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The Ministry for State Security (MfS) collected and processed numerous details about individuals who had attracted its attention. The present booklet of documents shows how this information found its way into records and the profound consequences this could have for the individuals concerned.

Further information is presented in the permanent exhibition on the Stasi Records Archive “Access to Secrecy” („*Einblick ins Geheime*“), which takes a closer look at the case of Gilbert Radulovic.

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INTRODUCTION

“Reminder of a youth movement: Punk” is the title of a booklet that the East German Gilbert Radulovic put together in the mid-1980s. He wanted to pass it on to friends inside and outside East Germany for their personal use. An only seemingly harmless endeavour. In the GDR (German Democratic Republic) this was enough to attract the attention of the State Security Service (in short *Stasi*).

After the end of the Second World War, the GDR had emerged as the second German state alongside the Federal Republic of Germany in the West. In the Communist one-party dictatorship in the eastern part of Germany, the party in power sought to control all areas of life. Nothing that could be seen as a rejection or as criticism of the sole rule of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (*Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands – SED*) was to be tolerated in the GDR. In its capacity as the secret police and intelligence service, the Ministry for State Security (*Ministerium für Staatssicherheit – MfS*) had the explicit task of identifying critics and potential “opponents” of the regime by means of the systematic surveillance of the population, countering their activities and, in this way, securing the existing power of the SED. Besides controlling post and telephone calls, covert surveillance, searches of flats and spying on “suspicious” individuals, the surveillance measures also encompassed psychological “undermining”, the use of informants, the unofficial collaborators (*inoffizielle Mitarbeiter – IM*) and, above all, the systematic gathering of information and data on individuals. At the same time, the MfS was also responsible for the criminal investigation of alleged enemies of the state.

Declared “enemies” of the SED regime included members of the punk movement, which originated in the USA and the United Kingdom and also spread to East German cities from the beginning of the 1980s. Punks were discredited in the GDR as being “western-decadent” and classified as “enemies of the state”. The state

power saw their protest attitude, their rejection of any form of imposed rules and their non-conformist behaviour as a challenge. For these reasons alone it considered Gilbert Radulovic’s recordings of the views of young punks to be a threat that could “harm the interests of the GDR” and could be used “in a defamatory manner against the state”. The situation was compounded by the facts that Radulovic wanted to have the booklet posted without having asked the GDR authorities for permission, and that the recipients in “non-socialist countries abroad” were, in any case, seen as potential enemies of the state.

On 31 January 1985 Stasi staff members launched what was known as a surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle – OPK*) codenamed “Schreiber”. By means of systematic background searches and surveillance measures, they wanted to find evidence for Radulovic’s alleged “illegal establishment of contact”, namely the contacting of the “class enemy” in the West, and for the political motives behind his actions. They seized every prior irregularity in the private life or work environment of the then forty-year-old in order to clearly identify and to prosecute him as an “enemy of the socialist society”.

The following documents from the Stasi Records Archive testify to the intensity with which the Stasi pursued its relentless collection of data. They provide insight into both the structure and putting together of the Stasi records and the varied nature of the documents. Above all they illustrate, on the basis of one concrete case, how quickly individuals could attract the attention of the Stasi and the profound consequences this could have.

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PRELUDE

Already during his youth Gilbert Radulovic, who was born in Görlitz in 1945 as Gilbert Kloß, had come into conflict with the political system in the GDR (German Democratic Republic). He frequently expressed his dissenting opinions and openly voiced criticism. After he had repeatedly attracted attention because of his “negative political-ideological attitude”, he was expelled from his philosophy course at Karl Marx University in Leipzig in 1970.

Radulovic then moved from Leipzig to East Berlin, where he took up a position as an insurance officer in 1971. He continued to voice his critical opinions to his friends and family and attended regular discussion groups among his circle of acquaintances. In what was known as the “Thursday Circle”, he met with about 10 individuals to exchange views on literature, arts, science and politics.

The Stasi kept a critical eye on this circle and classified it as a “hostile-negative group”. It identified Radulovic as “one of the most negative individuals” in this group, which was suspected of engaging in “anti-state agitation”. In the GDR this accusation could be used to criminalise and punish the voicing of almost every critical opinion according to Section 106 of the Criminal Code.

In 1979 Department 2 of Main Department XX of the Stasi, which was responsible for investigating and combating crimes of this nature, launched the surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle* – OPK) “Kopernikus” against Radulovic. The objective was to collect detailed information about Radulovic in order to verify the suspicion of “subversion”. The main details of the procedure are recorded in the “overview of the surveillance and control operation”, which is normally to be found at the beginning of every OPK file. Captain Willi Marquardt took over the case.

Despite extensive investigations, the Stasi could not prove that Radulovic had committed a crime. In 1980 the OPK “Kopernikus” was closed without Radulovic himself having noticed the surveillance measures. For the time being, the Stasi had lost interest in him. The Thursday Circle no longer existed at this point in time. The Stasi had successfully “undermined” it by infiltrating and intimidating the group.

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Übersichtsbogen zur operativen Personenkontrolle

Name, Vorname R a d u l o v i c, Gilbert

geboren am, in 2.1.1945 in Görlitz Bild
BStU
000006
(Aufnahmejahr)

wohnhaft 1034 Berlin, Kopernikusstr. 13

beschäftigt Rechtssachbearbeiter, VEB Wärmeanlagenbau Berlin

1. Entscheidung über das Einleiten

Hptm. Marquardt Berlin, 14.2.79 OSL Buhl
(vorschlagender Mitarbeiter) (Datum) (Letter)

2. Gründe für das Einleiten

Es besteht der Verdacht, daß R. feindlich im Sinne des § 106 StGB tätig ist.

3. Ziel der operativen Personenkontrolle

Fortsetzung der Prüfung bzw. Erarbeitung von Beweisen auf der Grundlage des angeführten Paragraphen.

4. Eingesetzte IM/GMS

IM		GMS	"Horst"	Koordiniert mit
				EV Berlin, Abt. XX,
				AG Sport ()
				

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**Overview of the surveillance and control operation
(Operative Personenkontrolle – OPK) “Kopernikus”**

Because of his participation in the “Thursday Circle” in which socio-political topics were discussed, the Stasi began its intensive surveillance of Gilbert Radulovic at the start of 1979. To this end, it launched a surveillance and control operation codenamed “Kopernikus”. This overview sums up the most important information. In addition to the personal details of Radulovic, it gives the names of the official Stasi staff members, Captain (Hauptmann – Hptm.) Marquardt who was in charge of the case, and his superior Lieutenant Colonel (Oberstleutnant – OSL) Buhl. The reason given by the Stasi for the surveillance of Radulovic was his suspected anti-state activity. According to Section 106 of the Criminal Code (Strafgesetzbuch – StGB) of the German Democratic Republic, the voicing of almost every critical opinion could be punished on such grounds as these of “subversion”. The Stasi wanted to investigate this initial suspicion and collect evidence of a crime.

