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Original in L.312,1062

A.D.F. through F.2.B.

spoke on 20th March and said that 0.8.8.

wanted STRUWE, Walter; KONHAUSER, Emile; FISCHER, Werner to leave the country on their behalf "operational and at any time," and had asked S.I.S. to ascertain whether M.I.5. had any objection.

reference to me was from the point of view of Travel Control if these men left the country under speial circumstances. I asked her what status they had, and whether they had been vetted. etc. She said that all had been vetted by M.I.5. and added that STRUWE was resident in the U.K. since 1939, and that the other two had been through the R.V.P.S.

I had look ups done before taking a ction. They show that STRUWE, and KONHAUSER (L.395,6054) have been vetted for employment by O.S.S. but that FISCHER (P.F. 61351) has not.

0.8.8. intention to employ FISCHER without reference to or vetting by us appears to be contrary to the policy shown at 7a in S.F.50/6/143(5) referred to in L.395,6054.

I have informed (in the absence of on leave) of the fact that FISCHER has NOT been vetted by us, and she will ask C.S.S. to take no action regarding all three men until hearing from us.

D.4.a. 22.3.45. ERSA/PMB Eld abigton

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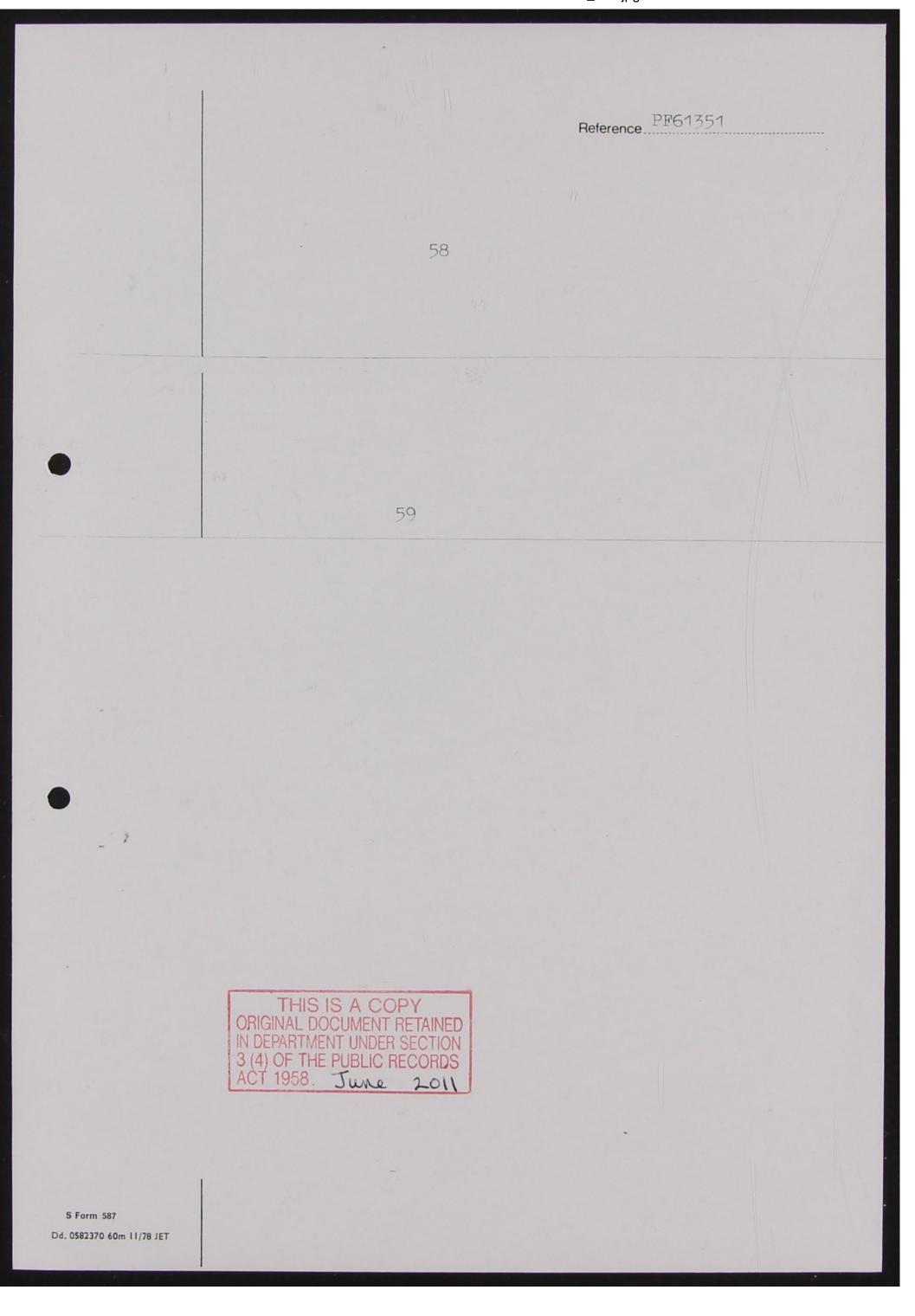
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53. S.B. report re. WERNER WISCHER. . 55a. 4.4.50. GRh I should like to see the reply before Be signs. Mr. Oughton. W10 Bra 20/4 S.B. state that FISCHER was Reference serial 53a. taken on by O.S.S. in 1945, and is now probably in the U.S.A. As our records of him principally concern his activities while in the U.K., will you perhaps inform S.I.S. and the Americans about him? B. 1. b. 14.4.50. 55. 12.5.50. To the American Embassy re. Werner FISCHER. 55a. 56 THIS IS A COPY IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 3 (4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 1958. June 2011



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Copy to G.T.D. Patterson, Esq., WASHINGTON.

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Dear

Werner FISCHER - German. Born - Leipzig - 12.2.1912.

We have recently learnt that FISCHER, of whom we have records, became an employee of the U.S. Government on 9 January 1945 and worked for the Office of Strategic Services. In the summer of 1946 he became a regular member of the U.S. Armed Forces and he is believed to be now in the U.S.A.

FISCHER came to this country as a refugee in 1939 and in May 1940 he was intermed under the General Internment Order, being released in September 1941. During his internment FISCHER was a member of the SCHMIDT Group of German Communists and was in receipt of Communist literature and on making enquiries were informed that he had been a member of the Communist Party in Germany.

Between 1942 and 1945 FISCHER played a leading part in the activities of the Free German Movement and Free German Youth, both Communist-controlled organisations, and he was a Committee member of both these parties, at one time being a member of the National Executive of the latter, in which he was probably the leader of the Communist element.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Cimperman, Esq., American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, LCNDON, W. 1.

GRL/ENN 12 May 1950. SECRET

G. R. Mitchell

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31st day of March, 19.

Reference to Papers R.F. 402/42/903.

With further reference to Werner FISCHER, subject of Special Branch file RF. 402/42/903:-

On 9th January, 1945, FISCHER became an employee of the American Government, and was registered as having left the United Kingdom in April, 1945, through the agency of the War Office. There is no trace of him having returned to this country.

Enquiries made by Chief Inspector Coveney show that FISCHER was employed by the American Office of Strategic Service,

On 20th August, 1945, he was seen by agents of this Service near Wiezbaden. In the summer of 1946 he was transferred from the Office of Strategic Service as a regular member of the United States Armed Forces, and is believed to be now in America.

Since the date of the last report Werner FISCHER has come to notice of Special Branch on the following occasions:-

- 7/12/43 Reported to be an official of the Free German Youth Movement in charge of Editorial work (400/42/4).
- 20/12/43 Committee member of Free German Youth Movement (400/43/74).
- 16/2/14 Contributed an article in the December 1943 issue of "World Youth" (400/42/53).
- 28/3/44 An associate of Horst and Dorrit BRIE, subjects of file, and at that time was residing at the headquarters of the Hampstead Group of Free German Youth (12, Belsize Park, (402/44/146).

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- 4/4/44 An associate of Gerhard Max DONATH, subject of file (402/44/182).
- 21/4/44 Member of Free German Youth residing at 12, Belsize Park, N.W.3. (402/44/292).
- 13/8/44 General Committee member of the Free German Movement (400/43/74).
- 14/3/45 An associate of Rolf RUNKEL, subject of file (402/41/908).
- 7/8/45 Supporter of the German Communist Party in Great Britain, serving in H.M. Forces (320/FGN/690).
- 12/11/45- On 29.1.45 he was seen in the company of Gerhard FRIEDHEIM at the German Youth Office, and was reported as having left the United Kingdom in April, 1945, (402/45/1329).

On 23rd June, 1948, an application form for membership of the "Two Ways Contact" Club was completed by a Werner FISCHER, of Chemnitz, Germany, (400/48/70/1b) refers). Although the year of birth is identical, the signature bears no resemblance to that of the subject's, and the two persons are not thought to be identical.

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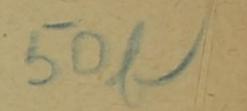
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Extract from Source Hi. report No. 780 re Free German Movement.

At the Delegates Conference of the Free German Movement on the 17th. and 18th, February, 1945,.... the following former members of the Working Committee were not re-elected:-

Werner FISCHER...., who have been withdrawn from the Free German Movement....

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Extract from Source Hi.report No. 687 re the German Youth Educational Forum and mentioning FISCHER. Werner.

"The Free German Youth and the Free German Movement held a joint meeting at the International Youth Centre, 30, Pont Street, S.W.l. with a view to the foundation of a German Youth Educational Forum on August 23rd. This was attended by about fifty persons, mainly members of the Free German Youth. Addresses were given by Werner FISCHER and TUSK.

A committee consisting of Werner FISCHER (representing the World Youth Council).....was then formed."

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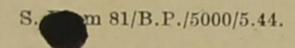
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The membership of the various committees of the Free German Movement are now as follows:-

General Committee.

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Extract from Source Ri report re the meeting of the Free German Movement on June 27th, mentioning FISCHER.

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Since the results of the provincial group elections have now been received, the election result for the full working committee of the Free German Movement was made known. As a result, the new Working Committee is composed of the following:-

9) Werner FISCHER.

W1264 YFM/R4 COPYPF 61351. FISCHER. Original filed in: S.F.411/Germany/5 Vol.3 106b dated 30.4.44. F. C.B. Has Bagot. 2 MAY 1944 Source: FRED. 1. The Free German Movement has arranged a delegates' m eeting for June 2nd, 1944 in the Alliance Hall. Delegates from all parts of Britain will attend. Dr. RAWITZKI told me in "strict confidence" that Heinz SCHAIDT, the responsible editor of the anti-Nazi monthly "Freie Tribune", which is under Communist control, has received a large sum from Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P. SCHAIDT told me some weeks ago that he had asked her for a donation of several hundred pounds. The activities of the Free German Movement over here are practically paralysed by differences within the committee which have also spread to the branches. After the unanimous acceptance of the Five Points as a basis for action by the Committee, violent differences of opinion immediately arose within the Communist Party. Heinz SCHMIDT, Hans STRASCHITZ and Siegbert KAHN, who are zealous supporters of the Moscow line, are now in opposition to the more appeasing policy of Wilhelm KOMMEN, which was responsible for the unanimity on the Five Point The criticism passed on KONNEW grew sharper after Resolution. the appearance of the article in the English periodical "Tribune". which disclosed this resolution and the differences in the Free German Movement. SCHMIDT, KAHN and then ALBIN have declared in the committee and on other occasions that they regretted having voted for this resolution, which they regarded as a political blunder of the Free German Movement. In the last (March) issue of the "Freie Tribune", there was a complete change of tone. The Communist "left" gave expression to their opinion in an article entitled "German Realities", which was written by SCHMIDT. This led to renewed discussions within the Movement. Differences are said to be particularly sharp in the Movement's Manchester and Birmingham branches. In London, Victor SCHIFF has made a demand for expression of the opposition point of view in the Histhart from "Freie Tribune's" next issue. The editorial board of the paper Youth) Jurgen KUCZYNSKI, Dr. RAWITZKI and Monty JACOBS (formerly TRIBUNE of the Ullstein.

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of the Ullstein Verlag). At first this board promised to accede to SCHIFF's request, but later on they rejected it.

At a meeting of the Movement's Press Committee on 14.4.44, I was elected chairman of this committee and thus have acquired facilities for attending the meetings of the inner Executive Committee, but in view of my political opposition, I doubt whether I shall do so. At this meeting a resolution regretting the refusal to print SCHIFF's article in the "Freie Tribune" was brought up; it failed to pass because the votes were evenly divided, but it is characteristic of the difference becoming manifest everywhere.

A further difference of opinion arose when Siegbert KAHN, the Communist who acts as secretary to the Movement, sent a letter on his own initiative to President Benes. This letter, which urgency and lack of time apparently induced KAHN to send off without first obtaining the consent of the Executive, is said to contain a formulation of the "cowardly attitude of the German people", who have not yet started active warfare against Hitler. Adele SCHREIBER has already protested against KAHN's high-handed act and demanded its disavowal. Without previously informing the Press Committee, the Executive has delegated Professor WACHER, Dr. NECKER and J. ZIMMERING to serve on it, on the ground that "so far the Press Committee has done nothing".

These differences will be openly discussed at the Delegates Conference on June 2.d. The further existence of the Free German Movement in Britain will depend on the results of the meeting.

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Source: KASPAR.

The Free German Youth.

By virtue of an appeal directed to the Bundische Jugend from Moscow R. Eberhard KOEBEL (TUSK) took the initiative in calling a conference of the Free German Youth, to which Dr. Fritz BORINSKI was invited, in order to discuss the possibility of enlarging the Youth Movement by bringing in the Bundische Jugend. In addition to TUSK, Werner FISCHIR, Horst BRASCH and four other representatives of the Free German Youth were present. Dr. BORINSKI stated that he did not regard joint youth activities under the auspices of the Free German Youth as possible, whereupon BRASCH and FISCHER suggested the creation of a supra-party roof organisation. Just as this was about to be discussed, ALBIN made an appearance and, after enquiring about the points of difference, said that if any such youth activities were to take place, they must be launched from the Free German Youth platform. caused the breakdown of negotiations.

Since the Communists failed to pull off the trick they had been apparently instructed to try (that, at least, was the impression BORINSKI gained), Werner FISCHER wrote RBELING an invitation. EBELING has naturally not the slightest intention of starting any movement in conjunction with the Communists, but I imagine it would be quite useful if he were to enter into negotiations, as undoubtedly one could thus learn a lot of useful things.

Supplementary to my report of 20.5.42, I can state that TUSK belonged to the "Deutsche Jugendschar Nov. 1st Group" (date of foundation), part of which went over with him to the Young Communist League. The remainder which refused to go Communist changed its name to "Deutsche Jugendtrucht".

BORINSKI says TUSK does not belong to the C.P., but many people assert the contrary. EBELING says there is no doubt about it and refers me to D.C. YALDEN-THOMPSON (at present serving in the R.N.), who discussed youth questions with TUSK and ascertained, quite independently of RBELING, that he is a Communist.

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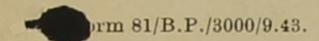
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From S.B. Report re Free German Youth.

In addition to the Executive, the following are also officials of the organisation.

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Original in File No. SF. 411/Germany/5. Vol. 2 Serial: 64b. Dated: 3.12.43.

Extracted on 5.1.44. Section: D. A. B. H. Section: D. A.

Extract from Source Hi report No. 557 giving H.B.'s report of the meeting of the full Committee of the Free German Movement, which took place on 2nd December.

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The following committees were formed:-German Propaganda Committee.

Werner FISCHER.

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CZECH REFUCEE TRUST FUND PARTICULARS OF Werner FISCHER

Nationality:

German.

Born:

12.2.12

Arrived U.K. 18.3.39 and is registered under the Czech Refugee Trust Fund as a member of the SCHMIDT Group.

