projects at BAD SACHSA. In the end he agreed that the acoustic fuse had been frequently tested but that it had never reached the production stage. At first he had stated that it had merely been a project. Stabsingenieur WAHL at RATZBURG knows all the details,

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according to BREE. Max KRAMER (PETERSEN has a different spelling - See para 12 (g)) "had found the mechanical solution" for this fuse which was to be used in connection with "X 4".

36. Records of the tests carried out by BORG with this fuse must have been in one of the 27 cases which BORG hid from Col. PETERSEN in Spring 1945. The records of the "Development" carried out in part under the direction of KAMMLER himself must also have been preserved since BREE agreed that this was the most valuable part of the work done at BAD SACHSA in March and April 1945.
37. BREE disclaims any direct knowledge of the fate of these and similar records. It is not impossible, however, that he has seen some of them recently, possibly at BAD SACHSA itself. (Para 30.)

38. Documents retrieved by BREE recently from the WESER? The first item in BREE's confiscated documents and papers proved illuminating. It was a letter with the heading "WESERMÜNDE, 11.2.47", addressed to Dipl. Ing. Emil SIEGERT, IMMENSEE bei LEHRTE Nr. 60. (See para 67). In his letter BREE gave as his own address a tender in the port of WESERMÜNDE. It appears that he was there recently. WASHINGTON had learned that a large part of KREMEYER's documents, dealing with all the development of the Luftwaffe, had been concealed somewhere near the WESER, possibly at WESERMÜNDE. BREE denied this with us. He spoke of having fished out of the water (aus Land gebracht) something he doesn't specify and told SIEGERT in the letter that he had sent this unspecified item to him as a first installment. He followed this cryptic sentence with the expression of regret that none of the interested people had been able to "gain access to the other archives".

39. (NOTE: One rumour had it that V-2 or guided missiles documents had, in part, been hidden under water. This letter may refer to these documents. If this guess is correct it means that BREE recently retrieved one of the containers from the river WESER or from the port of WESERMÜNDE where he frequently stays on a naval tender. It would also mean that some of the documents thus hidden are inaccessible to former German Luftwaffe personnel.)

40. BREE and Dipl. Ing. Emil SIEGERT May Have Clue to Traffic of Documents to France. The documents sent to SIEGERT may explain where some of the other documents, which have recently arrived in France, may come from. When this discovery was made in the letter of 26 February BREE had already left for DUSTBIN. He will be interrogated in detail on this matter, for it may be a clue to a large cache at WESERMÜNDE.

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41. The fact that BREE has spent so much time unaccountably at BAD SACHSA during the last few weeks and especially his silence about his find of documents at WESERMÜNDE may indicate similar activities, i.e. the search for or the finding of documents covering the last or latest projects and developments carried out under SS-Obergruppenführer KAMMLER in the HARZ Mountains in March and April 1945.
42. Present Location and activities of German Luftwaffe Scientists and V-2 Experts. After BREE's departure for BUSTBIN long lists of German personnel with their present or last known addresses were discovered in one of his notebooks.
43. All these experts were grouped regionally, i.e. all those in Bavaria were on one page, those in the British Zone on another, and so forth.
44. On 26 February BREE had given a partial list of these experts. He admitted that he had had innumerable reports of the activities and whereabouts of Luftwaffe scientists. He confirmed PETERSEN's information and added a few names and items. A more complete list will be issued as soon as BREE's notebooks have been discussed with him.
45. Lt.Col. (Dipl. Ing.) Siegfried KHEMYER, now in PARIS or possibly at Lake CONSTANCE. BREE saw him a short time ago whilst he (KHEMYER) was on leave in Germany. KHEMYER tried to persuade him to join the French but BREE claims to have rejected the offer. This confirms the earlier report that BREE had obtained permission from the U.S. authorities to go to the French Zone to obtain some clothes. (See para 14.)
46. Oberstebsingenieur (Lt.Col.) GÜNTHER, radio specialist in high frequency radio, formerly of E4, now probably in PARIS.
47. Prof. Eugen ZANGER, rocket specialist, now in France.
48. Von HOLT, explosives expert, formerly director of Research in Dynamit A.G., now in France.
49. Stabsing. (-Major) WÜRLE, formerly of E9, now at ST. RAPHAEL with the Askaniä Group (guided missiles).
50. ROSSOFF, now in the ÖSTERICH Group, probably at TARBES. (Col. PETERSEN placed ÖSTERICH at LIMOGES, - See para 12 (e).)
51. Prof. WICK, high velocity expert, now in France, probably at TARN.
52. KOSIN, "well-known project designer of ARADO", who had been at the WIMBLEDON school for several months, now in France.
53. Leo WEIGAND, head of the rocket propulsion section at PERENHUNDE, now in France (NOTE: This important man is in the neighbourhood of FRANKFURT, on short leave. He has been interviewed by Lt.Col. RANDAK and denied working for or with the French. He will be interviewed again on 6 March.)