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MfS/BV/Verw. Berlin, den 25.8.80

Dienst Einheit HA XX/2

Mitarbeiter Grunwald

28.08.80

BStU
000144

Abverfügung zur Archivierung

Nur für GMS, OPK, KK, Allg. P, Allg. S und KS III
(Zutreffendes unterstreichen)

Die Akte über: Name Radulovic geb. Kloß *)
Vorname Gilbert
geb. am 3.1.45
Geburtsort Görlitz
(oder amtliche bzw. bekannte Bezeichnung des Objektes)

ist zu archivieren.

Abschlußeinschätzung und Gründe der Archivierung:

Der R. wurde wegen seiner Zugehörigkeit zu einer vorgangsmäßig bearbeiteten neg.-feindlichen Gruppierung op. bearbeitet. Nachdem diese Gruppierung durch offensive op. Maßnahmen zersetzt worden ist, tritt R. nicht mehr in Erscheinung. Die op. Bearbeitung des R. hat ergeben, daß gegenwärtig die op. und strafrechtlichen Voraussetzungen für eine weitere Bearbeitung des R. nicht erfüllt sind.

Die Akte ist ~~gesperrt~~ / nicht gesperrt zu archivieren.
(Nichtzutreffendes streichen)

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Unterschriftsberechtigter

*) Angaben zu weiteren in dieser Akte genannten Personen auf der Rückseite eintragen.

Form 317 O HA XX/AKG

Instruction to archive

However, surveillance of Radulovic did not furnish sufficient evidence for a crime. In 1980 the surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle - OPK*) "Kopernikus" was closed. With this instruction, the corresponding Stasi staff member directed his colleagues to archive the OPK file. In the meantime the Stasi had successfully "undermined" the Thursday Circle by infiltrating and intimidating the group. Radulovic had already left the circle before its dissolution.



Willi Marquardt

Willi Marquardt (born in 1930) was an experienced staff member of the Ministry for State Security (MfS). The trained locksmith joined the Stasi in 1957 and worked for many years for Main Department XX. In Department 2 of Main Department XX, responsible for prosecuting “subversion”, Captain Marquardt was in charge of the surveillance and control operation (OPK) “Kopernikus” against Gilbert Radulovic. By the end of his career in 1988, Marquardt had advanced to the rank of Major. The Stasi had repeatedly decorated him for “combating the political underground”.



Hans Buhl

Hans Buhl (born in 1933) joined the State Security in 1952. During his career with the Stasi, he occupied various leadership positions – between 1974 and 1980 he was in charge of Department 2 of Main Department XX, which was responsible for investigating “subversion”. He was the superior of Willi Marquardt and, as such, he was also responsible for the surveillance of Radulovic in conjunction with the OPK “Kopernikus”. Buhl still held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at that time; by 1989 he had advanced to the rank of Colonel.

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THE "SCHREIBER" CASE

In 1982 Gilbert Radulovic got to know a group of young punks through his church contacts. As he was interested in their take on life and their views, he recorded conversations with them. Initially, Radulovic planned to publish the records with a GDR publishing house at a later date. However, he soon realised that the state could have deemed the comments of the punks to be highly critical of the regime, so he abandoned his original project. Two years later he put together the booklet "Reminder of a youth movement: Punks", using the material he had collected for private purposes.

In January 1985 Radulovic gave his mother the few copies intended for friends in "non-socialist countries" in addressed envelopes. As she was a pensioner, she was allowed to travel to West Germany, where she was to post the eight envelopes. However, the envelopes were discovered at the border crossing point Gutenfürst during a routine control on 17 January 1985. Because the booklet contained non-conformist remarks by punks, it was deemed to constitute a "subversive writing directed against the GDR". When asked about the author, Radulovic's mother had to reveal her son's name. As a result, the machinery of the Stasi was set in motion again.

On 31 January 1985 the Stasi launched a new surveillance case against Gilbert Radulovic codenamed "Schreiber". This time Department 3 of Main Department XVIII was in charge of the "operational processing and investigation". It was responsible for "protecting the national economy" in the GDR and, in this context, also for the surveillance of the plant where Radulovic worked. The responsible Stasi officer was Captain Gerd Staedtler.

According to the overview of the surveillance and control operation "Schreiber", the Stasi pursued the goal of "putting together evidence of the criminally

relevant actions of R." and then instigating preliminary investigations in line with Section 219 of the Criminal Code of the GDR. Behind this was the offence of "illegal establishment of contact". The production and distribution of the punk brochure was likely, in the opinion of the Stasi, to harm the interests of the GDR abroad and should, therefore, be criminally prosecuted.

On 1 February 1985 Captain Staedtler drew up an action plan in which the tasks, responsibilities and processing periods in the "Schreiber" case were laid down. According to this action plan, attention was to focus in particular on Radulovic's personal background and his circle. The more information the Stasi collected on him, the more it found confirmation of its initial suspicion. It felt that his attempt "to establish illegal contact" was the logical consequence of the ongoing evolution of Radulovic as an "enemy of the state".

The precondition for the instigation of preliminary investigations was to prove that it was indeed Radulovic who was the author of the punk booklet. He was, therefore, to be the subject of covert surveillance and then brought in for interrogation. After he had been under continuous surveillance for one whole day, four Stasi staff members in plain clothes picked him up from his workplace on the morning of 27 March 1985. "To clarify a matter", they took him to Magdalenenstrasse in the Berlin district of Lichtenberg. This was the location of Stasi detention centre II in the direct vicinity of the headquarters of the Ministry for State Security and the office of the Minister Erich Mielke. The first interrogation of suspects was normally conducted at Magdalenenstrasse before they were brought before the committal judge.



Gerd Staedtler

Gerd Staedtler (born in 1949), a trained measurement and control engineering technician from Zeitz, had been a member of the State Security since 1968. He began with a three-year period of service with the MfS "Felix Dzerzhinsky" Guards Regiment in Berlin. As a Stasi staff member, he was sent to study engineering in Zwickau in 1971 in order to equip him with the technical expertise for his future work. After completing his engineering studies, he joined Main Department XVIII in 1975. There he worked on the monitoring of central industrial sectors in the GDR. He was repeatedly decorated for his many years of reliable work, including his "successful" processing of the OPK "Schreiber". At that time still with the rank of Captain, Staedtler had advanced to the position of deputy head of section with the rank of Major by 1989.



Photo: SLUB (Sächsische Landesbibliothek – Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek) Dresden/ Deutsche Fotothek, Ivo Petřík, 1992

The border station Gutenfürst

The border station Gutenfürst in Saxon Vogtland was located between the cities of Plauen in the East (GDR) and Hof in the West (FRG). In the course of inter-German travel, passenger trains crossing the border had to stop here. This is also the station where Radulovic's mother underwent routine controls on her trip to West Germany in January 1985. During the controls customs officials discovered and confiscated her son's booklet about the punks.