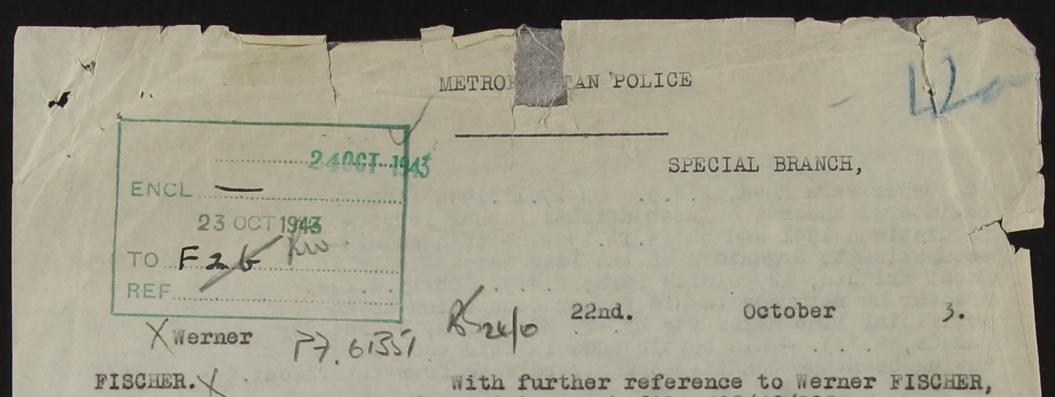
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werner FISCHER was born on 12.2.1912 at

Leipzig, Germany, later became an active member of the KJVD (Young Communist League of Germany), and eventually fled to Czechoslovákia and then France. He came to this country from Orleans, France on 18.3.1939, travelling on Passport No.975 issued by the Chief of Police in Prague on 29.10.1938, and was permitted to land at Dover. He first went to live at 30, Frognal Lane, N.W.3.

PF.48903. It is interesting to note that, Rolf RUNKEL, subject of Special Branch file 402/41/908, now said to be the leader of the intelligence service of the German Communist Party in this country, landed at Dover on the same day and went to live at the same address.

FISCHER is registered with Police under Serial No. EZ. 324467, is in possession of Registration Certificate No. 1043464 issued on 10.10.1941 in place of No. 716759 mislaid during his internment, and holds National Registration Identity Card No. YEMA/683776.

During 1939 FISCHER lived at 35,36 and 37 Barrington Road, an address at which many of the most important German Communists were then accommodated.

On 2.10.1939 he appeared before Aliens Tribunal No. 20 and was placed in Category "B". He was interned on 16.5.1940 and released on 5.10.1941. On 19.12.1941 he moved to 6, Parliament Court, Parliament Hill, N.W.3. and since 7.11.1942 he has resided in Flat No. 29 at the same address. Parliament Court is well-known to Special Branch as the residence of a considerable number of German Communists connected with the Free German League of Culture,

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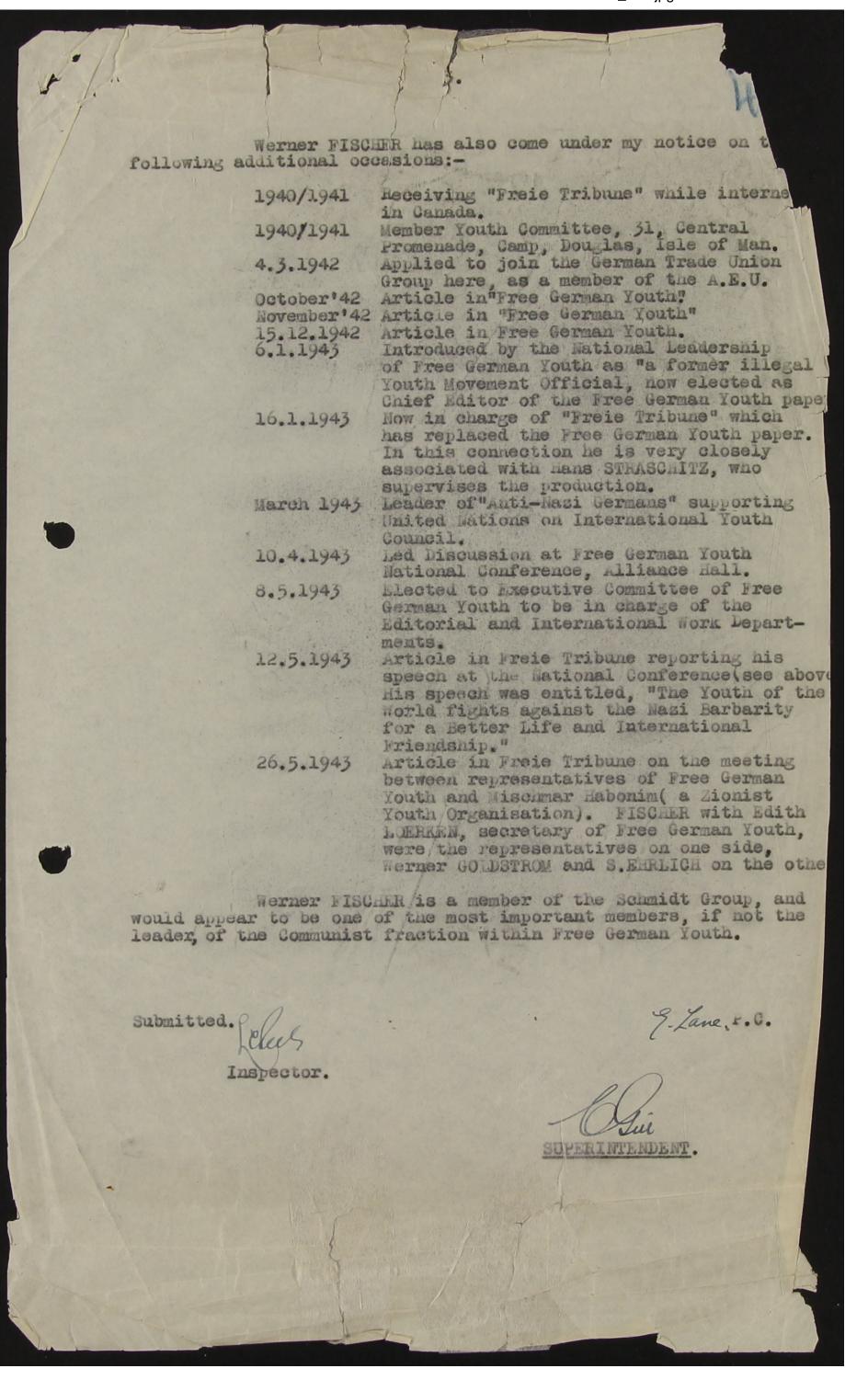
36, Upper Park Road, N.W.3. On 19.11.1942 FISCHER registered under the International Labour Force Regulations 1941 and on 25.11.1942 he changed his occupation to Organiser of the Free German Youth in Great Britain, 12 Belsize Park, N.W.3. On 15.2.1943 however he returned to his former occupation as an artificial limb maker for Dr. W. Michaelis, 3, Regency Parade, N.W.3. - his continuance in this occupation having been the condition of his release from internment.

werner FISCHER is at the present time a member of the National Executive of the Free German Youth organisation, chief editor of "Freie Tribune" and Representative of the Anti-Nazi German Youth on the World Youth Council.

he has come under notice of Special Branch on many occasions, as fellows:-

29.1.1942 Represented Free Germany at · First Meeting of International Youth Council (400/41/116). Associated with Josef WIORA, 25.4.1942 a member of the "Apparat" of the K.P.D. in the U.K. (402/ 42/448). an associate of Siegmund @ 30.4.1942 'Alfred' SPIELER. (402/42/144). Frequenting Free German League 28.5.1942 of Culture. (320/FGN/689). Speaker at meeting of Free 18.7.1942 German Youth at Conway Hall. (320/FGN/689): Associate of Helmuth PAUKE. 30.7.1942 (402/42/771).Organiser of Free German Youth. 21.8.1942 (400/42/4). Member of the Free German 13.4.1943 Institute of Science and Learning, 16, Buckland Crescent, N.W.3.(320/FGN/689). Elected to National Leadership of Free German Youth. (400/42/4). Member of International Youth Council (400/42/53). Attended meeting of F Youth at Holborn Hall on 13.8.

1943. (320/FGN/689).



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Original from: Source Hi, report No. 531. Under Ref.: None.
Extracted on: 14.11.43. by: LDL Section: R.4.
Extract from Source: Hi. report No. 531, dated 13.10.43., re the Free German Movement in Great Britain.
H.B. informs me that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Movement was held last Friday

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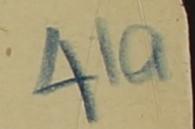
I hear from Free German Youth circles that at the invitation of the Workers Education Association a meeting was held in London on the 4th September which was attended by 18 people, both English and German.

A German Youth Committee was formed at this meeting, which, as a working committee on a non-party basis, will devote itself to educationg the German refugee youth in England and preparing them for the return to Germany and the tasks awaiting them there...... Amongst others the following Germans are members of the committee:-

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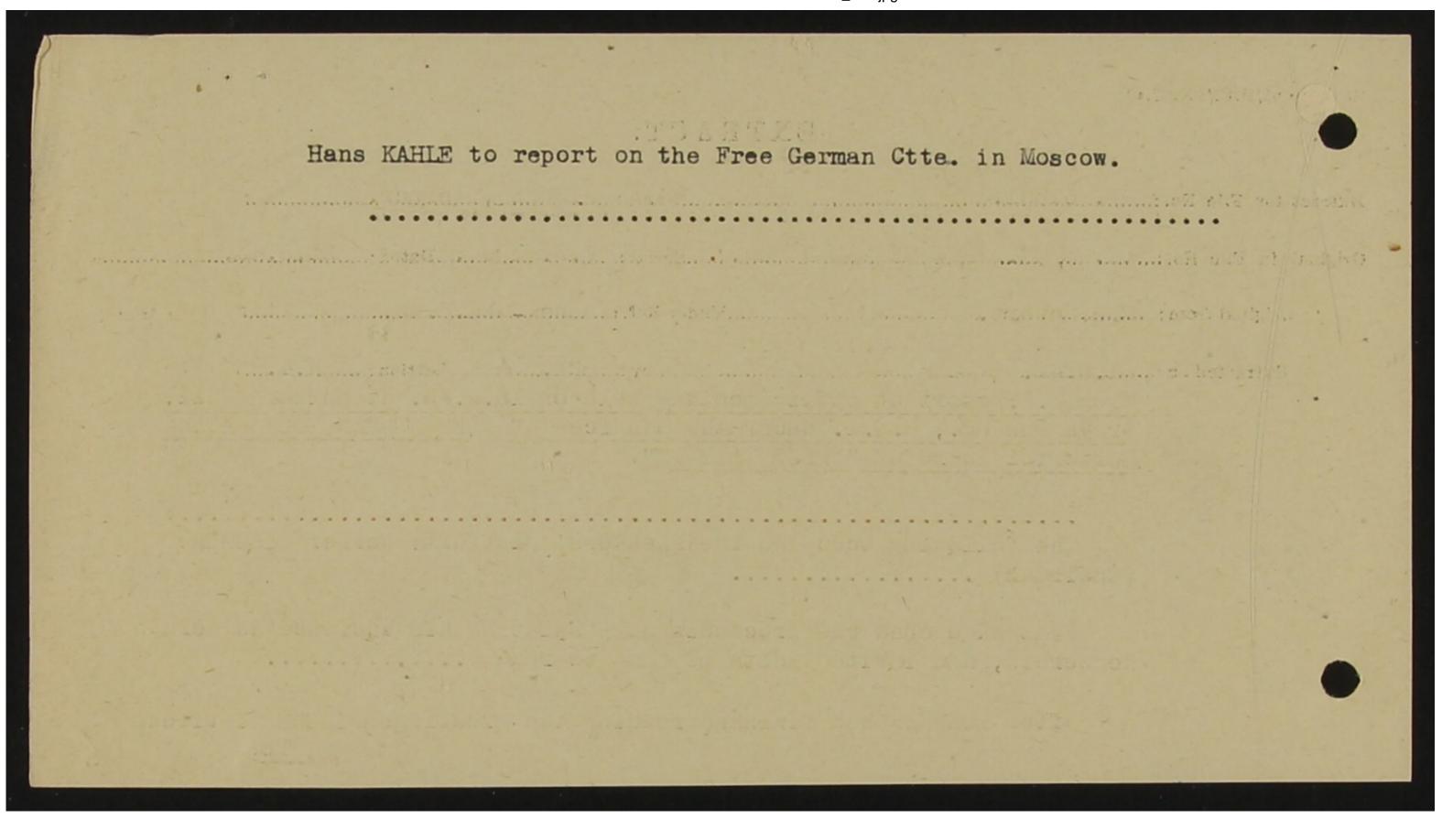
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	From S.B.Report on public meeting held on 13.8.43. at Holborn Hall, Grays Inn Rd., W.C.l. under the auspices of FREE GERMAN YOUTH & the
	Editorial Board of "FREIE TRIBUNE".
	The following occupied the speakers' platform: Werner FISCHER (Chairman)

Democrats, and invited Edith LOWEKEN to read

After LOERKEN had finished reading the greetings FISCHER intited

FISCHER opened the proceedings by saluting his audience as German

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Summary of information contained in

Werner FISCHER. P.F. 61351. - wh 1518 417
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15.8.43.

Joined the joint editorial board of the Initiative Committee for the formation of a Free German Movement. Member of the National Executive of the Free German Youth. Source Hi. report, No. 492, dated 27.7.43.

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15.8.43. 20.8.43.

Werner FISCHER, who is on the National Committee of the Eree German Youth and the editorial staff of the "FREIE TRIBUNE", took the chair at a meeting organised by the editorial staff of the "FREIE TRIBUNE", held at the Holborn Hall, on 13.8.43. The meeting was held to discuss the so-called National Committee of "Free Germany" Source report, No. 538, dated 14.8.43. Source Hi. report, No. 498, dated 14.8.43.

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Extract from Hi. Source report on "Freie Tribuene" re FISCHER, Werner forwarded by E.5.(L) on 3.8.43.

With reference to my report No.490 in which it was stated that the organ of the Free German Youth was to act as the mouthpiece of the Initiative Committee for the formation of a Free German Movement, the following have joined the joint editorial board mentioned therein.

FISCHER, Werner. member of the National Executive of the Free German Youth.

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have been a member of the seman Communist Party in Breaden and since April, 1942, he has been Organisational Leader of Free German Youth. This group was mentioned in the note on German, Austrian and Judeten-German Perugee organisations in the United Mingdom of which we sent you a copy on the 20th December, 1942, under reference J.F.411/Germany/3/F.2b/MJEB.

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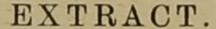
J.O.10., has been living in this country since 9.3.39 and is one of the leaders of Free Cerman Youth. In Farch, 1943, he was unlargoing training as a fitter of the Covernment Training Centre of Fark Royal/had not come under adverse police notice.

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Cross Reference to S.B. Report re the International Youth Council and the World Youth Council.

Among members of the International Youth Council is Werner FISHER, Free German Youth, 6, Parliament Court, N.W.3, a known communist.

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Editor of 'Freien Tribuene'. Werner FISCHER.

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N.B. / Information re the above Committee was forwarded by Special Branch under Ref. 400/42/4 on 8.5.43. Rec'd 11.5.43.

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Extract from Source Hi Report No. 443. dated 12.4.43. forwarded by E.5.L. on 23.4.43. on the National Conference of the Free German Youth.

The 3rd National Conference of the Free German Youth took place at the Alliance Hall, Westminster, on April 10th and 11th. The proceedings opened with an address of welcome by the Chairman Horst BRASCH to the delegates numbering about 150, in which he stressed the need for all young German anti-Fascists over here to fight on the side of the United Nations.

