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The following is a translation from German of a letter which was postmarked at Stade, N. Hannover, Germany, on an illegible date in April, 1964. The return address on the envelope read "Friedrich Rudolf Buske, 2179 Ihlienworth, Gefluegelhof Birkenheim (West Germany)."

*"Stade, April 8, 1964

"To the Justice Department of the United States of America Washington, (D.C.)

"Gentlemen:

"I take the liberty of urging you to place yourselves in contact with the Office for the Protection of the Constitution of the German Federal Government, Office of the Foreign Ministry in Hannover.

"On March 17, 1964, I submitted to the above office certain data and information which should prove very interesting also to you. They might have a direct bearing on the causes of the assassination of your President Kennedy.

"The indications I furnished are of great significance inasmuch as I believe to have dependable information to the effect that these 'guided actions' will become particularly important in the near future and will undoubtedly occur.

"Friedrich Rudolf Buske"

With regard to the writer of the above letter, the Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz - (BfV - West German Federal Agency for the Protection of the Constitution) furnished the following comments:

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BUSKE has been known to the BfV as well as to other West German agencies for a long while. He has been arrested eleven times in connection with various fraudulent operations and is presently serving a further sentence of four and one-half years in the prison at Stade, West Germany. The data which Buske referred to in his letter to the Department of Justice as having been submitted to German authorities was given first to the Landesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz - (LfV - State Office for the Protection of the Constitution), for the State of Niedersachsen and was also referred by that agency to the BfV. The Bfv cound that this information contained no concrete data which would in any way bear on the problem of resolving the circumstances of the murder of President JOHN F. KENNEDY or the background of that crime. The Bfy Added that BUSKE has, in the past, frequently furnished information to various German agencies and officials which information was regarded as un-believable and the Efv Expressed the opinion that there was a strong probability that BUSKE was attempting through these current reports to the BfV and the letter to the Department of Justice to gain some favorable treatment for himself. The BfV said that BUSKE's information pertained to alleged operations and plans of the East German Intelligence Service which information was regarded as fantastic and had resulted in the S) BfV listing BUSKE's name on a warning list of persons regarded as unreliable information peddlers.

Subsequently, the BfV furnished copies of the following three documents written in the German language the second of which is the material referred to by BUSKE in his letter to the Department of Justice.

- (1) A copy from the Federal Penal Register (Strafregister) in Berlin Charlottenburg #9, Germany, reflecting previous convictions of FRIEDRICH AXEL RUDOLF JOHANNES BUSKE, born November 3, 1918, in Nepzin, Pomerania.
- (2) A letter dated March 16, 1964, at Stade from BUSKE to the "Office for the Protection of the Constitution, Field Office, Hannover" which was a brief letter of transmittal of an attached "Statement Written for the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Bonn-Hannover Field Office."

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"I am pointing it out in this connection because I feel sure that further such actions are going to follow. I remember that, for instance, Treskow told me who, incidentally, spoke a good German, that Hitler had been a great teacher, namely to create unrest as in Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Poland, to bring about dissatisfaction. And that is what we want.

"I am taking precautions so that, if events similar to those that came about in America were to happen again, I shall be able to say that I have already uttered a warning. (6)(U)

"I have also informed my attorney-at-law. I wrote by the same mail to the Chancellery of the Federal Chancellor, for I regard it as irresponsible to wait meekly and inattentively."

The BfV subsequently advised that it had caused a search to be made of the records of the West German Ministry of Justice and could locate only two letters written by BUSKE to that Ministry these being dated September 10, 1963, and December 12, 1964. Both contained general statements to the effect that BUSKE had valuable information and requested an opportunity to present it. Neither of these letters made any reference to the assassination of President KENNEDY in any context

The Bundeskriminalamt - (BKA - West German Federal Criminal Police) informed that it had arranged to have BUSKE interviewed with regard to his alleged information possibly bearing on the assassination of President KENNEDY. The BKA furnished a statement dated at Stade, Germany, July 31, 1964, and signed by BUSKE and witnessed by Kriminalkommissar KOLLECKER. The text of this statement in translation from the German is as follows:

"Consequent upon pertinent instructions, there appears, in the capacity of a prisoner, ()

"Friedrich-Rudolf Buske, farmer, born in Nepsin, Greifswald Kreis (Germany) on November 3, 1918,

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