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for the Political Security Activity
of the Security Officer (Abwehrbeauftragter) (Abwb)

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the Reich Penal Code) (Version of 24.4.34).
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other penal regulations do not come into question.

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THE SECURITY OFFICER (Abwehrbeauftragter) (Abwb) is
appointed and engaged by either the Reich Leader of the SS
(Reichsfuehrer-SS) and Head of the German Police in the
Reich Ministry of the Interior (Reichsministerium des Innern)
or by the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces (Oberkommando der
Wehrmacht), or by an office charged by either of these two
authorities, and is assigned to and engaged by a plant which
needs special protection.

If a Security Officer, who has already been appointed by
one authority, will be acknowledged by another authority, accord-
ing to the agreements reached, he has to act for both authori-
ties.

The tasks and duties of the Security Officer in regard to
his activity as Deputy of the Geheime Staatspolizei (Translator's
Note: Gestapo), result from the following Directives, issued by
the Reich Leader of the SS and Chief of the German Police at the
Reich Ministry of the Interior (Geheimes Staatspolizeiamt).

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I. TASKS OF THE SECURITY OFFICER

Task of the Geheime
Staatspolizei:

1. The Geheime Staatspolizei has the task to investigate and to combat all moves that are dangerous to the State, to collect and to utilize the result of the investigations, to inform the Government, and to keep the other authorities up-to date as to findings which are important for them and to provide them with suggestions.

General Tasks of the
Security Officer
(Abwehrbeauftragter):

2. From this assignment (Translator's Note; Aufgabestellung) results the task of the Security Officer, who has to become active as an auxiliary organ of the Geheime Staatspolizei. He is obliged,
 - a) to communicate at once to the Geheime Staatspolizei all observations and findings regarding moves within his firm or sphere of activity that are dangerous to the State,
 - b) to be active as reporting station (Meldestelle) of the management, for all current affairs of treason and sabotage,
 - c) to follow the instructions of the Geheime Staatspolizei, as to defense and combat of all exertions hostile to the State.

Task of the Security
Officer (Abwehrbeauftragter) in detail

3. Especially any activity of a person is dangerous to the State which is opposed to the building up of the National Socialist Reich as far as this activity is bent on causing a disturbance of the employed persons (political and strike agitation, horror propaganda etc.), or on the preparation of

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execution of treason and sabotage of any kind, or to the concentration and organization of individuals hostile to the State.

Preventive activity
of the Security
Officer.

4. A cardinal point of Counter*Intelligence is the preventive activity of the Security Officer. Therefore, part of his job is the speedy recognition of asocial and unlawful conditions and occurrences among the employed persons which could be easily utilized by individuals hostile to the State for breaches of the public peace, agitation, and for actions of treason and sabotage. He has to pay special attention to all former and present enemies of the State, of all political con-

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tude and criminal offense, and who represent, especially in times of strain, a permanent source of danger for the smooth accomplishment of the economic program.

Competence for
Immediate Measures:

5. Principally, the Security Officer has not to carry out independent investigations. He and the Werkschutz are especially forbidden to treat cases of espionage independently, without contacting the Staatspolizei (Leit) Stelle ((District) Gestapo Offices). After contact with the Geheime Staatspolizei, the direction of every investigation and the execution of inquiries is in the hands of that Staatspolizei (Leit) Stelle ((District) Gestapo Office) which is competent for the respective firm. Only in case of imminent danger, the Security Officer, as an auxiliary organ of the Geheime Staatspolizei, has to take those measures, which are necessary for the removal

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of the danger. The Security Officer is, however, in every case responsible for immediately informing the Geheime Staatspolizei.

Only in the greatest emergency will other police authorities (criminal police, uniformed police cops, gendarmerie) (Translator's Note: Kriminalpolizei, Schutzpolizei, Gendarmerie) be contacted in addition to the competent Staatspolizei (Leit) Stelle. ((District) Gestapo Offices).