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 Diensteinheit HA XVIII/312
 Mitarbeiter Staedtler MfS Reg.-Nr. XV/1009/85

Übersichtsbogen zur operativen Personenkontrolle

"Schreiber"
Deckname

BStU
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Lfd. Nr.	Name, Vorname	PKZ ¹	Karteikarten erhalten Datum/Unterschrift
1	Radulovic, Gilbert	030145 4 224 25	1. 02. 85 <small>erstattet</small> Abt. XII
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	05. 02. 85 <small>erstattet</small> Abt. XII
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	05. 02. 85 <small>erstattet</small> Abt. XII
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12. 02. 85 <small>erstattet</small> Abt. XII

1. Gründe für das Einleiten
 - Nach vorliegenden inoffiziellen Hinweisen gehörte der R. in der Vergangenheit feindlich rezipierten Organisationen an. Trotz eingeleiteter offensiver Maßnahmen durch das MfS werden von dem R. noch Verbindungen zu solchen Gruppierungen unterhalten.
 - Es besteht der Verdacht, daß der R. Schriftgut über derartige Gruppierungen herstellt und dieses über dritte Personen nach dem NSW zum Versand bringt.

2. Zielstellung der OPK
 Die OPK "Schreiber" wird mit dem Ziel angelegt, Beweise für die strafrechtlichen relevanten Handlungen des R. zu erheben und das Material an die HA IX 12 zur Einleitung eines EV kurzfristig zu übergeben.

3. Entscheidung über das Einleiten
 Bestätigt: Böhm, OSL 31.01.85 [Signature]
Datum Unterschrift

4. Eingesetzte IM/GMS Koordiniert mit

<u>775 "Nelke"</u>		
<u>775 "Blitz"</u>		
<u>775 "Klaus Walter"</u>		

¹ PKZ bei DDR-Bürgern, bei Ausländern Geburtsdatum angeben!

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Overview of the surveillance and control operation "Schreiber"

This form provided a basic overview of the surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle* – OPK) "Schreiber". The responsible Stasi staff member Staedtler gives, as the reason for surveillance, the suspicion that Radulovic was disseminating writings with "hostile-negative content" in the "non-socialist economic area" (*nichtsozialistisches Wirtschaftsgebiet* – NSW), i.e. in a country abroad deemed to be hostile by the GDR. The Stasi interpreted this as "illegal establishment of contact", by means of which Radulovic wanted to supply the "class enemy" in the West with subversive material directed against the GDR. The aim of the OPK was to collect and pass on evidence to corroborate this suspicion. Main Department (*Hauptabteilung* – HA) IX was then to use this incriminating material in order to instigate preliminary proceedings against Radulovic. As the central investigative body of the Ministry for State Security (MfS), it was responsible for the criminal prosecution of political cases.

The envisaged surveillance measures are also listed in the overview. This is where the codenames of the unofficial collaborators (*inoffizielle Mitarbeiter* – IM) who were to report on Radulovic are recorded.

OPK Reg.-Nr. **XV1 009/85**

Vorg.-Art **OPK**

Deckname "Schreiber"

IM-Kategorie / Delikt **Aufklärung strafbarer Handlungen**

Angelegt am **1. 02. 85** MfS / BV / Verw. **MfS**

HA / Abt. / KD **XVIII/3/2** Mitarb. **Staedtler**

Beendet am: **28. 01. 88** MfS / BV / Verw. **MfS** Archiv-Nr. **1230/88**

Nicht gesperrt

Datum	Art der Veränderung

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The central case index card F 22 for the OPK "Schreiber"

The case index card F 22 that can be found under the same registration number indicates the kind of case created: it involves a surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle – OPK*) "to investigate criminal acts". The date on which the index card was created, the competent Section 2 of Department 3 within Main Department (*Hauptabteilung – HA*) XVIII and the responsible staff member Staedtler are also noted.

However, the correct name of Radulovic is no longer recorded in the case index, just the codename "Schreiber". This is because, on the grounds of secrecy, the details on the case card alone were not meant to allow any direct conclusions about the person recorded in this case.

When the Stasi archived the documents on the OPK "Schreiber" in 1988, the archive number 1230/88, under which the corresponding file could be located, was added to the index card.

OPK "Schreiber"

Vorgangsart **OPK** Deckname **XV1 009/85**

Kategorie **Aufklärung strafbarer Handlungen** Reg.-Nr. **XV1 009/85**

Tatbestand

HA/Abt./KD **XVIII/3/2** MfS/BV **MfS**

angelegt am **1. 02. 85** Mitarbeiter **Staedtler**

umregistriert am **27. 01. 88** zum

beendet am **27. 01. 88** wegen **4 Pers.**

Archiv-Nr. **1230/88** **Nicht gesperrt** **1 Pers. EV mit Haft**

3 Pers. Vorb., erz. Ma.
Maßn.

The codename index card F 77 on "Schreiber"

The codename index card F 77 gives the codename "Schreiber". This belongs to the case that could be found under the same registration number in the case index F 22. Here, too, details are given of the type of case, the surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle – OPK*), the corresponding competences of the Stasi, Section 2 of Department 3 of Main Department (HA) XVIII as well as the competent staff member Staedtler, and the date the case was created.

In 1988 the date was added on which the case was closed as was the archive number (*Archiv-Nr.*) of the archived file on the OPK "Schreiber". The reason for closing the case was added in handwriting: one person faced criminal investigations (*Ermittlungsverfahren – EV*) with imprisonment and "preventive educational measures" were taken against three other people involved in the case.

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- Prüfung, ob eine Aussage durch die Abt. 32 bezüglich des verwandten Schreibmaschinentyps möglich ist -
 im positiven Falle Beibringung von Vergleichsschrift zur Erstellung eines Untersuchungsberichtes

T. für Absprache: 4. 2. 85
 V.: Hptm. Staedtler

6. Überprüfung der Personen in den Speichern des MfS, an die die Unterlagen geschickt werden sollten.
 Weiterhin soll eine Überprüfung zu diesen Personen hinsichtlich einer möglichen journalistischen Tätigkeit über die HV A VII erfolgen.

