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From: The Intelligence Officer, West Point, N.Y.

To: Director, Military Intelligence Br. 1330 F St., n.w., Washington, D.C.

Subject: General summary.

1. Walter Koeniger, Woodstock, N.Y. (enemy alien) previous correspondence: Sept. 14, 1918.

Subject an artist and was reported by an agent of this office, as being engaged in suspicious activities; his paintings especially attracted attention as they are all of the same type - he paints a winter and a summer scene with a hill in the background, a stream in the middle, and a tree in the foreground. The variation in the pictures seems to be in the number of limbs of this tree. These pictures are sold to a man in Long Island whose address I have not received. Koeniger receives fabulous prices for these pictures which are painted in from one half hour to an hour. He receives as much as \$250. for five or six paintings. Money is always received in currency or bills, but never in the form of checks. The Department of Justice, New York City, notified and is following the case.

2. Arthur Vogt, Saugerties, N.Y. (citizen) Previous correspondence: None.

Garage owner; believed to have been established in Saugerties by money furnished from the Deutsche Bank in New York City. Subject is under investigation by this office and has been reported to the Department of Justice.

3. Margaret Knox, Saugerties, N.Y. (citizen) Previous correspondence: *None*

The subject is financially and personally connected with the garage owner, Arthur Vogt. Her conduct has been the object of suspicion in Saugerties. Subject has now moved to Orange, N.J. where she occupies an apartment. The Department of Justice notified. It is to be noted that Arthur Vogt, Margaret Knox and Walter Koeniger are also connected financially through the bank in Saugerties, N.Y.

4. Fritz Reiss, Woodstock, N.Y. (enemy alien) previous correspondence: None.

Subject has been investigated by the Military Intelligence, 302

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13. Kingston Water Supply. Previous correspondence: *nme*

The loss of some 300,000 gallons of water from the Kingston water supply was reported to this office. The loss is being investigated by the Engineer Officer of this Post in connection with the N.Y. State Police. The original report was sent to the Governor, N.Y. State.

14. Bruno Teichmann - status not known. Previous correspondence: Sept. 16, 1918.

Formerly a guest at McGifford's Tavern, Kingston, N.Y. Was investigated for suspicious actions while a guest at McGifford's Tavern. No positive intelligence discovered; subject moved to New York City. Department of Justice notified.

15. Beigdoll Bros. status unknown. Previous correspondence: *nme*

These two men are draft evaders from Philadelphia, Pa. They were located in a cave on the top of Wittenburg Mountain, Ulster Co. N.Y., a search made with a view to their apprehension. They were not apprehended, having left their hiding place at least one day before the agents arrived there.

16. Aleister Crowley - English subject. Previous correspondence: *nme*

Subject has been camping on Esopus Island, Hudson River and was brought to attention of this office by subject's connections with Madeline George, an actress of New York City who had formerly been investigated by the Department of Justice on charges of being a German spy. It was determined that Aleister Crowley was an employee of the British Government but at present in this country on official business of which the British Counsel, New York City has full cognizance. However, he has been formerly investigated by the Attorney General Becker's office in connection with the activities of George Verick, and the propaganda in New York City. It was found that the British Government was fully aware of the fact that Crowley was connected with this German propaganda and had received money for writing anti-British articles. This case has been turned over to the N.Y. State Attorney General's Office, for such action as he may deem advisable. In view of the information which has been gathered within the past two months it may be possible that Aleister Crowley is double crossing the British Government. However, the case as not been completed as yet.

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