The first speaker was Werner FISCHER on "The Youth of the World in Battle against Nazi Barbarism, and for a better life and International friendship" FISCHER said that the war was caused by the failure of the world to realise that Fascism meant war. The heroic Red Army had dealt the German beast the first decisive, telling blow. The Fascists had called upon the German Youth to work, fight, believe and make sacrifices for them; unfortunately, the majority had responded, leaving only a few to be enrolled in the ranks of the Champions of Liberty. FISCHER then referred to the compulsory labour service imposed on the youth of Europe and the resistance to total mobilisation in the occupied countries. But meanwhile the freedom-loving youth of the whole world had united to fight for a peaceful

and happy life for the youth of the future, their movement being fostered by the International Youth Council and the World Youth Council. At a London Youth Conference, itwas rightly said that N. Africa must be used a s a springboard for the liberation of Europe. Like their seniors the young people must lay aside all differences of party politics and form a United front in which all young refugees from Germany must take their places, irrespective of their plans and views for the future. The Free German Youth had set a good example in this respect and was maintaining friendly relations with all refugee organisations, groups and individuals. The meeting proceeded to the election of Officers, the following being chosen: -International Work. Werner FISCHER.

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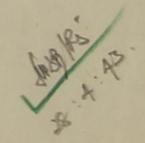
Adolf BUCHHOLZ.

The above was born in Berlin on 5.7.13. and belonged to the German Metal Workers Union from 1928-33. He was also a member of the Youth Central Committee. He was one of the persons responsible for the illegal strike which was organised in the German Steel Works at Spandau against the will of the Trade Union.

In Czechoslovakia, he was equally active. He came here as a member of the Non-Group in the C.R.T.F. and has been prominent in the Free German Youth and Young Communist League over here. His application for membership of the German Trade Union Group was rejected by reason of the above mentioned details of his past career and his reputation as an intriguer and trouble-maker. During his activities in the Free German Youth, he was jealous of Werner FISCHER, with whom he continually quarrelled, and the result of the altercations between the two of them was that he was eventually forced to resign all his offces in that organisation. He was succeeded in them by the aforesaid Werner FISCHER (see report of 24.6.42.), but he still remains a member of the party and has not changed his views. I reported on his resignation on 9.9.42.

FISCHER. Werner. PF 6/351. SDB. 26/4.

E.5.(L). 14.4.43.



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The Free German Youth.

According to Hans EBELING, the permanent representatives of the Free German Youth on the International Youth Committee are Horst BRASCH, Werner FISCHER, Cino ICHENHAEUSER, Margot KOGUT and Edith LOERKER.

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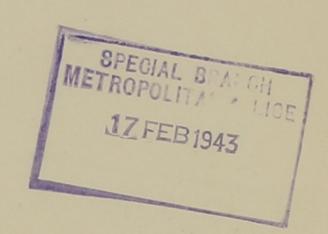
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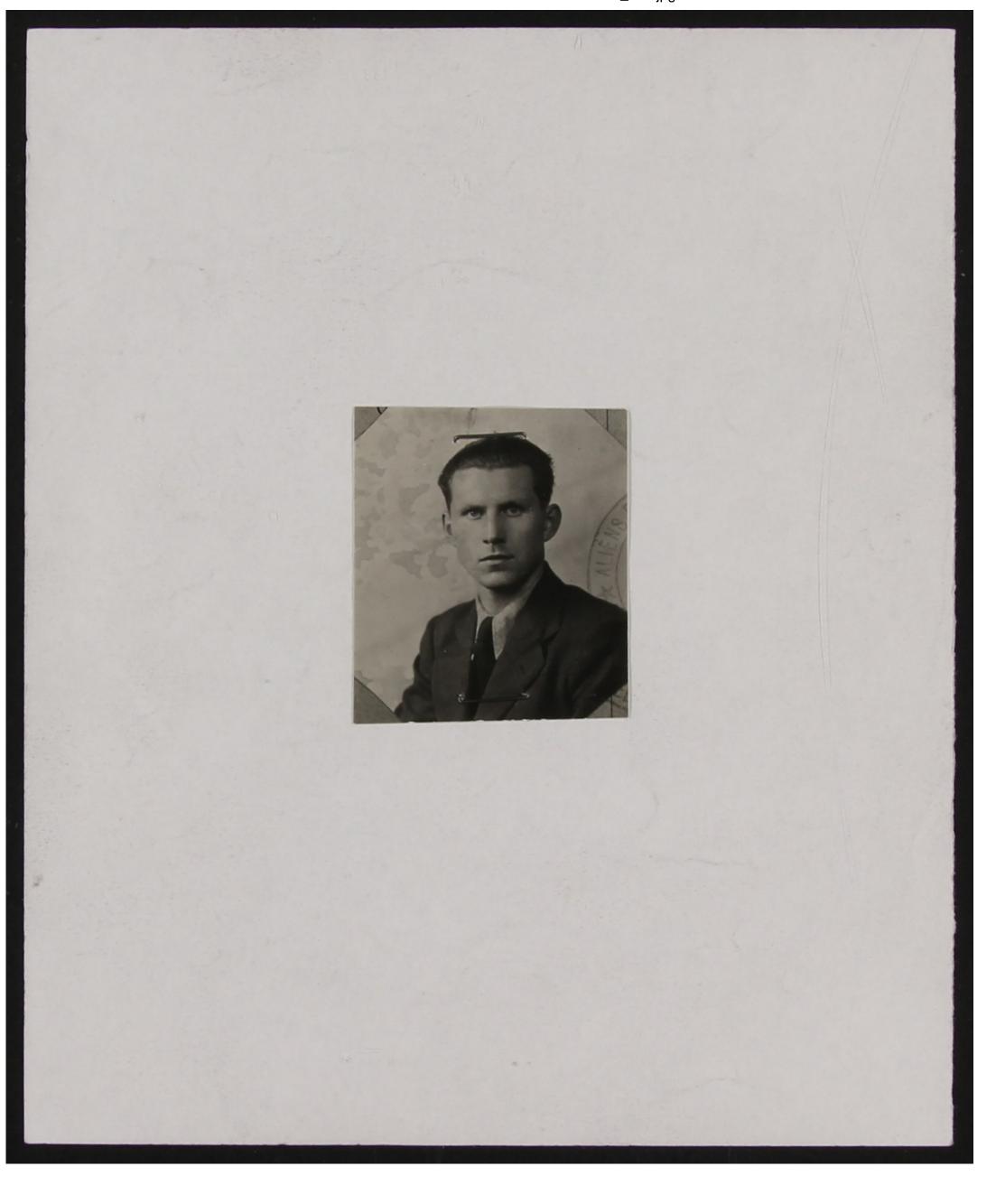
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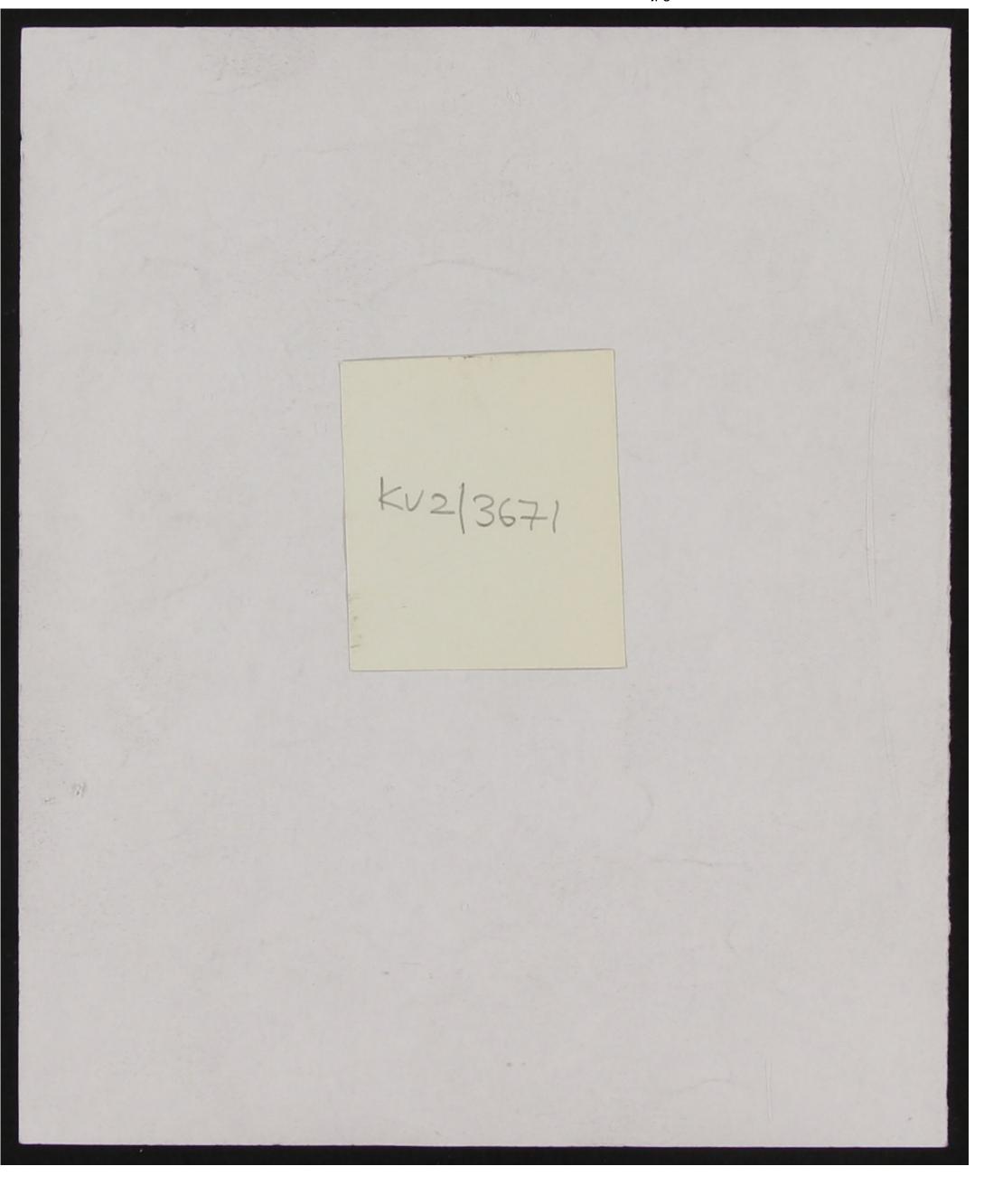
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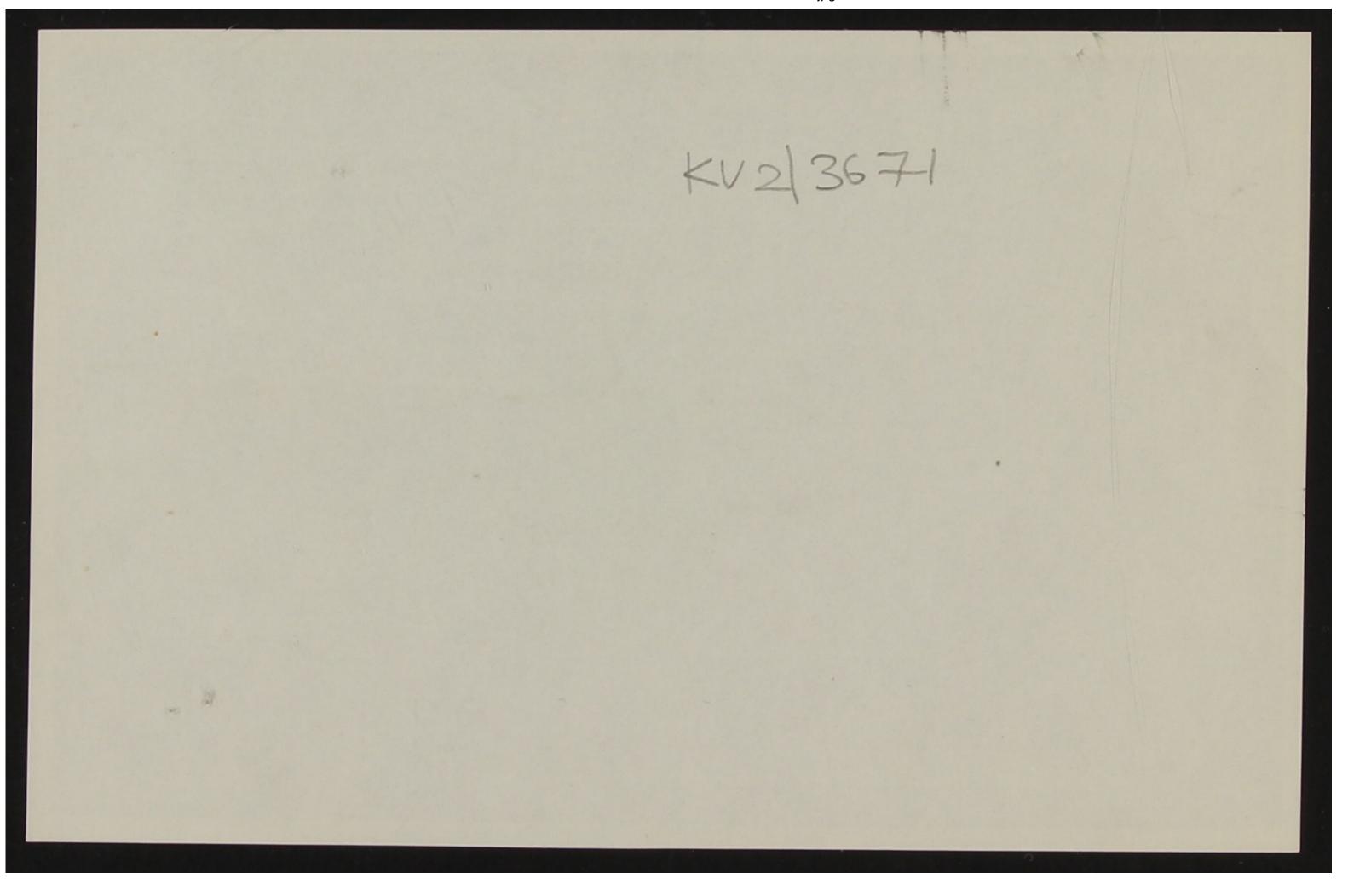
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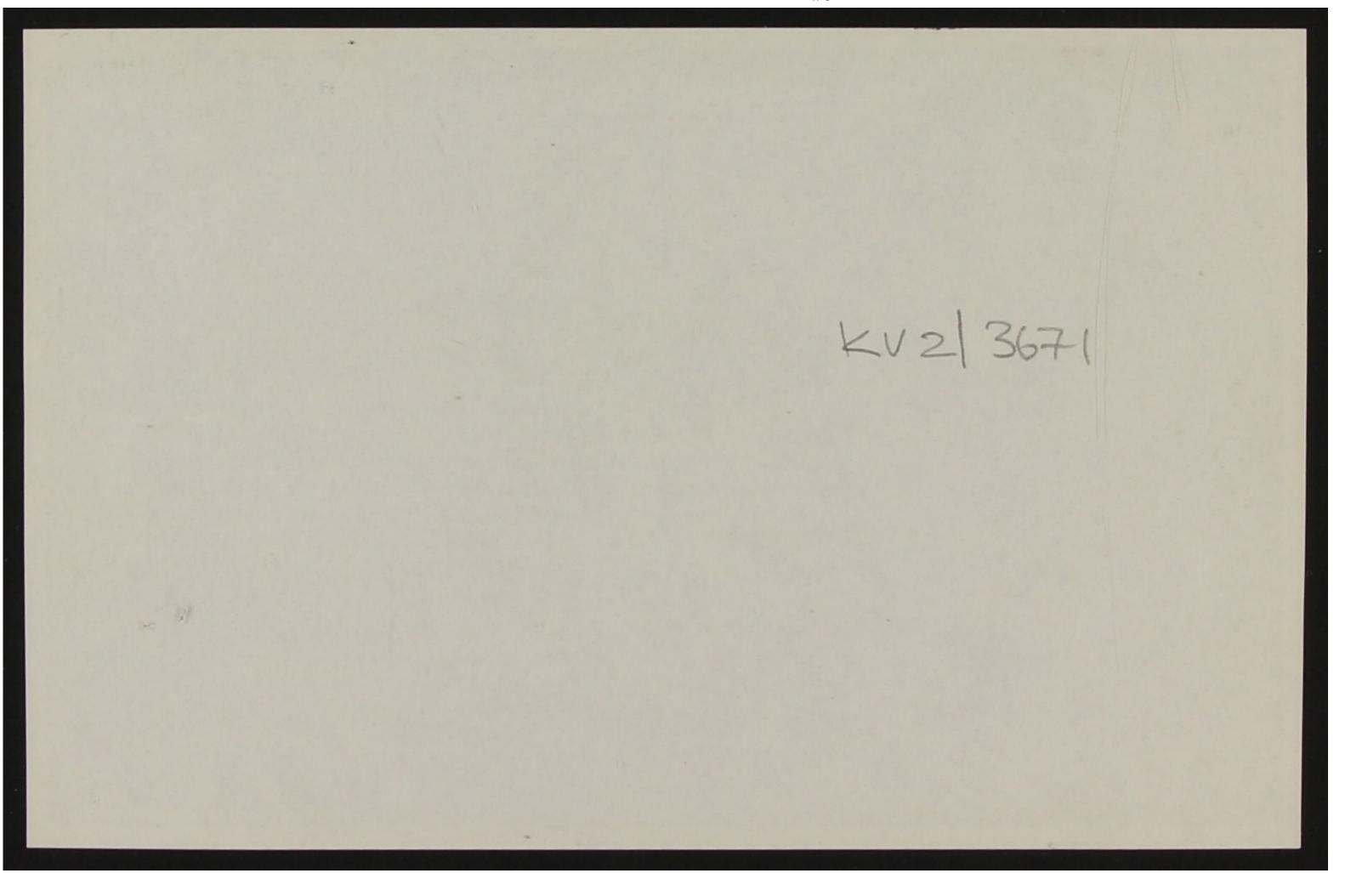