T.: 1. Feb. 1985
 V.: Hptm. Staedtler

7. Einleitung von M-Kontrollen zu den NSM-Personen sowie zu R. und [REDACTED]

T.: 1. Feb. 1985
 V.: Hptm. Staedtler

8. Abforderung eines Sachstandsberichtes der Zollverwaltung zur Kontrolle [REDACTED] des R. am 17. 1. 85 an der GÖSt Gutenfürst zur Verwendung als Beweismittel

T.: 6. Feb. 1985
 V.: Hptm. Staedtler

9. Überprüfung der Hausbewohner Husemannstr. 10 in der Abt. XII zur Suche nach IM/GMS

T.: 5. Feb. 1985
 V.: OS Diesing

10. Überprüfung des R. in den Speichern der Abt. M, PZF, VI

T.: 5. Feb. 1985
 V.: OS Diesing

11. Sofortüberprüfung der Mutter des R. in Abt. XII

T.: 1. Feb. 1985
 V.: Major Irmisch

12. Erarbeitung eines Sachstandsberichtes mit Darstellung der erzielten Ermittlungsergebnisse entsprechend des Maßnahmeplanes

T.: 15. Feb. 1985
 V.: Hptm. Staedtler

Staedtler
 Staedtler
 Hauptmann

Action plan for the surveillance and control operation (OPK) "Schreiber" (2)

The planned measures that are listed were, for instance, the search of Radulovic's workplace, the criminal-technical examination of the confiscated envelopes and copies of the punk booklet, or the investigation of the background of Radulovic's mother and any individuals he had wanted to send his brochure to. The intention of the Stasi was in particular to elaborate "a comprehensive evaluation of the personality" of Gilbert Radulovic. All activities were listed with details of timeframes and the name of the responsible Stasi staff member to ensure that the "achieved results of the investigation" could be compiled in a timely manner and then passed on.

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MINISTERRAT
DER DEUTSCHEN DEMOKRATISCHEN REPUBLIK
Ministerium für Staatssicherheit

Bildbericht

zu " SCHREIBER "

Gefertigt am 02.04.85 von Gen Dietrich

Aufnahmen am 26.03.85 von Gen Haase

2 Blatt
3 Aufnahmen

Photo report on "Schreiber"

In the course of the OPK "Schreiber", the Stasi collected incriminating material against Gilbert Radulovic with a view to clearly identifying him as the author of the "subversive" punk booklet. In addition, he was to be the subject of covert surveillance and then brought in for interrogation.

From the early morning of 26 March 1985 through to the next morning, Stasi staff members had the "target individual" Radulovic under continuous surveillance. It prepared a highly detailed protocol of where Radulovic went that day, how much time he spent at each location and exactly what he got up to. Equipped with conspiratorial surveillance technology, the Stasi staff members not only had him under surveillance, but they also took covert photos and painstakingly recorded their observations about Radulovic, who was only referred to here by the codename "Schreiber".

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26.03.85 4.45 p.m. "Schreiber" in front of REWATEX – collection point Sredzkistr. corner Kollwitzstr.

26.03.85 4.58 p.m. "Schreiber" loading the trailer at the collection point Sredzkistr. corner Kollwitzstr.

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26.03.85 5.10 p.m. "Schreiber" in front of the residential building Schwedter Str. 5.

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Bild 1



26.03.85 16.45 Uhr " Schreiber " vor der REWATEX -
annahmestelle Sredzkistr. Ecke Kollwitzstr. .

Bild 2

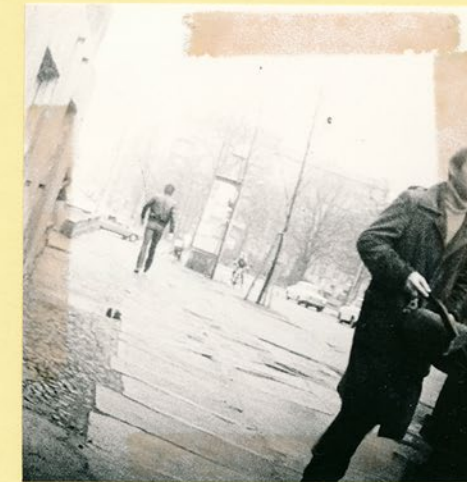


26.03.85 16.58 Uhr " Schreiber " beim Beladen des
Anhängers vor der Annahmestelle Sredzkistr.
Ecke Kollwitzstr. .

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Bild 3



26.03.85 17.10 Uhr " Schreiber " vor dem Wohnhaus
Schwedter Str. 5 .

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Hauptabteilung VIII
Abteilung 2

Berlin, 27. März 1985

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Z u f ü h r u n g s b e r i c h t

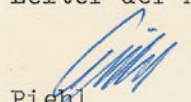
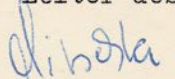
R a d u l o v i c , Gilbert

geb. am: 3.1.1945
wohnhaft: Berlin, Husemannstr. 10

Der Obengenannte wurde am 27. 3. 1985 gegen 8.00 Uhr auf seiner Arbeitsstelle angesprochen.

Nach Überprüfung seiner Personalien wurde der R. aufgefordert, zur Klärung eines Sachverhaltes mit auf die Dienststelle zu kommen.

Der Überführung in die UHA II, Magdalenenstraße, setzte er keinen Widerstand entgegen.

Leiter der Abteilung  Piehl Oberstleutnant	Leiter des Referates 3  Nitschke Major
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3 Ex. gefertigt
2 Ex. auftragsers. DE
1 Ex. Ablage der HA VIII

Detention report

The surveillance activities had supplied the Stasi with the "initial operational indications" that Gilbert Radulovic was suspected of having committed a serious political crime – the attempted "illegal establishment of contact". Even the attempt could be punished in the GDR with a custodial sentence of several years.

In order to "examine" this suspicion, Stasi staff members picked up Radulovic from his workplace on the morning of 27 March 1985. "To clarify a matter", he was first taken to the detention centre (*Untersuchungshaftanstalt* – UHA II) on Magdalenenstrasse, which was right next door to the Stasi headquarters.

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IN THE PRETRIAL DETENTION CENTRE

An initial interrogation of Gilbert Radulovic by the Stasi took place in the pretrial detention centre on Magdalenenstrasse on the morning of 27 March 1985. As the suspect, Radulovic was to respond to the criminal acts he was accused of. Immediately he admitted that he was the author of the punk booklet. He also went on record as saying that he wanted to document, out of purely personal interest, “how punks live and think” and did not have the slightest intention of disseminating this material as propaganda against the GDR. However, the fact that he had tried secretly to get the booklets to his friends in the West furnished the Stasi with the decisive grounds to accuse him of the “illegal establishment of contact”.

His “confession” turned the accused Gilbert Radulovic into a strong suspect. His “subversive intentions” still had to be proven through the preliminary proceedings that had now been instigated. Immediately after the initial interrogation, Stasi staff members arrested Radulovic and took him to the central pretrial detention centre in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen. The competent municipal district court Central Berlin issued the warrant for his arrest one day later.

The notorious central Stasi pretrial detention centre was located in the middle of a restricted military zone that only appeared as an empty area in the city maps of East Berlin. The inmates were intentionally left in the dark about where they were detained – one of many psychological “undermining methods” used by the Stasi to make the inmates feel powerless and at their mercy.

In the GDR the Ministry for State Security (MfS) was also responsible for criminal prosecution in political cases. Main Department IX of the MfS, in its capacity as the investigative body, had criminal police powers and conducted criminal investigations. On paper, it reported to the public prosecutor but, in practice, it

largely worked on its own. Department 2 within Main Department IX, whose focus was on investigating cases involving “political underground activities”, took over the Radulovic case. The responsible investigative officer, Major Wolfgang Mascher, initiated extensive action. Radulovic’s employer was asked for assessments, information from his personal circle and on his past was collected, a number of witnesses were interviewed, incriminating material was seized and evaluated, and postal items were monitored.