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54. Dr. LENNEPER, specialist in homing devices and proximity fuses, now with KNEEMEYER in France.
55. Dr. BÜHSE, formerly of E7, specialist in bomb sights. Had escaped from the Russians in 1945. Is now working for the Russians in their Sakania Group at STEGLITZ/BERLIN.
56. Prof. HOPE, ("an old man") expert in optical instruments, now working in Jugoslavia.
57. Col. Edgar PETERSEN. BREE had a lot to say about this colonel. He was not told that we knew him. According to BREE, PETERSEN was very close to Reichsmarschall GÖRING. He stated that the house at ERLING, on the AMNERS BE, in which he lives now was presented to him by Field Marshal MILCH. (NOTE: PETERSEN told us that he was wanted at NUREMBERG as a witness for MILCH in his present trial. If he actually received a house from MILCH his testimony would not be unbiased.) BREE had heard that PETERSEN - and he said this with a broad smile - was now a distributor of chemical and technical products and that he was a recruiting agent for the French. (NOTE: This last statement was quite unsolicited by us and had not even been hinted at by us.)
58. Stabsingenieur WAHL, aircraft constructor, of E9 (torpedos and guided missiles), is now employed as a farm hand and lives at 40, Mollnerstrasse, RATZBURG. BREE stated that WAHL was the most able man he had in his E9 and that aside from his other qualifications he was a good pilot of land and sea planes.
59. Dipl. Ing. HALZ, aircraft constructor, formerly of E2, is now an interpreter in the Public Safety Department of the Military Government at BÜCKENBURG, in the British Zone. (NOTE: After the war he was an interpreter in the PW Camp at GETTORF near KIRL where many of General DIERSING's engineers were interned. BREE did not know whether the Military Government at BÜCKENBURG were aware of HALZ's former activities in E2 under KNEEMEYER.)
60. Capt. WILLE of "FLAK E", specialist in rocket propulsion.
61. Stabsingenieur ZEISS, (of Wa Prüf) recruited Captain WILLE for the Russians. "Capt. WILLE proved a great success with the Russians and subsequently travelled all over Germany recruiting specialists for the Russians." BREE heard that on one of these recruiting missions Capt. WILLE was arrested by the British at CELLE near HANNOVER.
62. Dr. VOLLERS, now working for the Russians. He was probably deported to Russia in November or December 1946 from the Russian Zone.