Obligation of
Secrecy:

6. Absolute secrecy has to be maintained by the Security Officer about all factual and personal communications of the Geheime Staatspolizei, except when, in individual cases such communications are especially released for transmittal. This obligation of secrecy continues to exist after discharge from the office.

Obligation to take
part in Labor Meetings (Arbeitstagungen):

7. The Security Officer is obliged, to obey the invitations of the Chief of the Security Police (Sicherheitspolizei) and of the SD, to take part in fundamental Labor Meetings (Arbeitstagungen). If he is unable to attend, he has to report this in time.

II. RIGHT OF DIRECTION AND SUPERINTENDENCE
(Weisungs- und Aufsichtsrecht)
OF THE GEHEIME STAATSPOLIZEI.

Right of Direction
of the Geheime
Staatspolizei

1. The Geheime Staatspolizei has a right of direction in all political affairs which are connected with the tasks of the Security Officer.

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Right of Super-
intendence (Aufsichts-
rechts) of the Geheime
Staatspolizei:

2. Furthermore, the Geheime Staatspolizei has the right of superintendence over all Counter-Intelligence measures which are, or were, taken in the course of these tasks.

3. In cases of doubt, the Chief of the Sicherheitspolizei (Translator's Note: Security Police) and the SD (Translator's Note: Sicherheitsdienst, Security Service) will decide.

III. RELATIONS WITH THE GEHEIME STAATSPOLIZEI

Local Competency
of the Security
Officer:

1. The Security Officer is annexed to (angegliedert) that Staatspolizei(Leit)stelle (Translator's Note: (District) Gestapo Office) within whose district his firm or sphere of activity is located.

If, on account of the physical location of the firm, two or more Staatspolizei(Leit)Stellen (Translator's Note: (District) Gestapo Offices) are competent, that Staatspolizei(Leit)stelle will be considered competent, within whose district the Security Officer has his office. In case of doubt the Chief of the Security Police (Sicherheitspolizei) and SD (Translator's Note: Sicherheitsdienst, Security Service) will decide.

Communication with
the Geheime Staats-
polizei:

2. The Security Officer has to maintain immediate communication with the Chief of the competent (District) Gestapo (Staatspolizei(Leit)stelle resp. with his Deputy. Within the frame of local and factual competency, the Leader of the Staatspolizei(Leit)stelle, resp. his Deputy, is obliged to allot to the Security Officer at all times the support of the State Police (Staatspolizeilich).

Forms of Official
Contact:

3. The Official Contact takes place verbally or in writing. Important communications must be acknowledged in writing.

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Treatment of Secret
Written Communica-
tions:

4. As far as communications are marked as requiring maintenance of secrecy or are to be considered as that, they will be handled according to the Directives of the "Secrecy Regulations for Firms Manufacturing Items for the Wehrmacht" (Geheimhaltungsbestimmungen fuer Firmen bei Ausfuehrung von Wehrmachtsauftraegen), published by the OKW in 1939 resp. according to the "Instruction Regarding Treatment of Secret Exchange of Documents", "Anweisung ueber Behandlung des gemeinen Schriftverkehrs", published by the Reich Ministry of Economics (Reichswirtschaftsministerium) in agreement with the OKW.

IV. APPOINTMENT AND RECALL OF THE SECURITY OFFICER

Appointment of the
Security Officer:

1. Within the sphere of the Reich Leader of the SS and Chief of the German Police at the RMD. I. the appointment of the Security Officer and his Deputy is made in writing by the Chief of the Security Police (Sicherheitspolizei) and the SD.

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The appointment may be refused only in case of present cogent reasons.

Recall of the
Security Police:

2. Within the sphere of the Reich Leader of the SS and Chief of the German Police at the R Md. I, the recall of the Security Officer in likewise done in writing by the Chief of the Security Police (Sicherheitspolizei) and SD. (Translator's Note: Sicherheitsdienst, Security Service).

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