The focus of the extended investigation was on interrogating the suspect. Gilbert Radulovic was interrogated more than 40 times during his pretrial detention, sometimes three times a day. Again and again, he had to outline his political stance, the reasons for preparing the booklet and the circle of recipients.

The prerequisite for the “successful” conclusion of the preliminary proceedings followed by a conviction on the grounds of “illegal establishment of contact” was the accusation that Radulovic had intentionally produced his booklet for the purpose of dissemination abroad. That’s why the Stasi endeavoured to trace connections of Radulovic to former GDR citizens in the West. It repeatedly insinuated that he had planned to pass on his booklet to the media in the West. Its aim was to supply the public prosecution with a gap-free chain of evidence on which it could then build in the ensuing court proceedings.

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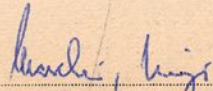
Am 27. März 1985 wurde gegen 11.40 Uhr
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Tatverdachts der ungesetzlichen Verbindungsauf-
nahme gemäß § 219 Abs. 2 Ziff. 1
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a) auf der Grundlage eines richterlichen Haftbefehls
b) vorläufig festgenommen
und am 27. März 1985 in die UHA des Mfs
eingeliefert.



Name RADULOVIC geb. KLOß Vornamen Gilbert
geb. am 3. Januar 1945 in Görlitz
Beruf Verkehrskaufmann zuletzt Bearbeiter für Ver-
sicherungen und Inven-
turen
Anschrift der Arbeitsstelle VEB Wärmeanlagenbau "DSF", 1020 Berlin,
Wallestraße 9/13
Familienstand geschieden Staatsangehörigkeit DDR Nation deutsch
Wohnanschrift 1058 Berlin, Husemannstraße 10
Letzter Aufenthalt wie Wohnanschrift
Name und Anschrift der nächsten Angehörigen geschiedene Ehefrau: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Nummer der Personaldokumente PA für Bürger der DDR Nr. A 0399295
PKZ: 030145 4 2242 5

Die Vorführung erfolgte
am 28. 3. 1985, 11.55 Uhr
durch Karraß/Ultn.


Name und Dienstgrad des Einlieferenden

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Committal notification (1)

Immediately after the first interrogation and the "confession" by Radulovic that he had produced the punk booklet, he was formally arrested by the Stasi on 27 March 1985 at around 11.40 a.m. Only now did the Stasi have sufficient incriminatory material to support the strong suspicion of "illegal establishment of contact", as defined in Section 219 of the GDR Criminal Code (*Strafgesetzbuch – StGB*). Based on this section, Main Department IX, the investigative authority for political crimes, was able to instigate criminal proceedings. Radulovic's status switched from the accused to a strong suspect. With a view to proving his "subversive intentions", he was now taken into pretrial detention.

An den Staatsanwalt ~~Generalstaatsanwalt der DDR, Abteilung YA~~

Es wird gebeten

1. Erlaß des richterlichen Haftbefehls gegen den Beschuldigten zu beantragen.
2. Gemäß §§ 108, 109 StPO die Durchsuchung der Wohn- und Nebenräume des Beschuldigten und die Beschlagnahme aller Gegenstände, die für die Untersuchung von Bedeutung sind, anzuordnen.

Gründe: (einschl. verletzte Strafrechtsnormen und Begründung für die Notwendigkeit der Untersuchungshaft gemäß der StPO) Der Beschuldigte stellte seit Mitte 1982 Überlegungen an, mehrere Jugendliche aus Punk-Kreisen zu ihren politischen Auffassungen und den Motiven ihres Verhaltens zu befragen und diese Aussagen sowie die dabei gefertigten Fotoaufnahmen dem Verlag "Neues Leben" zur Publikation anzubieten. Da ihm die Veröffentlichung der Befragungsergebnisse in der DDR aufgrund des ablehnenden gegen die gesellschaftliche Entwicklung gerichteten Inhalts nicht realisierbar erschien, entschloß sich RADULOVIC im Herbst 1984 dazu, von diesem Material selbst eine Broschüre herzustellen und diese Personen im westlichen Ausland zugänglich zu machen. In Realisierung dessen fertigte er unter Einbeziehung weiterer Personen insgesamt 40 kopierfähige Exemplare einer 20 Blatt A4 umfassenden Schrift mit dem Titel "Erinnerung an eine Jugendbewegung: Punk", wovon er seine Mutter [redacted] zu einer beabsichtigten Reise in die BRD am 17. 1. 1985 insgesamt 8 Exemplare übergeben hatte. Diese Aufzeichnungen sowie die vom Beschuldigten adressierten Kuverte mit Anschriften von Personen in Frankreich, der BRD und Westberlins wurden im Rahmen einer Zollkontrolle der Mutter des Beschuldigten sichergestellt. strafbar gemäß § 219 (2) 1 StGB. Die Voraussetzungen für die Untersuchungshaft ergeben sich aus § 122 Abs. 1 Ziff. 2 StPO.


1. Beschuldigtenvernehmung vom 27. 3. 1985
 2. 8 A4-Kuverte, gerichtet an Personen in Frankreich, der BRD und Westberlin, Inhalt je eine 20seitige Schrift mit dem Titel "Erinnerung an eine Jugendbewegung: Punk"
 3. Einziehungsentscheid der Zollverwaltung der DDR vom 17.1.1985
 4. Erklärung der Mutter des Beschuldigten [redacted] vom 17.1.1985
- Hinweise für den Staatsanwalt zur Sicherung der Ansprüche des Beschuldigten entsprechend der beigefügten Erklärung des Beschuldigten:

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Eine sofortige Benachrichtigung der Angehörigen und des Betriebes kann - nicht - vorgenommen werden, da dadurch der Zweck der Untersuchung gefährdet wird.

Bestätigt:


Name, Dienstgrad


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*) Nichtzutreffendes streichen

Committal notification (2)

To justify the need for pretrial detention, the responsible Stasi staff member described the statements made by Radulovic during his first interrogation about how he had come to produce and pass on the punk booklet. Since 1982 Radulovic had shown an interest in the attitudes of young punks and had originally wanted to publish their comments and photos with a GDR publishing house. He abandoned this project when it became "clear to him that this was not possible because the content was directed against societal development". In the autumn of 1984, Radulovic himself put together the material into a booklet, made copies and gave his mother a few to take with her on her trip to West Germany.

In the GDR an act of this kind could be prosecuted as a criminal act of "illegal establishment of contact". Under Section 219 of the Criminal Code (StGB) contacts in non-socialist countries and any attempt to disseminate writings that "are likely to harm the interests of the GDR" were liable to punishment.