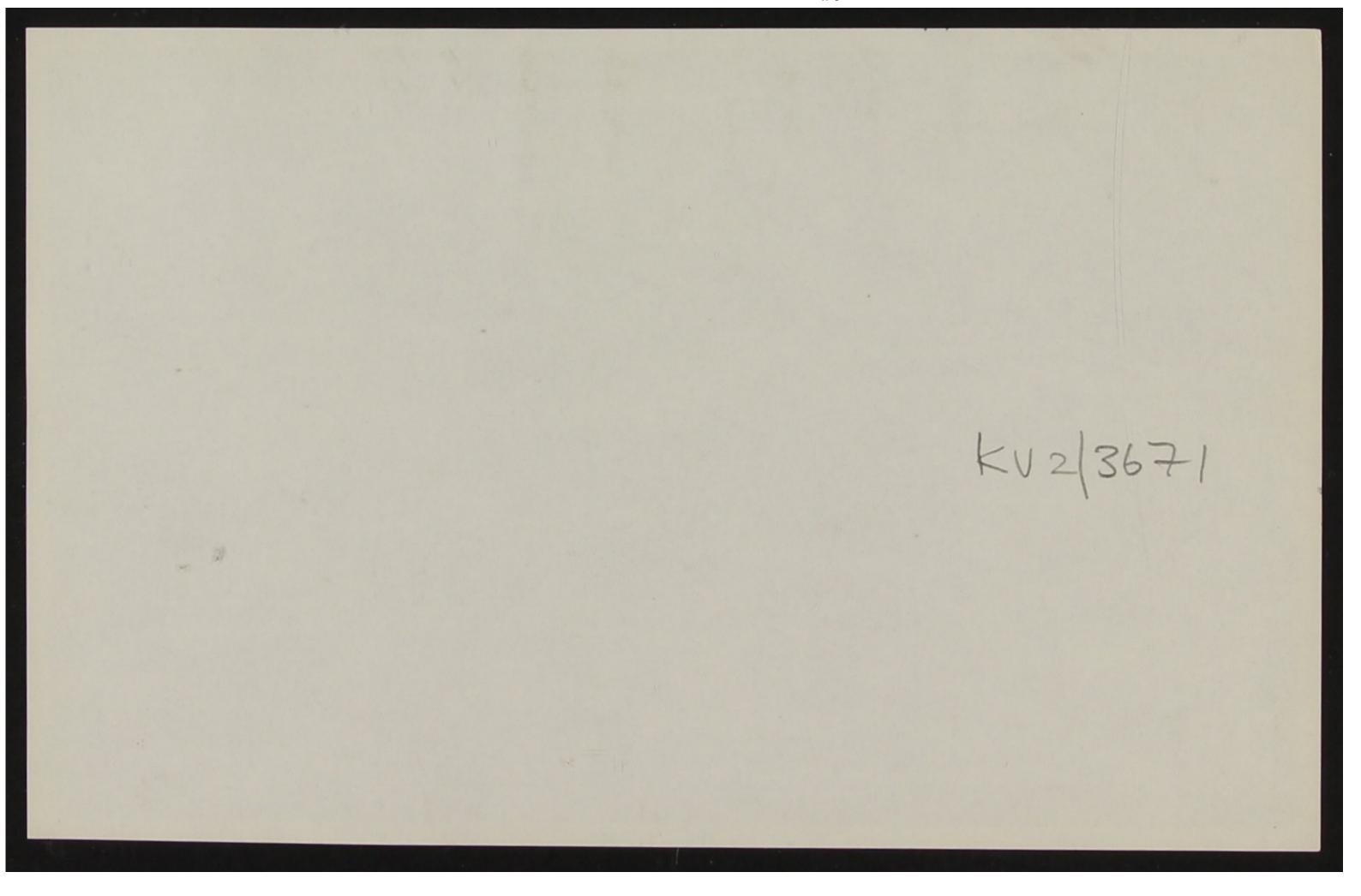
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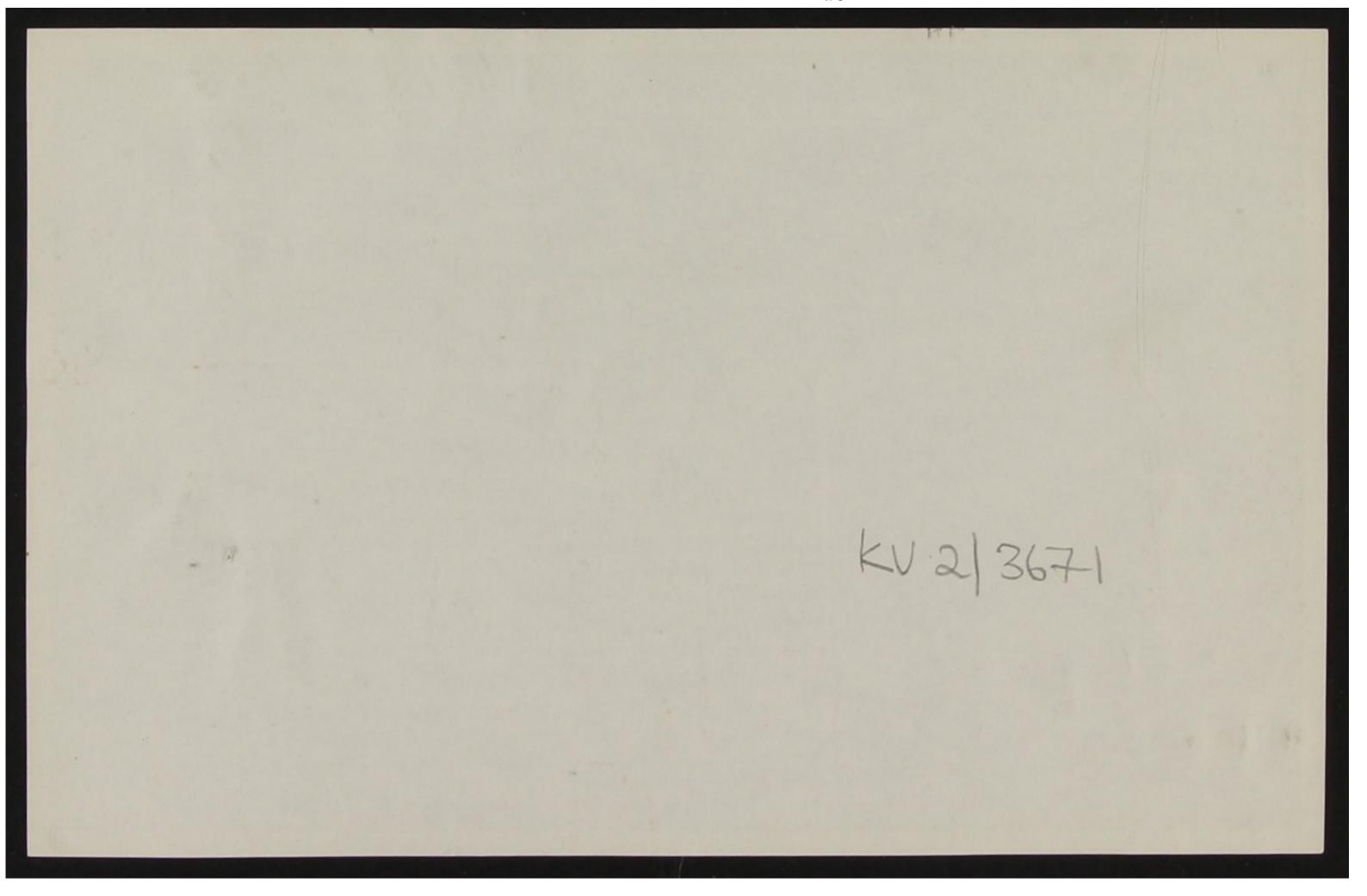
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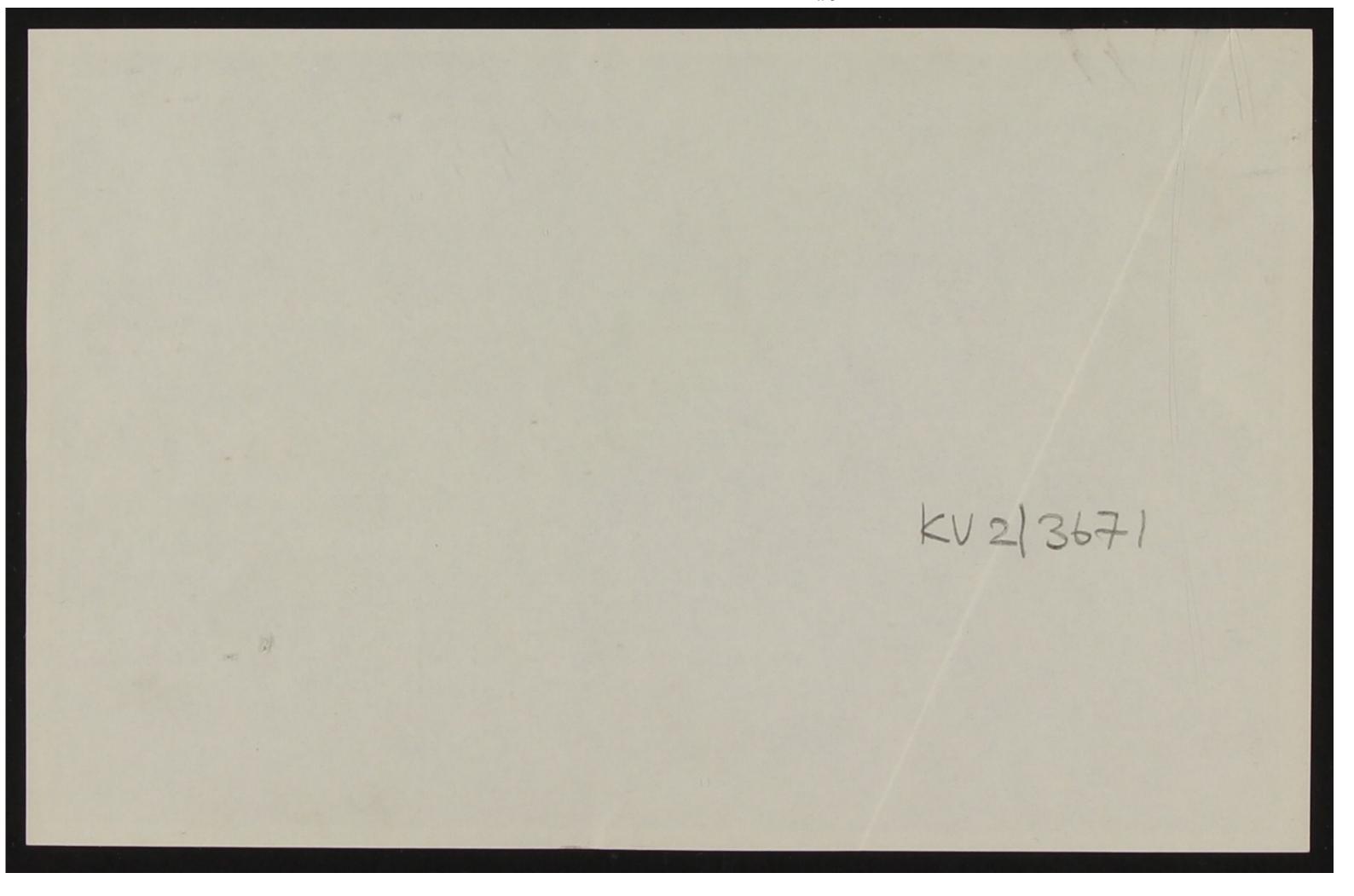
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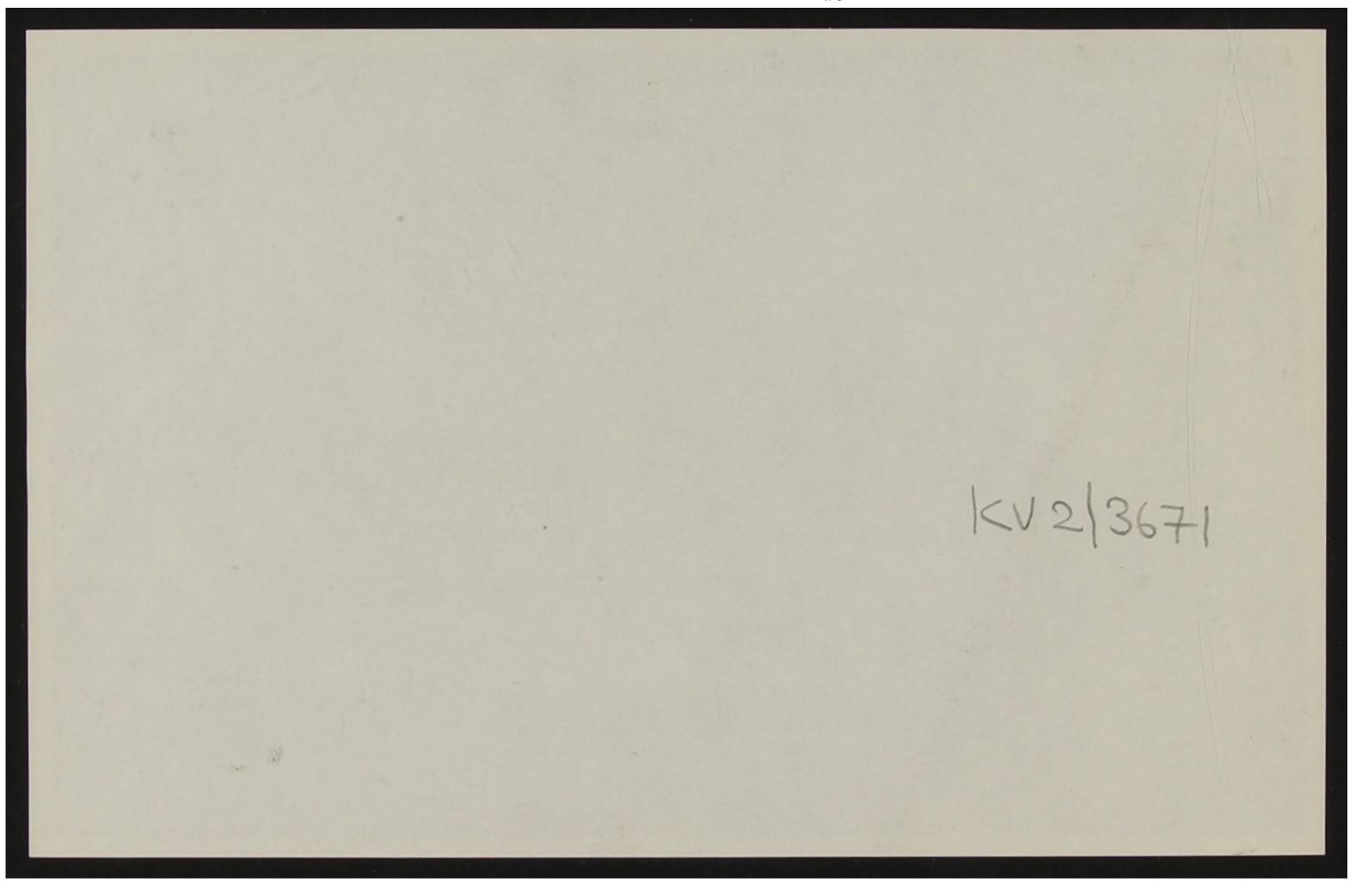
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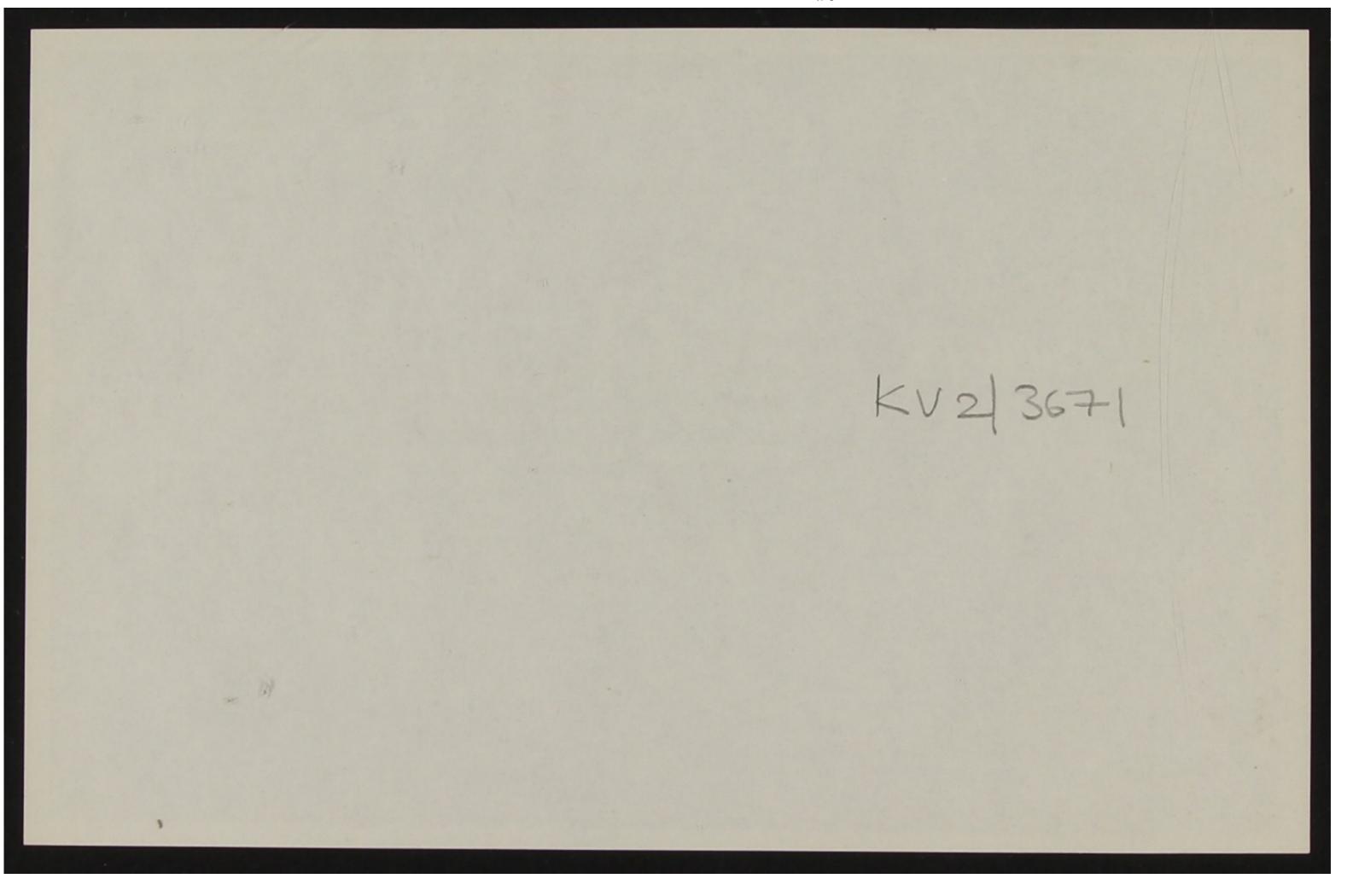
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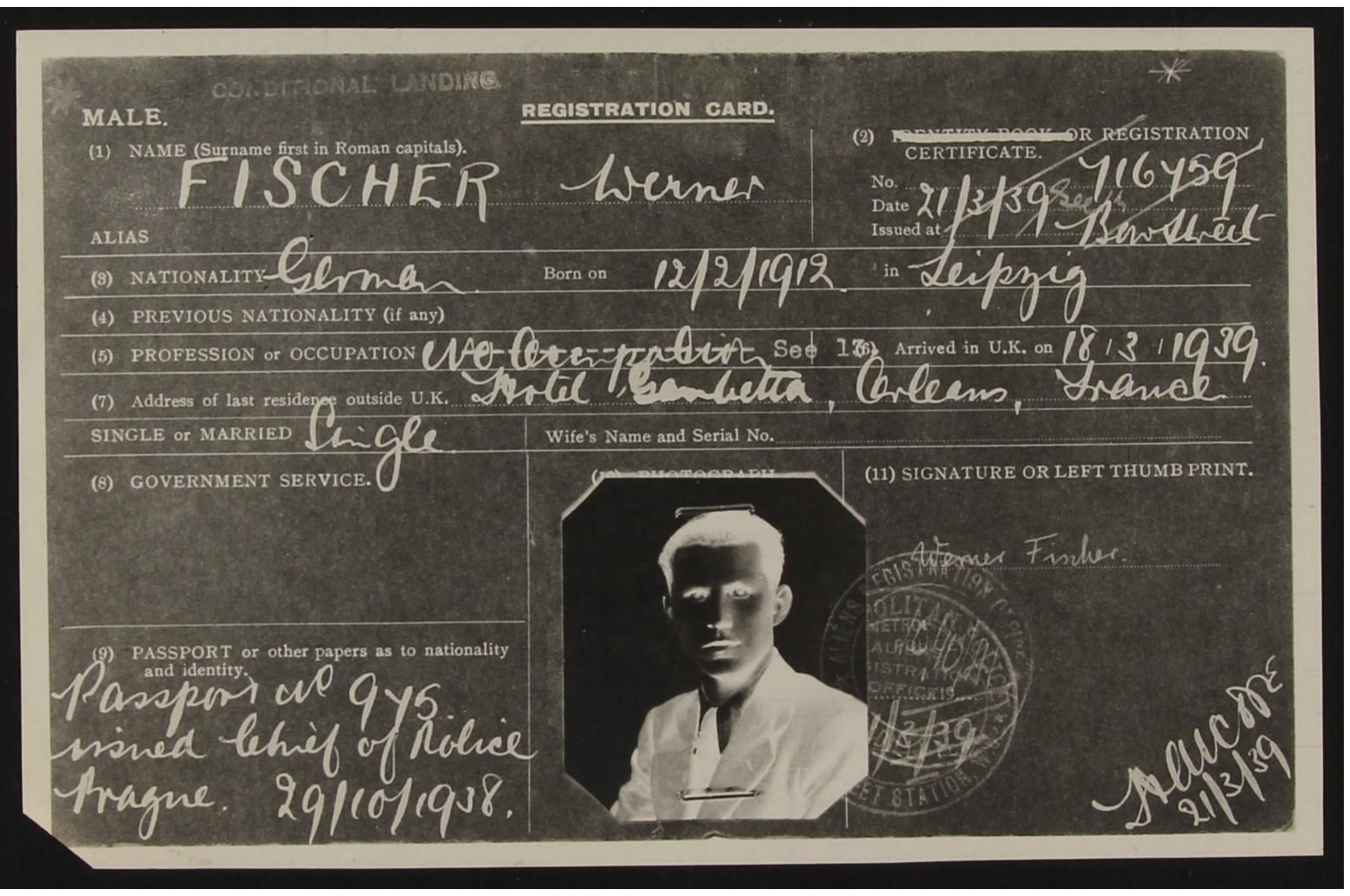