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63. SS-Obergruppenführer (General) SCHWAB. BREE claims not to know where he is now.
64. SS-Obergruppenführer KAMMLER. BREE had heard two stories recently about him. According to one he has disguised himself as an agricultural labourer and lives in Upper Bavaria. According to another he tried to become a monk in KITAL Monastery near OBERAMMERGAU. (NOTE: BREE may know more than he has revealed. He was about to give us the address of KAMMLER's wife when he suddenly seemed to change his mind and declared that he could not remember. He had done the same on the preceding day with other names, stating that he had the addresses at BRENNERHAVEN and could send them to us. In fact he had all the addresses that he knows in several notebooks in a briefcase which he had by his side all through the two interrogations.)
65. Prof. von BRAUN. In reply to an enquiry BREE said that Prof. von BRAUN was in the United States. (NOTE: It is possible that BREE has not discovered that Prof. von BRAUN has been granted leave to come to Germany to marry his former German secretary. Some of the experts in the United States, basing themselves on information obtained from reliable sources, are under the impression that Prof. von BRAUN has not yet revealed many of his major secrets, such as the latest projects submitted to him at KAMMLER's "Arbeitsstab." BREE opined that von BRAUN knew of the concealment, in Spring 1945, of documents which related to his own field. For some time it has been felt that Prof. von BRAUN might use these missing documents as a strong bargaining point before signing a new contract with the Americans or that he might go so far as to negotiate a deal with the French or even the Russians. We are planning to interview Prof. von BRAUN as soon as possible in the hope that, with his help, we shall find at least part of the missing documents.)
66. Four Journeys. BREE had bound together in four volumes loose sheets containing notes on German specialists in V-2 and guided missiles. The first is entitled: 20-24 Sep 46, Journey to HAMBURG, LÜBECK, TRAVEMÜNDE. The second: 28 Sep-4 Oct 46, Journey to LÜBECK, KIEL, ECKERNFORDE, HAMBURG. The third: 11-14 Oct 46, STAARDE, BUKTENHÖDE, HARBURG, LAUBENBURG, DOMSTORF, MELBECK, GELLE, ILKENAU, STADTHAGEN, BÜCKEBURG, WESERMÜNDE. The fourth: 24 Oct-12 Nov 46, without mention of towns visited.
67. On these sheets every V-2 and guided missiles expert visited is listed, also all information obtained on other experts. The first volume alone contains more than 140 names. Opposite each name BREE states whether the specialist is now abroad, whether he has been approached by the British, U.S., French or Russian authorities and whether he has accepted or rejected the offer. E.g. (20-24 Sep 46) WAHL, Landarbeiter ohne (working on a farm), meaning WAHL is now a farm labourer without (ohne), i.e. without offer from any foreign power. (See para 58 for BREE's oral statements on WAHL.) - WÖRLE Ing. Franz., meaning that WÖRLE is now an engineer in France. (See para 49.) SIEGERT, Landarbeiter ohne,

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meaning that SIGBERT is now a farm labourer, without offer from any foreign power. (See letter addressed to SIGBERT by BREE, concerning finds at WERBERMÜNDE, para 34.) - HERRMANN Frans Gefangenschaft, meaning that HERRMANN is now a prisoner in France. - WAGNER, U.S.A., meaning that Prof. WAGNER is now in the United States. (See para 29.) - LANDE, U.S.A. - HELL, U.S.A. - HENRIOT, GÖTTINGEN Fransosen & Russen, Angebot von England abgelehnt (i.e. HENRIOT is now at GÖTTINGEN, has had offers from the French and Russians and has rejected a British offer.) - Dr. SCHWIDT, England, N-Navy. - ES, HERTHL, Turbomeca, PARIS. - HILGENS and TREUNPELS, Russen, A.E.C. - OPPELT, WIMBLEDON.

68. A notebook contains the present addresses of many of the people listed in the four volumes. Another booklet gives the itineraries of more recent journeys.
69. BREE will be asked to explain every name and word in the lists and the purpose of establishing these lists. A separate report will be issued on his replies. This report should give us a fairly accurate picture of the present location and activities of German V-2 and guided missile experts.
70. SPRENGHAUPTOPFER. BREE was questioned on the still obscure project of using Sprengbaustoffe (explosive construction material) as part of aircraft, rockets or guided missiles, i.e. the use of explosives with a dual purpose (a) as fuselage walls or as containers and (b) as explosives. BREE seemed to know little of this and could not tell what type of explosives were to be used for this double purpose, but he could indicate some of the scientists who probably know details of this German project.
71. BREE as SS-Obergruppenführer. There have been rumours that BREE was an SS general although his official position as head of E9, under Lt.Col. KNEMMYER, would preclude any higher rank than that of Lt.Col. One source stated that during the last few months of the war he had bypassed his chief KNEMMYER and had negotiated directly with General DISSING. BREE confirmed this on 27 Feb 47.
72. One other rumour had it that BREE, during the final phases of the war was actually an SS-Obergruppenführer (General) and KAMMLER's superior. This has not been confirmed by BREE. He hedged when he was asked who signed the written order asking him to select suitable and essential specialists from all sections of KNEMMYER's Development Department in T.R.L. and to take all vital documents to BAD SACHSA. When pressed for names, he said first HIMMLER, later SPERN, then he declared that he could not remember who signed this order. Under persistent questioning he finally stated that SS-General KAMMLER and General DISSING had signed this document. A letter found amongst his papers on the 27th February 1947 was addressed to him as "Lieber Herr BREE" and was followed by the remark that this address seemed so inadequate after that of General (which apparently had been used in previous letters.) If BREE actually was a general he could have been that only in the SS, i.e. SS-Obergruppenführer or SS-Gruppenführer, and only towards the very end of the war.