Das Stadtbezirks-gericht Berlin-Mitte 000004

Aktenzeichen: Hs.C. 36/85 Berlin, den 28. März 1985
(Bei Eingaben stets anführen) Fernruf

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Haftbefehl


Der RADULOVIC, Gilbert, geb. am 3. Januar 1945, wohnhaft in 1058 Berlin, Husemannstraße 10

Ist in Untersuchungshaft zu nehmen.

Er wird beschuldigt, sich der ungesetzlichen Verbindungsaufnahme schuldig gemacht zu haben, indem er im Herbst 1984 zum Zwecke der Verbreitung im Ausland Aufzeichnungen mit Nachrichten herstellte, die geeignet sind, den Interessen der DDR zu schaden.

Vergehen/Verbrechen gem. § 219 Absatz 2 Ziffer 1 StGB
 Er/Sie ist dieser Straftat dringend verdächtig.
 Die Anordnung der Untersuchungshaft ist gemäß § 122 Absatz 1 Ziffer 2 StPO gesetzlich begründet, weil ein Verbrechen den Gegenstand des Verfahrens bildet.

Gegen diesen Haftbefehl ist das Rechtsmittel der Beschwerde zulässig (§ 127 StPO).
 Sie ist binnen einer Woche nach Verkündung des Haftbefehls bei dem unterzeichneten Gericht zu Protokoll der Rechtsantragstelle oder schriftlich durch den Betroffenen oder einen in der DDR zugelassenen Rechtsanwalt einzulegen (§§ 305, 306 StPO).



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Warrant for the arrest of Gilbert Radulovic

After the initial interrogation of Radulovic on the morning of 27 March 1985, the Stasi had applied for a court warrant for arrest to the public prosecutor's office on the grounds of the strong suspicion of "illegal establishment of contact". One day later the competent municipal district court Central Berlin issued the arrest warrant. The judge directed the pretrial detention of Gilbert Radulovic on the grounds that the suspect was accused of the "crime" of having made records that could "harm ... the interests of the GDR ... with the purpose of dissemination abroad".



The main access way to the central Stasi pretrial detention centre on Freienwalder Strasse in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, mid-1980s

Pretrial detention centre Berlin-Hohenschönhausen

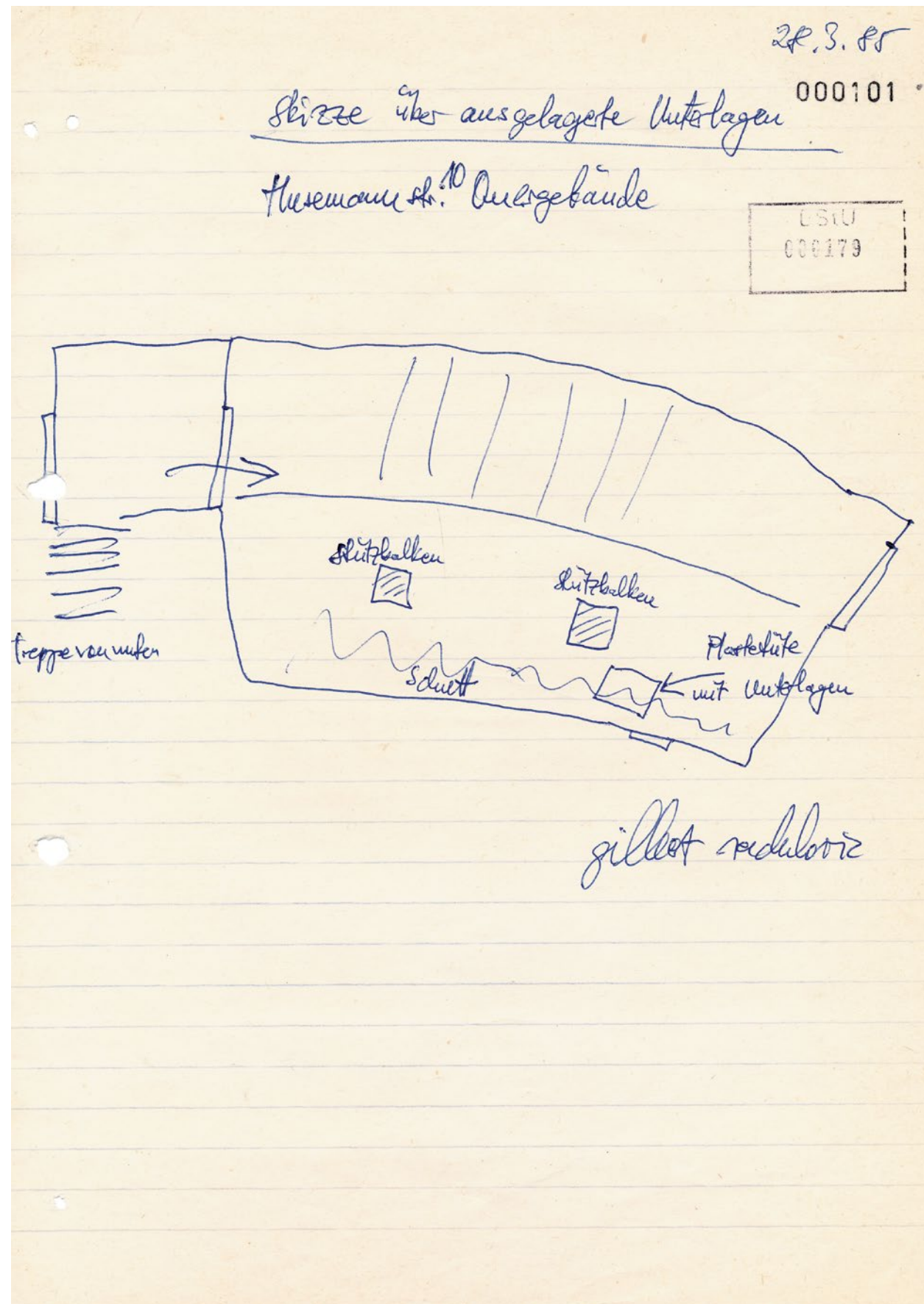
After World War II the Soviet occupying power had initially set up a special camp for the internment of political opponents on a former industrial site in the East Berlin district of Hohenschönhausen. From 1946 onwards, this site was used as the central Soviet pretrial detention centre for East Germany. In 1951 it was taken over by the Ministry for State Security of the GDR as its central pretrial detention centre.

With the demise of the GDR in 1990, the prison was closed and all its inmates were released. In 1992 the buildings were classified as a historical monument. Since 1994 a memorial centre at this historical site provides information about political persecution and repression under communist tyranny in Germany.



Wolfgang Mascher

Wolfgang Mascher from Erfurt (born in 1946) began working for the Ministry for State Security (MfS) at the age of 20. Initially employed in the MfS Guards Regiment in Berlin, he was soon moved to the Main Department for Personal Protection and then to the Main Department for Cadres and Training. In 1970 the trained concrete construction worker began studying criminology at Berlin Humboldt University to prepare for his investigative work. After that, he was taken on as an investigative officer by Main Department IX, the investigative body of the MfS. In this capacity he led the preliminary investigations against Gilbert Radulovic. By the end of his career with the Stasi in 1989, Mascher had advanced to the position of head of section with the rank of Major.