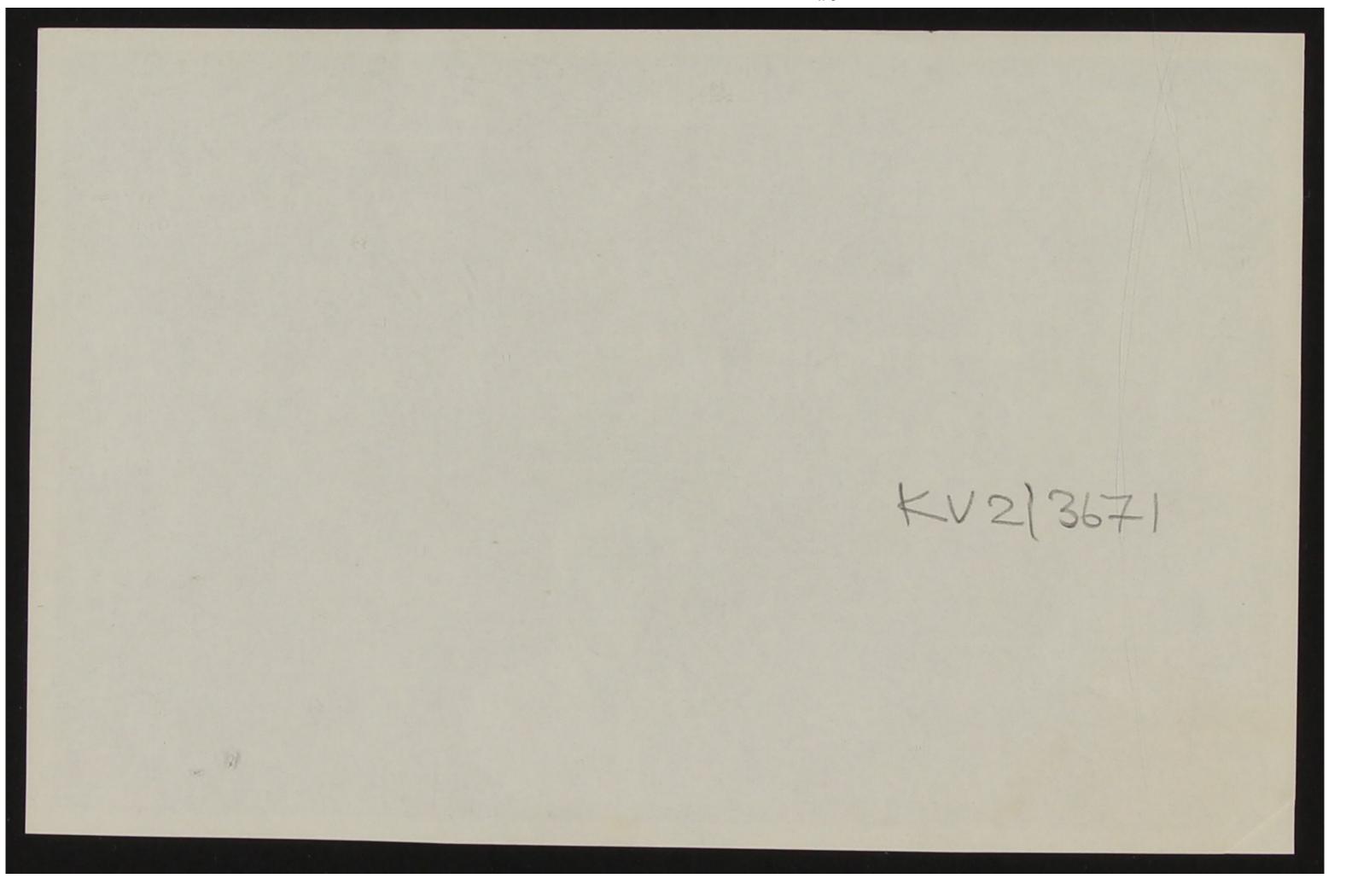
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According to "Freie Tribuene" (organ of "Free German Youth") Fifth Year No. 1 dated 6.1.43. Werner FISCHER, formerly an illegal functionary of the German Y.C.L, member of the National Committee of "Free German Youth", and representative of Young anti-Nazi Germans at the World Youth Council, had been appointed chief editor of "Freie Tribuene".

SOURCE: Freie Tribune filed O.F. 3/37 Supp. Vol.

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M. J. E. Bagot.

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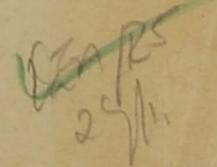
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Werner FISCHER.

Organisational Leader.



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From FREE GERMAN YOUTH IN GREAT BRITAIN, 12, Belsize Park, London, N.W. of the INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL, 18, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

Dear Friend,

I want to give you the names of our representatives for the council meeting on the 5th. of September at 2.30 o'clock as follows:
Horst BRASCH.

Werner FISCHER.

Ernst ISCHENHARUSER.

Margot KOGUT.

In case one of those above mentioned people cannot attend this conference I like to give the names of those coming in their place.

Werner SAMUEL. Heinz BLOCH. Ruth FRISCHMANN. Gerda WENGER. Dorrit GOLDMANN.

Ellen Eva MENDELSOHN.

I wish you every success to your meeting.

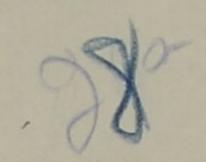
Yours sincerely,

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25th July, 1942.

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The Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Special Branch, New Scotland Yard.

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With reference to your report of 18.7.42 regarding a meeting of the Freie Deutsche Jugend at the Conway Hall, you may care to note, for record purposes, that the speaker "- WERNER" is almost certainly identical with Werner FISCHER, about whom we sent a summary of our information, under reference PF.61351/F.2b/MDG on 13.7.42.

M.J.E. Bagot.

