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FORMER GERMAN DIPLOMATS IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL HANDED OVER TO THE AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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Seven one - Some German diplomats, military experts and members of the Secret Service in Spain and Portugal are now in American custody at Hohen-Saperg, near Stuttgart. According to a statement issued by the American Headquarters, they were surrendered in accordance with an agreement concluded by the Allied Control Council with the Spanish and Portuguese Governments.

Among the persons handed over were the following: Hans Thomsen, leader of the German Nazi Party in Spain; Arno Kleyenstüber, Chief of the Madrid Section of the German Military Secret Service in Madrid, who furnished reports to Berlin concerning movements of Allied Forces; Walter Becker, member of the German Diplomatic Corps in Madrid; Hermann Wengstern, a German Military Attache at Madrid, who had, since 1940, been living as a farmer in Ibioa; Sigesmund Bihra, First Counsellor in the German Embassy at Madrid; Gustav Leissner, alias Gustav Lenz, head of the German Military Espionage Service in Spain; Gabriel Altenkamper, radio expert at Madrid; Bernhard Dembinski, radio expert at Madrid; Hans Kroll, Consul General at Barcelona; Mathias Mohren, Agent at San Sebastian; Hans Seydel, Vice Consul at Tetuan; Hans Singer, Detective Commissary under the Folice Attaché of the German Embassy; Hans Urban, Secretary in the Consulate at Barcelona; Hans Weiss, Major in the German Counter-espionage Service at Madrid; Christof Buch, official in the German Counter-espionage Service at Madrid; Emil Geiger, Consul at Barcelona; Ludwig Losbichler, German representative at Tangier; Alter Prieger, official in the German Counter-espionage Service; Hermann Trutter, mechanic, employed in the German Counter-espionage Service; Hermann Trutter, mechanic, employed in the German Counter-espionage Service at Valencia; Heinrich Langenbein, official in the Counter-espionage and Military Intelligence Service; Wilhelm Langens, Consulate Secretary; Gerhard Schellert, of Valencia; Otto Gustav von Halen, former German Minister in Portugal; Schroeder, Gestapo Agont and Liaison Officer between the Portuguese police and the German Legation at Lisbon; Karl Friedel of Seville; Schersturnführer Hermann Hamfler, Detective Inspector for investigation of crimes in the German Embassy at Madrid.

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