Sketch of hidden documents

The suspect Gilbert Radulovic was subjected to innumerable interrogations during his custody in the Stasi pretrial detention centre in Hohenschönhausen. Over and over, he explained his motivation behind the preparation of his punk booklet and the exact circumstances of its production. In order to unearth further evidence for the continuation of the preliminary proceedings, the Stasi repeatedly conducted searches of Radulovic's apartment and workplace. Staff members seized writings, books, newspapers and anything that seemed suspicious. During one interrogation on 28 March 1985, Radulovic made this sketch. It indicated where in the attic of his residential building he had hidden further records of his discussions with the punks and other notes for his booklet.

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eine, auf Anordnung des Generalstaatsanwaltes der DDR bei:
 R. A. D. U. L. O. V. I. C., Gilbert geb. am 03.01.1945
 wohnhaft in 1054 Berlin, Schwedter Str. 5
 alte Wohnanschrift: 1058 Berlin, Husemannstr. 10
 durchgeführte Wohnungsdurchsuchung.

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Photo report of a search of the apartment on Husemannstrasse

Based on the statements and the sketch made by Gilbert Radulovic, Stasi staff members searched the attic of his former residential building – just before this Radulovic had moved house – to find further documents about the punk booklet. They took photos to record the location where they were found. To ensure the success of the preliminary investigations, all incriminating evidence against Radulovic was to be compiled.

Page 48:

“Search and confiscation in the attic of the old apartment in 1058 Berlin, Husemannstrasse 10 in line with positions 1 and 2 of the search and confiscation protocol“

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Stasi staff members drew arrows on the photos by hand in order to indicate the exact spots where evidence had been found.

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After Gilbert Radulovic had learned at the end of January 1985 that the envelopes with the copies of the punk booklet had been seized at the border crossing point, he took the original to his ex-wife’s apartment. He hid additional documents about his recorded discussions with the punks in the attic of his then residential building.

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The photos taken by Stasi staff members during the search of the attic indicate the exact location and the material found there. What can be seen here are photos of the punks interviewed by Radulovic, photo paper and additional individual copied pages from his booklet on the punks.

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Durchsuchung und Beschlagnahme auf dem Boden der alten Wohnung in 1058 Berlin, Husemannstraße 10 entsprechend Position 1 und 2 des Durchsuchungs- und Beschlagnahme-protokolls