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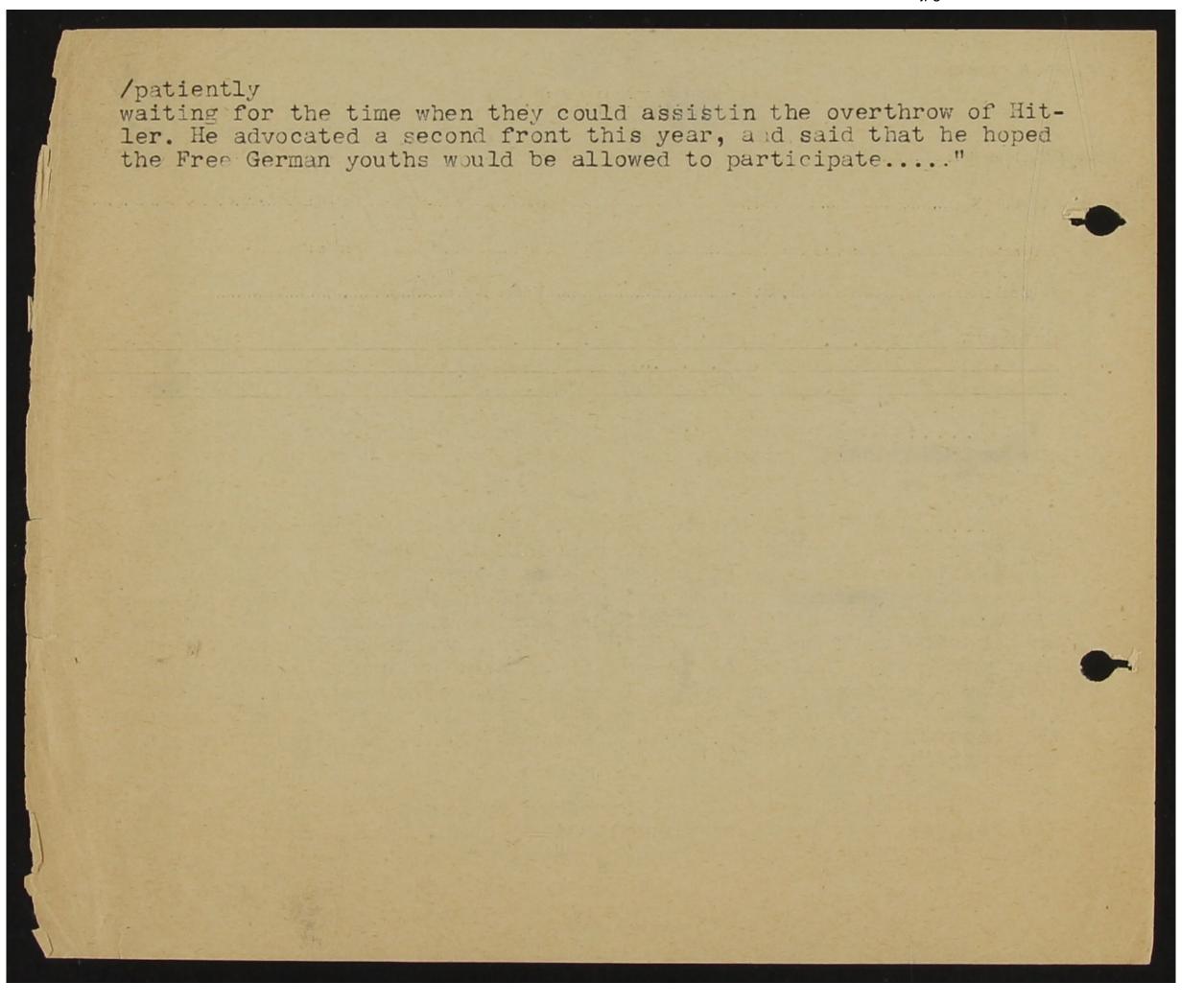
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Extract from S.B. report dated 18.7.42. re medeting held in the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.L., under the auspices of the Freie Deutsche Jugend (Free German Youth) movement, 3, Goldhurst Terrace, N.W.6.

"....the speakers were Horst Brasch, chairman of the Free German Youth in Great Britain, Josef Zimmering, and - Werner, a former underground youth organiser.

ated for three months in a Nazi concentration camp and knew of the horrors that many were still suffering there. He said that as he was only twenty years of age he was premeturely released by the Nazis, but was made the subject of intense police supervision. He mentioned an occasion when he met by chance in Germany one of his former anti-Nazi friend who had since joined the Hitler Jugend movement, and said that he has never seen anyone look so ashamed of hisself. The friend told him that he had been obliged to hoin the movement because been threatened with dismissal from his employenent, and imprisoned in a concentration camp.

WERNER went on to say that before coming to England, and after vis release from the Nazi concentration camp, he had contacted many of his former anti-Nazi fritnes and knew that they were patiently



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"Is the German Youth Doomed?" PF 61351 FISCHERX

A Free German Youth Demonstration.

Last Saturday the Free German Youth arranged a demonstration in the Conway Hall, with the above title. As it constituted a reception for delegates from british youth organisations, all sorts of persons, attended, including representatives from the British Federation of Cooperative Youth, the Young Communist League, etc. Young Czechoslovakia and Young Austria were also represented. Streamers bearing the inscriptions "British Youth in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Factories, we salute you" and "German anti-Fascist Youth is your Ally in the Fight for Freedom" were conspicuous. About 200 persons were present. The chair was taken by Mrs. B. Shields Collins, the secretary of the International Youth Council, who spoke some brief words of welcome and stressed the need for international cooperation in the fight against Fascism, emphasising the importance of the "third front", i.e. the underground warfare in

Germany. The Free German Youth choir then contributed some vocal items. Horst M. Brasch, the chairman of the Free German Youth, then outlined the aims and tasks of his organisation, in which he stressed that the Free German Youth were allies in the war against Fascism and put forward a demand that young anti-Fascist German refugees must take a share in the fight when the second front was opened and not only fight shoulder to shoulder with the other Allies, but also take the opportunity to spread confusion in the ranks of the

Nazi forces. Josef Zimmering, the head of the Free German Youth's Cultural department, was the principal speaker. Putting the question "Is the German Youth Doomed?", he answered it with a definite "No". After sketching the develop- . ments in the German youth in the last few years, he expressed the opinion that it is now disillusioned and may be reckoned as part of the anti-Nazi opposition. Regarding the problem of postwar reeducation, he definitely rejected any schemesfor resducation by foreign teachers or by sending young Germans abroad for this K purpose. In his opinion, it was far more important to

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win over the German youth now, which could best be done by demonstration of the Allied military strength, by suitable propaganda waich gave them new ideas and, above all, by supporting the revolt inside Germany. This meant making a distinction between the German people and Hitler and guaranteeing that the Germans would not be annihilated but liberated from Facism and treated in accordance with the principles of the Atlantic Charter. For these aims the opening of a second front in the west would be of the greatest importance because it would give new hones and a new stimulus to the German people and especially to the

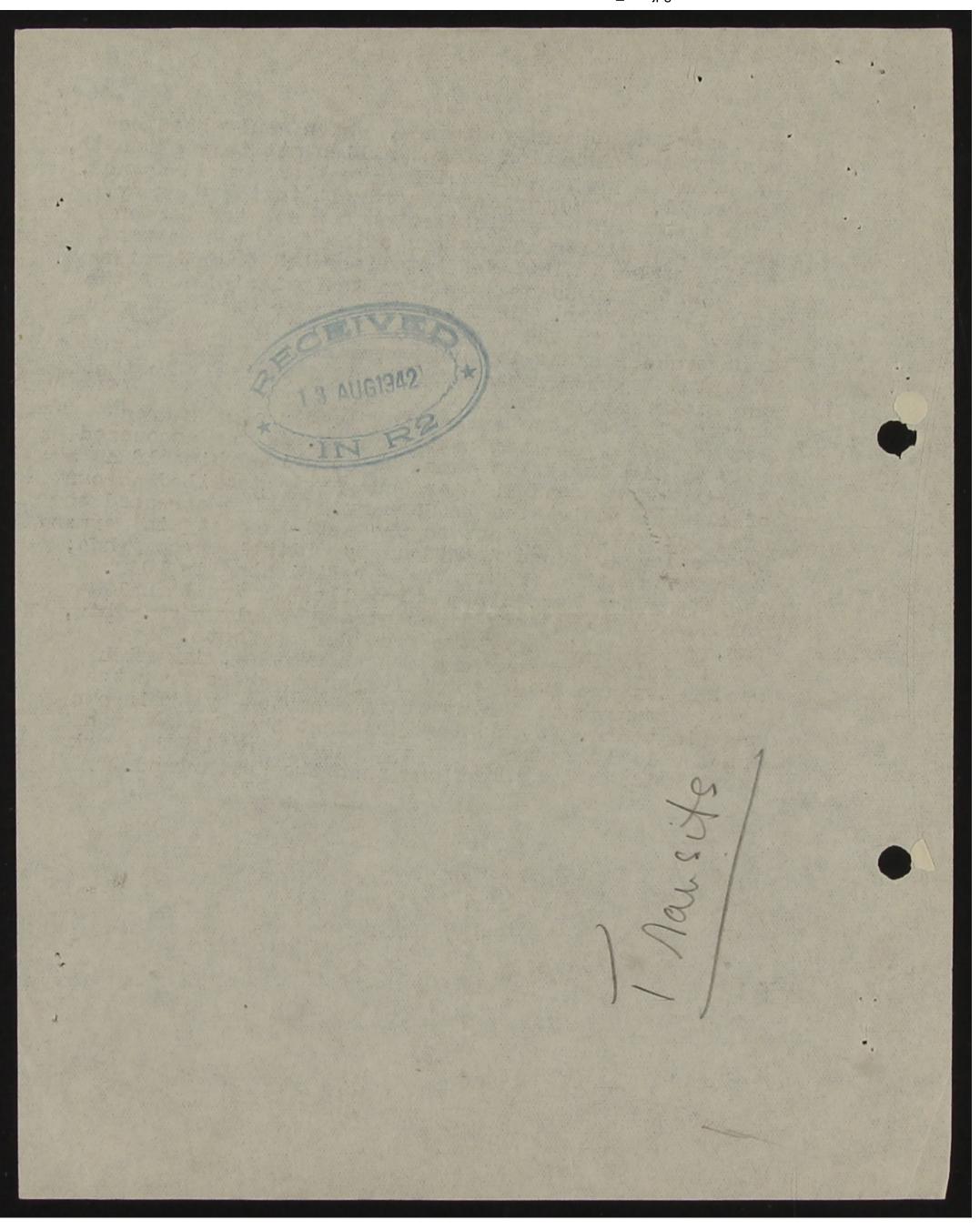
oppositionist youth. Werner Fischer, the organising leader of the Free Garman Youth, was the next apeaker. He was announced only by his Christian name. He described himself as a former underground fighter and gave a detailed account of illegal activities in Germany. He also a ressed the need for giving support to the anti-Fascists in Germany by opening a second front and by suitable propaganda, in order to thus ensure the war finishing in 1942.

After the precedings a socalled International Priemiship Dance took place at the Foyal Notel. This,

too, was organised by the Free German Youth.

I enclose a programme of the meeting, in which recipients are asked to apply for speakers from the Free Werman Youth for meetings promoted by their own organisations. It thus appears that the Free German Youth will in future take a larger share in the work among Battish organisations than the Kulturbund.

24.7.42



For the information of Lt. Col Hinchley-Cooke, Box 500, London PF 61351/F2.b/MCG

> Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Special Branch.

You may be interested in the attached summary of our information about Werner FISCHER, who was mentioned in your 320/FGN/689 of 28.5.42 relating to the Free German League of Culture.

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Should he come to you notice at any time in connection with Communist activities, I should be most grateful if you would let me know.

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FISCHER Werner.

German.
Born Leipzig I2.2.I2.
R.C. No. I043464.
Occupation - maker of artificial limbs.

According to information from a reliable source, FISCHER was a member of the German Communist Party in Dresden and was very active in youth and sports organisations, but only in a subordinate position. He himself states that he belonged to the metal workers' union and workers' sport organisation in Dresden. In 1933 he was sent to a concentration camp in Saxony on account of his political activities; he was released after four months imprisonment, but had to report to the Police every day. In spite of this, he organised illegal anti-Nazi youth groups of young socialists and communists, but in 1936 he heard that he was again liable to be arrested and he, therefore, fled to Czecho-Slovakia. He there continued his anti-Nazi work in connection with the organisation of refugee camps.

In November 1938 he fled to France and he himself states that when Ribbentrop visited Paris he was arrested for a few days because he was known as an active anti-Nazi. He came to this country on the recommendation of Miss Eleanor Rathbone on 18.3.39 from France. He is registered under the Czech Refugee Trust Fund as a member of the Schmidt Group.

Before his internment, FISCHER was politically inactive. He was interned under the General Order in May 1940 and was sent to Canada; in July 1941 a report from the internment camp authorities described him as an ardent and active communist who frequently received the Communist International publication, "World News and Views;" he was said to be quiet and wellbehaved in the camp.

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In January I94I his name was included in a list of refugees recommended by the Czech Refugee Trust Fund for release for forestry work, but his release was not finally authorised until September I94I, when he was brought back to this country and released for employment with Mr. Michaelis, Artificial Limb Maker, Finchley Road, London N.W.3.

In January 1942 his case came up for consideration by Sir Cecil Hurst's Committee. He gave the usual undertaking that he would take no part in political activities in this country and the Committee gave him a favourable report under Category 19.

In April 1942 information was received from a reliable source to the effect that FISCHER had been elected organisational leader of the Free German Youth in London. He was said to be very active in the Youth Movement and to be a frequent visitor at the offices of the Free German League of Culture. He was described as an average Party worker.

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From S.B. Report re Free German League of Culture.

..... Information has been received that the Free German League of Culture has formed an official Propaganda Commission, which consists of the following persons:-



Werner FISCHER

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Werner FISCHER (first report of 4.6.41.) He is now working in a Metal factory, is very active in the Youth Movement, Gottfurcht tefused to accept his application. An average Party worker.

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Miss Griffith - F.2.b.

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Please refer to ou M/11 report of the 19th June, concerning Ernst ICHENHAUSER and --FISCHER whom we stated to he leaders of the Free German Youth Organisation in the U.K.

It is now reported that ICHENHAUSER acts largely as a liason between the Free German Youth Organisation and other Youth Organisations in this country and that FISCHER's job is more to control the workings of the Free German Youth Organisation itself.

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F.2.b. - Miss Griffith.

It is reported that two aliens, called Ernst ICHENHAUSER and -- FISCHER (Christian name unknown) are leaders of the Free German Youth Organisation in the United Kingdom.

They are reported to be known to Betty SHIELDS_COLLINS a fact in which F.2.a. may be interested.

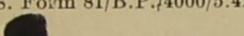
The telephone number of the Free German Youth Organisation is stated to be MAIda Vale 7951.

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Extract from S.B. report 320/FGN/689.

Among those refugees frequenting the Free German League of Culture, 36a Upper Park Road, N.W.3. are:-

Werner FISCHER.

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SUBJECT: FISCHER, Werner.

Extract from E.7. Report (source Hi) re Free German Youth, dated 8.5.42.

FISCHER. Werner. "Yesterday evening there was a meeting of the Free German Youth Groups, Maida Vale and Paddington which was held under the title 'May Evening'. It was led by Alex BRESSLER. The first speaker, Ernst ISCHENHAEUSER, described the significance of May Day for Internationalism, Socialism and the solidarity of the workers.....

Lastly the new 'Landesleitung' of the Free German Youth was made known, following on the Landeskonferenz which took place in the middle of April.

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_ PF 61351. WERNER FISCHER

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SUBJECT: W. FISCHER.

> Extract from Special Branch report re Josef Wiora, dated 25.4.62. Not: 482/42/448.

Prior to his interment, Wiors went to live at 35. Barrinton Road, S.W. 9., a house rented by Lord Faringdon who converted it to a hostel for continental communist refugees. He became closely associated with the following: "

Werner FISCHUR, Relmuth PAUSE, Gerhord DONATH, Reims BOFFHARE.

wiers is said to be co-habitating with Minna Fritech, a close friend of Minna HORNIG one of the oldest members of the German Communist Party, and at present employed as a waitress by the Free German League of Gulture.

