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Kurt L. PONGER, an American citizen who was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage in June, 1953 gave the following information concerning ~~the~~ Adolf EICHMANN to agents of this Bureau when interviewed during the latter part of April and the first part of May, 1953:

PONGER advised that toward the end of World War II, he learned that Adolf EICHMANN was the man who received instructions from HIMMLER for the extermination of all Jews in Germany. He indicated that EICHMANN was in charge of AMT IV, Jewish Section, 4A4B, which dealt with "enemies of the state." PONGER stated that to the best of his knowledge, EICHMANN had never been apprehended and was still alive. Through interrogation at Nuremberg, Germany, and through talking with various people, PONGER learned that EICHMANN had been sent to an American prisoner of war camp, had escaped, and was later seen alive. Thereafter, in Vienna, Austria, PONGER in talking with various Americans, Russians, Israelis and others concerning this matter, learned that apparently no one was interested in locating EICHMANN. PONGER stated that EICHMANN before being taken to the prisoner of war camp had last been seen at Alt Aussee, Upper Austria. He described the area of Alt Aussee as being situated in Styria, an eastern province in the Totes Gebirge Mountains.

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