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73. DIESING and KAMMLER. Before BREE had been interviewed by us it was surmised that General DIESING must have been, during the final months of the war, under the orders of KAMMLER and that he collaborated with the SS. PETERSEN had described fully the type of orders issued to him directly by DIESING concerning the hiding of the RECHLIN documents. PETERSEN denied that DIESING had acted under orders of KAMMLER or of other SS generals. BREE, however, finally confirmed that DIESING was constantly in touch with KAMMLER during the last phase of the war, that on KAMMLER's orders a large part of DIESING's T.L.R. was transferred to the HARS Mountains and that KAMMLER and DIESING jointly signed the document appointing BREE chief of T.L.R. Development and removing key personnel and documents to the HARS.
74. CONCLUSIONS. The investigation has only begun and it is too early to draw definite conclusions. However, it is safe to say that PETERSEN and BREE have been playing a double game. Not all their activities have been in the interests of or in collaboration with the United States and Britain. It is reasonably certain that BREE has hidden and not yet surrendered to U.S. or British authorities some of the most valuable German war documents, especially those dealing with the latest V-2 and guided missile projects, approved or rejected by Prof. von BRAUN and BREE at BAD SACHSA in Spring 1945.
75. The investigation should establish the present address and activities of most German V-2 and guided missile experts. The fate of the relevant documents is still uncertain. Some were surrendered to U.S. and British authorities but what percentage has not yet been ascertained. A large consignment has reached the French recently. Further lots may have been found by BREE within the last few weeks.
76. PETERSEN's documents should cover all tests, under battle conditions, of Luftwaffe weapons and aircraft. BREE's and KHEMEYER's should include all data of the Development Department of T.L.R. (DIESING's) on Luftwaffe weapons and aircraft, including guided missiles, and of the "Arbeitsstab KAMMLER" in March and April 1945 on V-2 and guided missiles as well as some other weapons.
77. To speed up the recovery of documents hidden at WESERN HDE and apparently retrieved by BREE, it may be advisable to secure Dipl. Ing. Emil SIEGERT at IMMENSEE bei LEHRHE Nr. 60. He may explain the meaning of "etwas..... was ich inzwischen ans Land gezogen habe." He may also know what other documents were hidden which now "slumber in archivesto which none of us can gain access." (BREE's letter to SIEGERT.)
78. Prof. von BRAUN will be interviewed in a few days and may shed light on the BAD SACHSA documents of "Arbeitsstab KAMMLER." These should prove the most valuable as many projects, though deemed useful in themselves, were rejected or postponed merely because in Spring 1945 the Germans lacked laboratories, staff and factories to develop them. This is all the more reason for not accepting as true BREE's statement that all this valuable material was burned. In fact, originally he admitted taking only "correspondence" to BAD SACHSA, not data on projects and development.

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79. A paper has just come to light which may prove of value. There has been no time to examine it closely. It appears to be BREK's evaluation of a project dealing with guided missiles, possibly written at BAD SACHSA. It may be the "etwas" (something) which he sent to SIGBERT (para 77) after fishing it out of the water at WESERM NDE or finding it at BAD SACHSA in January or February 1947.
80. It is fortunate that BREK has kept such accurate notes on all his movements and all his recent journeys. His notes are so copious that it will take weeks of hard work to complete their transcription. Photostat copies will be made immediately for a restricted distribution prior to a more complete report.
81. These few pages should not be considered accurate in all details. Most of the paragraphs were written without the aid of documents. The SORG-PETERSEN case has so rapidly developed into a major case involving the latest activities in V-2 and guided missiles that facts and figures could only be assembled haphazardly.

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