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One of those who attended the second meeting of the International Youth Council in Britain on Jist January 1942 at Gas Industry House, 1 Grosvenor crescent, S. W. 1 was in Werner FISCHER representing Free Germany.

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Interned Enemy Aliens Tribunal

Category 19.

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REPORT

The Tribunal has had under consideration the application for the release from interment of:-

FISCHER, Werner H.O. Ref. F.10223. PF 61351

In this case the alien has already been released conditionally for the purpose of employment.

examination of the files came to a favourable conclusion, but in view of the opinions expressed by M.I.S. it decided to interview the alien before reporting upon him. The interview took place of the 6th January, 1942, and a note thereof is attached to their report.

On the 22nd November 1941, W.I.5 reported as

forestry nor, when pressed, to release for skilled labour. The latter has been granted but in views of the consideration set out in our minute dated 24-6-41 we do not consider FISCHER eligible for the approval implied by Category 19.

"As stated in our minute dated 16-8-41 we agreed to his release for employment only on "tied release" terms - i.e. to one particular employment. We do not think him a suitable case for unconditional release."

The minutes referred to, dated 24.6.41, and 18.8.41, will be found in H.O. file /4.

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The Tribunal now has the honour to report for the information of the Secretary of State that its favourable impression was confirmed by the alien when interviewed, and that in its opinion the conditions of Category 19 of the White Paper are fulfilled in this case.

(Signed) Kenneth Macmorran.

(Signed) Danlgas Lowe. Chairman of Panel C.

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H.O.Reference F. 10223.

Werner FISCHER.

Note of Interview - 6.1.42.

Q. Mr. Fischer we know that you are already at liberty - what work are you doing? A. I am an artificial limb maker.

Q. You have applied to be released under, what is known as Category 19; you know what that says? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. That enough is known of your history to show that by your writings or speeches or political or official activities you have consistently, over a period of years, taken a public and prominent part in opposition to the Nazi system, and are actively friendly towards the Allied cause. I understand that you were born in 1912, is that right?

A. Yes, sir.

. And you were an artificial limb maker in Germany? A. Yes.

. Now, when did you come to this country first? A. In March 1939.

Q. Will you tell me about your history in Germany. Let me put it this way - I understand that you were in a concentration

camp - that was in 1933? A. Yes, for four months.

Q. What happened to you then? What did you do? A. I had to go every day to the Police and say that I am not working against the Nazis, and apart from that on several days during the week the Police came up to me on the streets; they sent me off the streets at night. I tried to get work but I could not get it because I was anti-Nazi. And for some time I met together with the boys of my Sports Association - I had been with them before the Nazis came to power. And we formed a kind of undercurrent to work against the Nazis militarising all youth organisations; they tried to re-form these organisations into military training groups. We tried to prevent that.

. Was that in Leipzig? A. No, in Dresden; I was born in Leipzig but I lived in Dresden.

Q. What happened next? According to our information you were in France in 1938, is that so? A. Yes.

. What happened between your release from the concentration camp and your getting into France, were you in Dresden

all the time? A. Yes.

How did you find yourself in France? A. After some time of my undercurrent activities some of my friends were caught and came for a trial and at the end of three days my name was mentioned in the trials and consequently I did not live at home. As I thought the Gestapo would try to get me I went to Czechoslovakia. Dresden is not far from the Czech frontier, and before the Nazis came to power I was frequently in Czechoslovakia; so it was not difficult for me to go there without my papers. And then I lived some time in Sudetenland, but after all refugees had to leave Czechoslovakia and I got a permit for France. I went to France by aeroplane.

Q. I see according to our information you were imprisoned in France? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who imprisoned you in France? A. Some days after Ribbentrop

Q. I see. You tell us that you were working in the Sports Organisation against Nazism, now I want to ask you somethin rather different - what are your political opinions? How would you describe yourself politically? A. It is rather difficult to explain - my father was a social democrat and my younger brother was a Communist, and until Hitler came to power I had no special party in politics. I mean I had no interest in a party. And after Hitler came to power my brother and my father formed a sort of unity, and they said they would fight against Hitler, they said 'we must all stand together'. So I had no special party. I have always been on the Left side, on the Left Wing.

Q. You were mainly interested in Youth Movements? A. Yes.
Q. Would you describe yourself as a Social Democrat? A.

It is difficult to say. I am a socialist of course, but
I do not belong to any party.

. Would you call yourself a Communist now? A. I could not say that.

Q. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Q. You have never been a member of the Young Communist League?

A. No, sir.

work and that is no concern of ours, but if you were released under this Category 19, would you undertake not to engage in any political work? A. Of course, sir; I am a guest in this country.

That is exactly what I mean. I want to make it clear to you because a note is being made of what we say. You are prepared quite definitely to give us that pledge that you will not engage in any political activity?

A. Yes, sir, certainly.

Q. One other question - you have already told us that you are anti-Hitler and that we quite understand. Now what are your feelings with regard to Great Britain and her Allies. I want you to understand what I mean, it would be possible for you to be anti-Hitler without being pro-Allies? A. Yes, I understand.

Q.Tell us what you would like to about that. A. I wish the earliest victory of the Allies and Great Britain, and I am prepared to work in every respect for that end.

Q. Is there anything that you would like to say to us apart from what I have asked you. Is there anything you would like to say for yourself? A. No, I do not think so.

Q. You think that I have covered all the ground? A. Yes, if you are satisfied.

if you are satisfied.

Of course we shall have to consider the matter afterwards. I have tried to help you as much as possible by bringing out the points with which we are concerned, but if there is anything which I have not mentioned which you would like to say you are at liberty to do so. A. During my internment I have always worked, first for the Canadian Government and then I got a job. As soon as war started I was prepared to work to give all the hap I can. I do not want to be idle.

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Note by Kerneth Macmorren

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Name: FISCHER, Worner

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Born: 12th. Feb. 1912. Liepzig

Nationality: German.

Occupation in country of origin: Artificial limb maker.

Mr. S.C. Burnet, solicitor, 87 Wimpole Street, says he knows him intimately and apeaks of his long, fine and unquestionable anti-Nazi record.

He says he left Germany on account of persecution; was in a concentration camp for 4 months in 1988, and imprisoned in France, December 1988 - March 1989.

Mr. W.M. Michaelis, an artificial limb maker asked for his release for employment, and permission was given, 27.9.41.

Mr. R.A.W. Jarrett, 39 Glenfield Road, Brockham, is fully convinced of his anti-Mazi feelings.

He says he was a member of the Metal Workers Union and the Workers' Sports Organisation; well known as leader of the Youth Group; arrested 1955; flet to Caschoslovakia, then to France in November 1958; arrested when Ribbentrop came to Paris.

Miss Rathbone M.F., supports the application.

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20th October 194

Home Office, (Aliens Dept.)

Re Werner FISCHER, F.10223/6.

In reply to your communication of 29.9.41 re the above, we understand this man's employment with Mr. W. Michaelis, artificial limb maker, will come under the "tied scheme" of the M/L, and we would be much obliged if you could arrange for his Registration Certificate to be endorsed in red with the letters "MAP" proposed for these cases in your recent correspondence with Mr. Mitchell on your reference R.14740/2.

T.S. Bazley.

TSB/WMS

Please quote reference numberHOME OFFICE (ALIENS DEPARTMENT)

F.10223/6

P.O. BOX No. 2.

Your ref.F2b/PF61351

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

O.5.

Werner FISCHER born 12.2.12 at Leipzig.

M/L. and N/S. Camp Registration Scheme.

Reference your minute on Home Office file dated the 18th ultimo (signed T.S.Bazley), the release of the above named alien has now been authorised for employment with Mr. W. Michaelis, Artificial Limb Maker, Finchley Road, Swiss Cottage, London, N.W.3.

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27th September, 1941.

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Home Office, Aliens Department.

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Werner FISCHER born 12.2.12 at Leipzig.

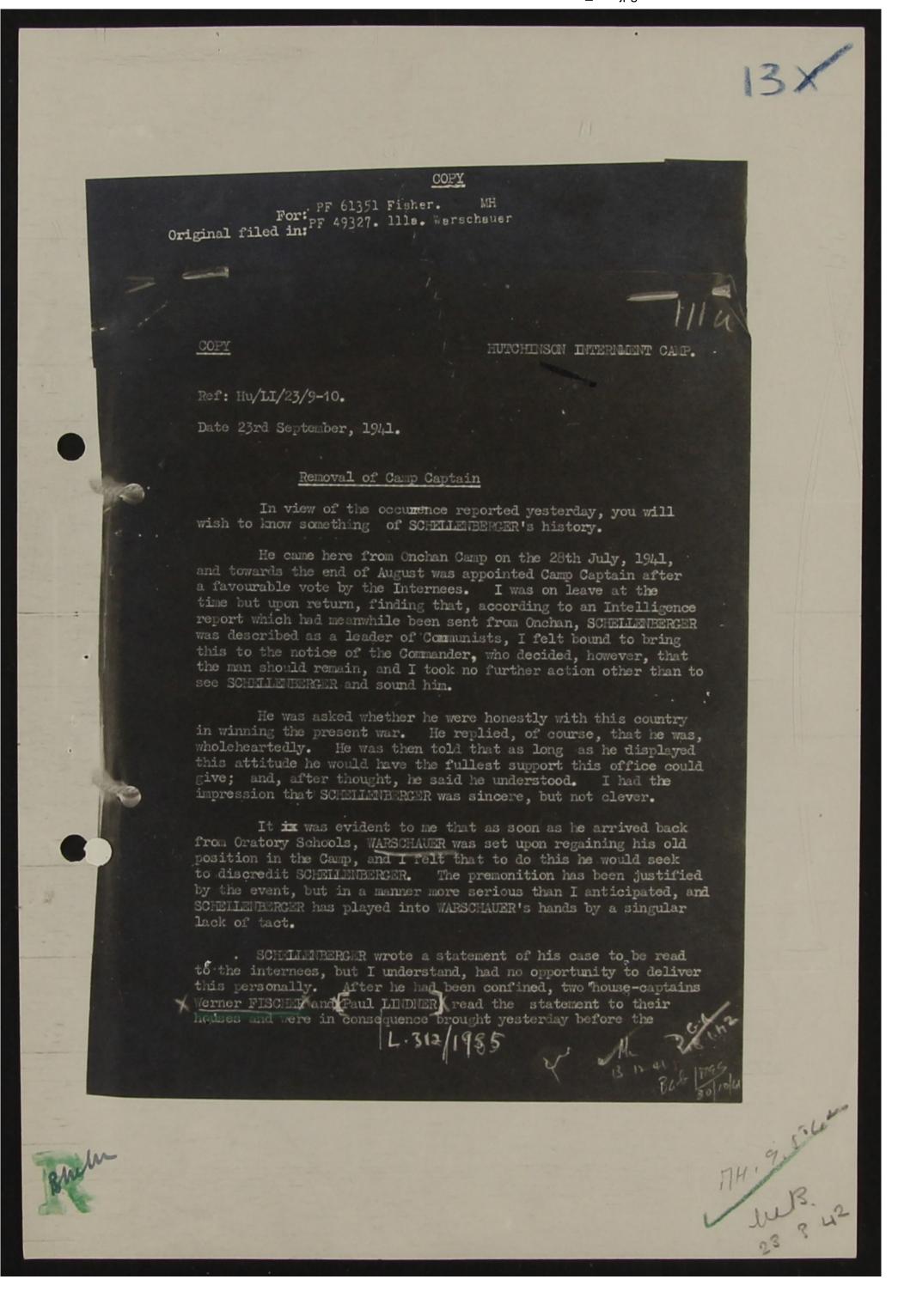
M/L. and N/S. Camp Registration Scheme.

Reference your minute on Home Office file dated the 18th ultimo (signed T.S.Bazley), the release of the above named alien has now been authorised for employment with Mr. W. Michaelis, Artificial Limb Maker, Finchley Road, Swiss Cottage, London, N.W.3.

W. D. CRANE

27th September, 1941.

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SLO/14/5/11.

EXTRACT.

Box No. 35, G.P.O., DOUGLAS, Isle of Man.

4th September, 1941.

Dear Mr. Denniston.

G.P.O., Oxford.

CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT.

The Following cases from Hutchinson Camp have been investigated, and nothing adverse found from a security point of view.

Werner FISCHER.] (12.2.12.)

Yours sincerely,

J.D. Denniston Esq., for Major Armitage. Box No. 500, Extracts from H.O. file F.10223 for Werner FISCHER.

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Name:
Nationality:
Occupation:
Passport:
Address:
Object:

Werner FISCHER, Date of birth 12.2.12 at Lipsko Stateless.

Designer.

No. 975 issued Prague 29.10.38.

c/o Czech Committee, Mecklenburgh Sq., London.

Training.

Arrived from Calais on s.s. COTE D'ARGENT

at Dover on 18.3.39.

Landed as above in accordance with H.O.

instructions.

25.7.39.

Remarks:

Letter from Eleanor Rathbone asking for the prolongation for another 6 months of Mr. Fischer's permit to stay in Great Britain.
"Mr. Werner Fischer is one of the six refugees from Czechoslovakia for whom you obtained permits at my request to come from France, where they had only transit visas.
"He now wants to go to Sweden, where he desires and believes he may be able to remain permanently and the first result as wise unloss they

and believes he may be able to remain permanently. But the Swedes will not grant a visa unless they are assured that they would be able to send him back to this country, should they want to do so, within six months. The unexpired portion of his previous six months' permit for England is

not sufficient for this."

5.8.39.

Letter from H.O. to Miss Eleanor Rathbone granting Mr. Fischer permission to prolong his stay in this country until the 18th March, 1940, and asking for his passport to be forwarded for endorsement.

2.10.39.

Decision of Tribunal - Mr. Fischer exempt from internment.

15. 5.40.

Interned under the general direction of the Secretary of State.

11.12.40.

Letter from the Czech Refugee Trust Fund enclosing an application for the release of Mr. Fischer under Category "B" & 17.

- 23.12.40. Letter from H.O. to the Czech Refugee Trust Fund pointing out that as Mr. Fischer was placed in Category B by the Tribunal he does not fall immediately within the scope of the recent White Paper. "A necessary pre-requisite to consideration of such case for release is re-classification as "C" by the B Advisory Committee, as set out in part B of the White Paper.

 "If on review Mr. Fischer be so reclassified the question of release may be reopened."
- 3. 3.41. Letter from H.O. tp the Czech Refugee Trust Fund stating that on the information available Mr.

 Fischer does not appear to fall within the terms of the White Paper (Cmd.6233). "It is noted, however, that this man is a skilled worker in the making of surgical and orthopaedic appliances, and if a prospective employer can be found who desires to make use of his services, his release under Category 6 of the White Paper can have favourable consideration. The Ministry of Health may be of assistance in putting your Fund in touch with a suitable employer where the services of Mr. Fischer could be used to the best national advantage."
- 17.4.41. Letter from the Czech Refugee Trust Fund stating that Messrs. M. Masters & Sons Ltd., makers of artificial limbs and eyes, had expressed willingness to employ Mr. Fischer, and had been informed how to make appeal.
- 13.5.41. Letter from the Czech Refugee Trust Fund stating that the appeal by Messrs. M. Masters & Sons Ltd, for the release of Mr. Fischer, had been rejected under Category 6 of the White Paper. "We should be glad to know whether the appeal was rejected on the grounds that the work being undertaken by the firm was not of sufficient national importance to warrant Mr. Fischer's release. If this is so, is it likely that an appeal on similar grounds from another firm would have more favourable consideration?"
 - 12.6.41. Letter from the War Office (Contracts Department) stating that there were not sufficient grounds to support the claim for release of Werner Fischer in Canada. "Messrs. Masters are important Contractors

but are not behind schedule so far as we are aware owing to labour shortage. Moreover it was evident from their letter that they had never seen or tried the man and it was accordingly felt that responsibility for supporting the application could not be accepted. The decision would have been the same for any firm making an application in similar circumstances."

- 11.6.41. Letter from the Ministry of Labour and National Service saying that the best plan would be to bring Mr. Fischer to the Isle of Man to let their representative see him.

 "If he has any skill at all I do not anticipate that we shall have any difficulty in finding him work."
- 25.6.41. Letter to the H.O. Representative in Canada asking him to ascertain as far as possible from interrogation of Mr. Fischer, whether he possessed qualifications which would make him useful to this country in the war effort, and to arrange for his return to the United Kingdom at the earliest opportunity.
- 24.7.41. Letter from the Divisional Controller, Ministry of Labour and National Service, Manchester, regarding the release of Mr. Fischer from internment in the Isle of Man. He had been classified as unskilled, and being suitable only for work which is not essential to the war effort and the question of his volunteering for the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps had arisen.

 Mr. Fischer had failed to volunteer for the A.M.P.C. because his parents were still in Germany.
- Letter from Mr. Fischer applying for release from .7.41. internment under Category 19 of the Thite Paper Cmd. 6233. Mr. Fischer took an active part in the fight against the Nazi drive to power and was on the black list of the stormtroopers. He was arrested in the middle of 1933 and sent to a concentration camp in Saxony. After four months he was released but had to report to the police station every day. In spite of this Fischer organised an illegal anti-Nazi youth group consisting of young socialists and communists. In 1936 his name was mentioned in a number of trials against anti-Nazis and hehad to flee to Czechoslovakia. After the Munich agreement he had to leave Czechoslovakia and flew to France in November 1938. He was arrested in Paris for the protection of Herr Ribbentrop when he visited France. He came to England in March 1939

with the assistance of the Parliamentary Committee for Refugees and especially through the great help of Miss E. Rathbone, M.P.

References.

The Czech Refugee Trust Fund, Windsor Forest, Berks.,
Parliamentary Committee for Refugees, House of Commons;
Miss E. Rathbone, M.P., 50, Romney St., London, S.W.l.,
Mr. Michael Stewart, M.A., (Labour Candidate for Parliament),
24, Weymouth Road, Frome, Somerset;
Mr. Chivers, Head Master, Heatherdene, The Way, Reigate.
Rev.C.W.Hutchinson, 9, York Road, London, S.E.l.

MINUTES. On vol.4.

To M.I.5. For further observations and reference to A.W.S. Dept., regarding proposed employement by Michaelis of 3, Regency Parade, Finchely Road, Swiss Cottage, N.W.3., as an artificial limb maker.

Sgd. (?) Welsteed. 5.8.41.

On vol.5. Index to M.I.5 in continuation of -/1 to +/4.

Sgd. C.E.CLACK.

8.8.41.

18.8.41. H.O. file returned minuted" Since the date of four last observations we have recrived a report, from an unconfirmed source, that FISCHER was a member of the Executive of the Young Communist League in Saxony. We do not wish to object to the release of this alien for employment with Mr. W.M. Michaelis of Swiss Cottage as proposed (subject to acceptance by the A.W.S. Dept). provided that he is not permitted to change his place or type of employment without the previous

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permission of the authorities.

T.S. Bazley.

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CROSS REFERENCE

SUBJECT FISCHER

July, 1941.

Extract from intercepted letter from Miss E. A. Allen containing a list of Czechs connected with the C.R.T.F. refugees who are interned in Canada; (or have been until recently).

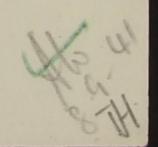
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SOURCE: M-D 23.7.41. "Werner FISCHER - Member of K.J.V.D. executive in Saxony, active Released. Communist. B. 8. c. 29.7.41. 12/8741

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Home Office - Aliens Department.

Re FISCHER, Werner, F 10223.

In reply to your communication of 25.6.41. regarding the above named alien, we do not wish, on his record, to object to his return to this country for release from internment; but this does not mean that we can express a final opinion on the question of release under category 6. Presumably he will have to satisfy the A.W.S. authorities that he is a suitable person for employment in whatever job is actually found for him by the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

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11.7.41.

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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

From. B.8.

To. B.4.b.2.

Please see the attached report from Captain Staff, M.I., the Intelligence Officer at Camp "A", Canada, relating to doubtful and bad cases due to return to this country for revision.

Date 10.7.41.

Signature. R.K.D. Renton

F.L. 18.7.41.

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CROSS REFERENCE

SUBJECT:

FISCHER Werner

Extract from List of Internees in Canada due to return to the U.K. for revision of their cases; sent by Intelligence Officer, Camp "A", Canada.

27.5.41.

Internees about to be returned to the U.K.

Amongst those internees due to return to the U.K. for revision of their cases, are several doubtful and bad characters. A. List is attached giving a brief summary of those concerned:-

CATEGORY "B" FOR REVISION

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FISCHER, Werner Camp No. 90.

Quite definitely an ardent and active Communist. A scurrilous Communist journal arrives weekly for him from England (World News and Views) Whilst in camp has behaved well and quietly.

S. Form 81.

F.L. 18.7.41.

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Please quote reterence, number—

HOME OFFICE (ALIENS DEPARTMENT).

P.O. BOX No. 2.

F. 10223/3.

BOURNEMOUTH,

Your ref. B.8.T.Gen./JDD.

HANTS.

B4B3216 25th June, 1941.

M.I.5.

PL 1351

Werner FISCHER.

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With reference to your memo dated 5th March last regarding the above-named alien, the release and return from Canada of this man is being considered on the grounds that he is a skilled worker in the making of surgical and orthopaedic appliances, and his services would be useful to this country. The Ministry of Labour and National Service do not anticipate difficulty in placing him under their industrial scheme. We accordingly arranging for his return from Canada and assume you will have no security chiestians to his

have no security objections to his

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Home Office. Aliens Dept.

re FISCHER, Werner.

This alien is known to us as a member of the SCHMIDT Group under the C.R.T.F. FISCHER is reported to have been a member of the Communist Party in Germany and was active in youth and sports organisations, though only in local and subordinate positions. In Czechoslovakia he did a certain amount of political work, and in England he is reported to have been inactive.

We do not wish to object on security grounds to the r elease of this alien, under Cat.7 for forestry work.

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Werner FISCHER.

FISCHER was a member of the Communist Party in the Reich and was mainly active in the Youth and Sport organisations, but only in local and subordinate positions. In Czechoslovakia he worked in the camp organisations of Spraclav Camp, and in England he has been completely inactive politically.

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6.6.41.

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List of members of the SCHMIDT Group sent with request for information from B.4b to B.24g, dated 21.5.41.

FISCHER, Werner, German (Czech Int).

Born 12.2.12. Arrived 18.3.39.

HATTWIG, Walter, German. Born 13.9.12.

Arrived 27.4.39.

JAHNKE, Erich, German. Born 19.11.07?

Arrived 4.5.39.

KOENIG, Georg, German. Born 22.3.04.

Arrived 27.4.39.

PAUKE, Helmuth, German. Born 9.3.01.

Arrived 17.4.39. (Czech Int. passport).

RUEDINGER, Fritz, German. Born 3.6.06.

Arrived 19.11.38.

SCHINDLER, Albert, German. Born 13.4.12.

Arrived 21.4.39.

SCHMIDT, Helmuth Ernst Karl, German.

Born 22. 2. 02. Arrived 4. 5. 39.

SEEGER, Walter, German. Born 10.5. or 3.01.

Arrived 12.6.39.

SILBER, Wilhelm, Stateless. Born 23.12.10.

AFFIVED 25.4.39.

WALLITSCHEE, Gerhard, German. Born 21.10.11.

Arrived 4.5.39.

WEID ANN, Fritz, German. Czech Int. passport.

Born 8.11.02. Arrived U.K. 1.6.39.

WILLBERG, Hermann, German. Born 10.6.00 Arrived 27.4.39. He is married, with a wife and daughter. The wife's name is believed to be

Katherine and the daughter, Eva Ruth.

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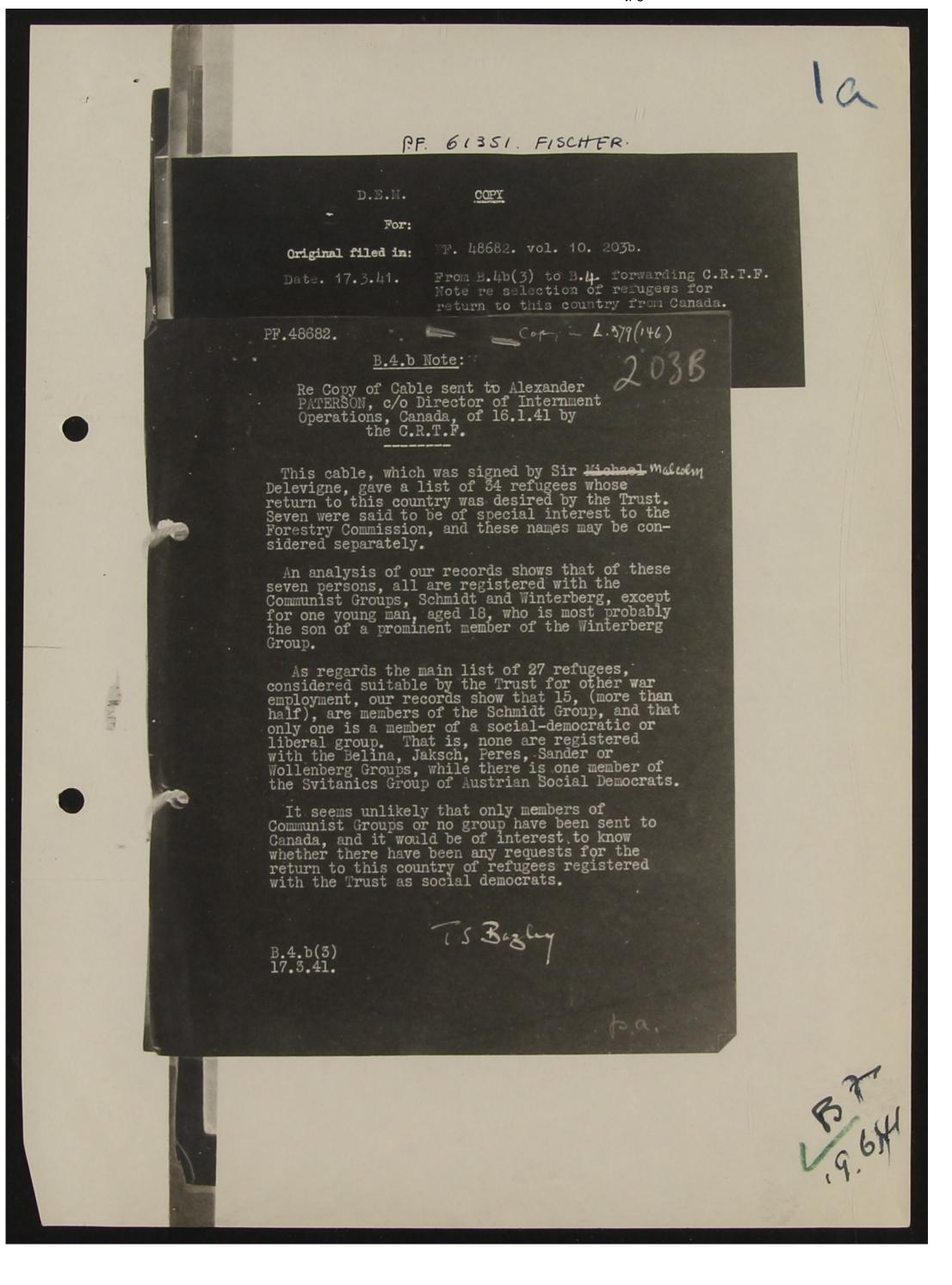
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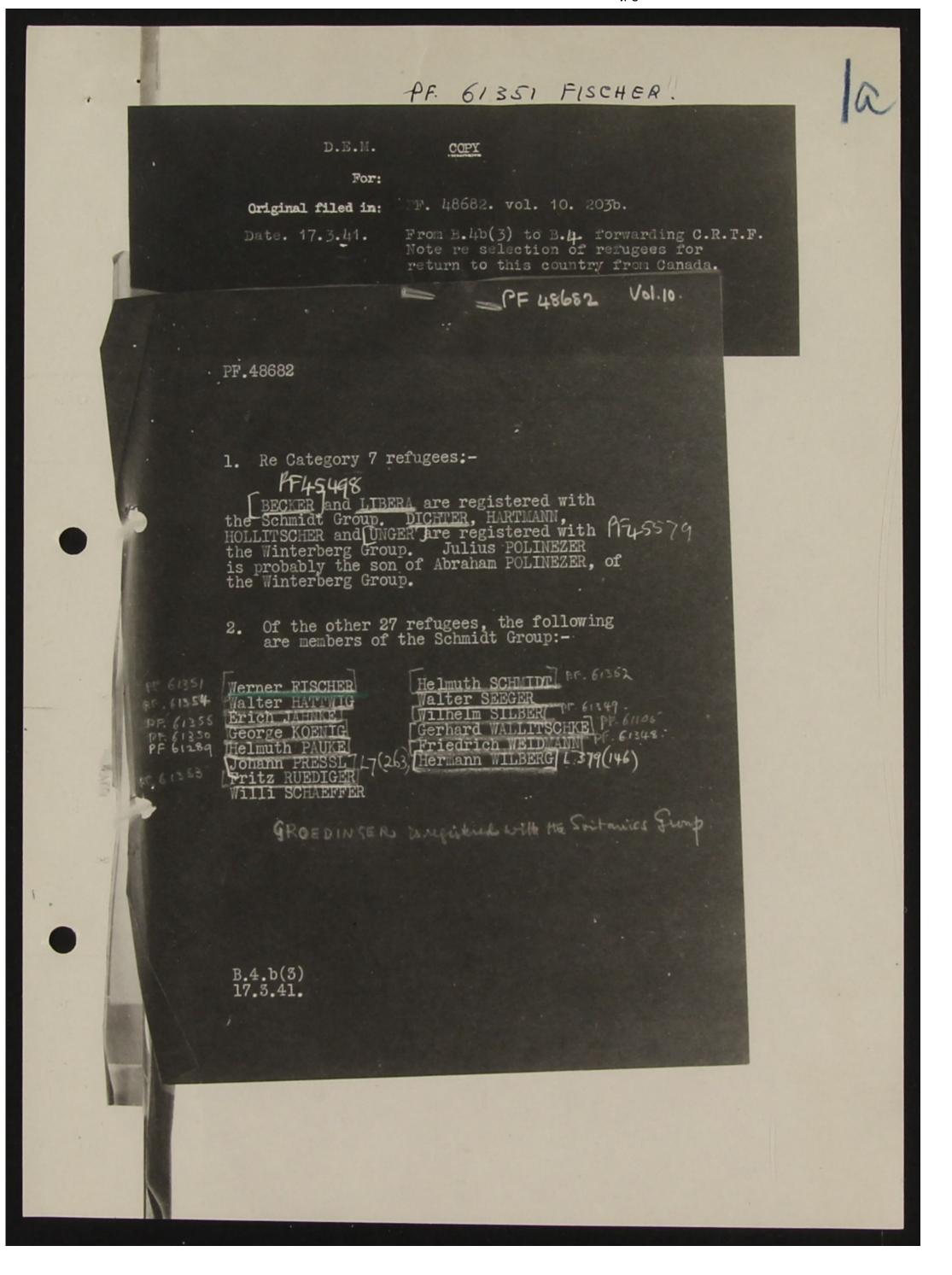
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Home Office (Aliens Department)

Werner FISCHER.

Your minute of 25th February, 1941. We communicated our view on this alien's case in our minute of 5.2.41, which reads:- "We have no file for this alien, and in present circumstances are unable to trace him.

M.I.5. (B.8.T.)
5.3.41.

J.D. Denniston.

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