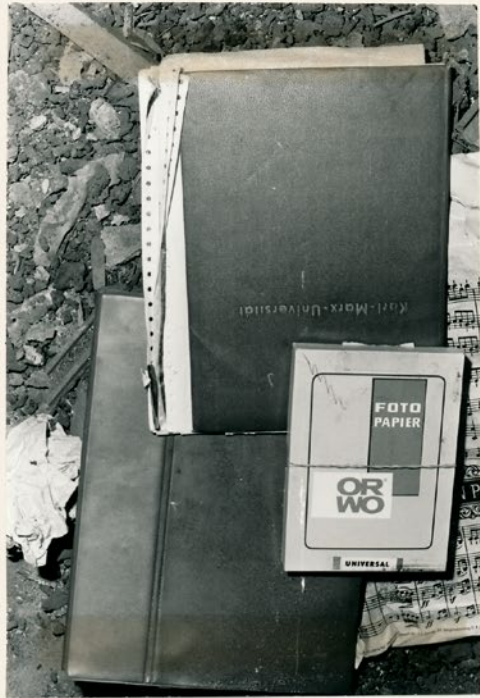
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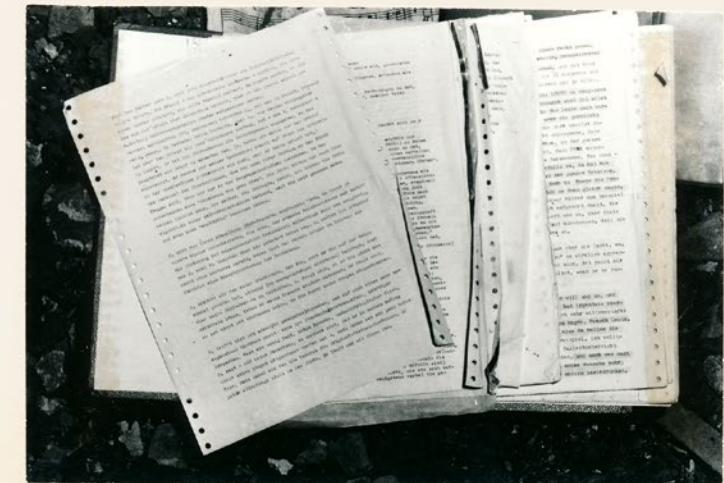
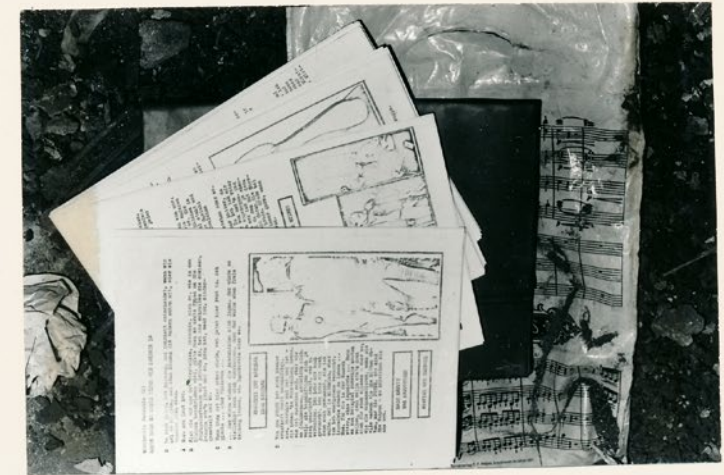
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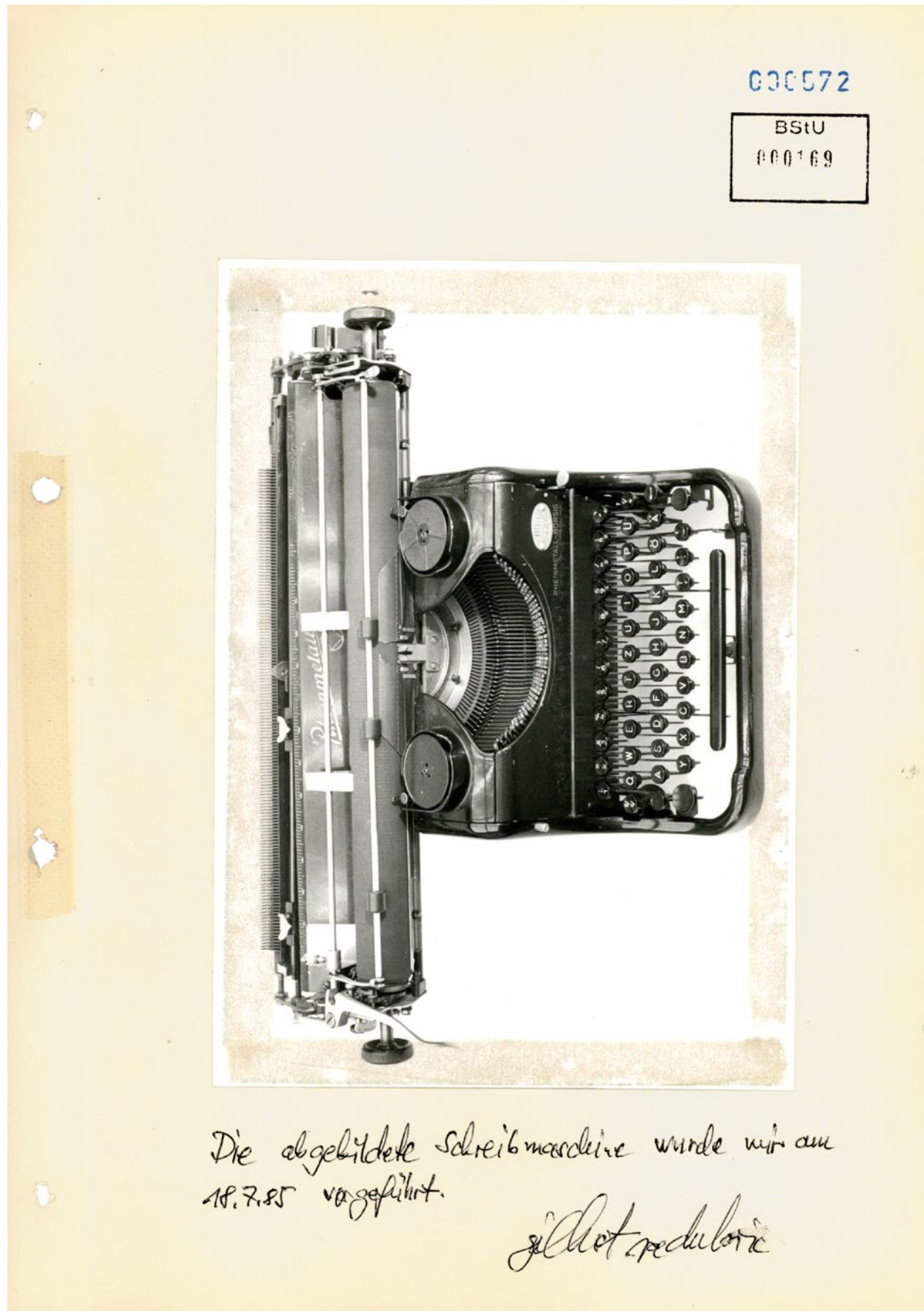
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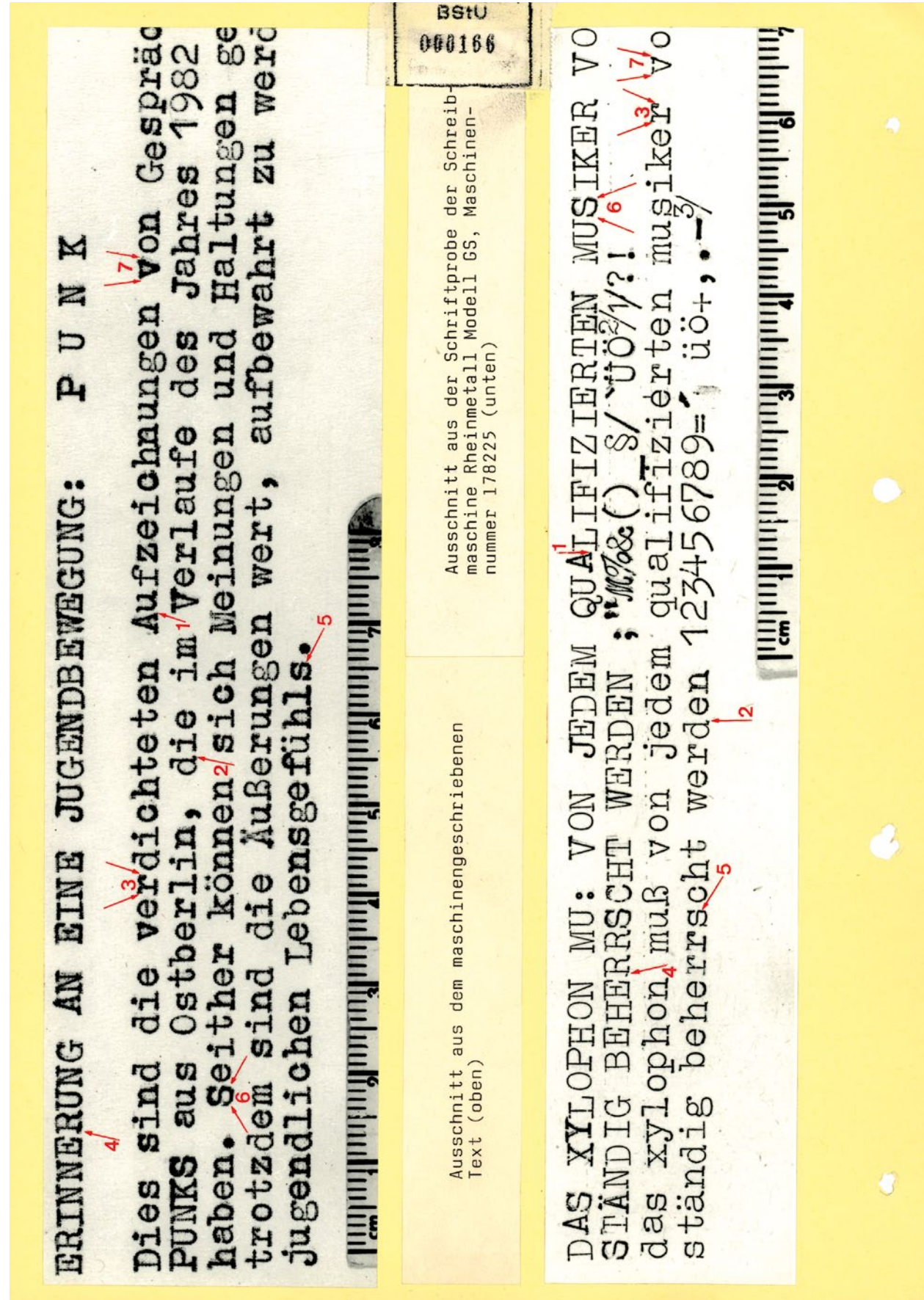
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Piece of evidence – typewriter

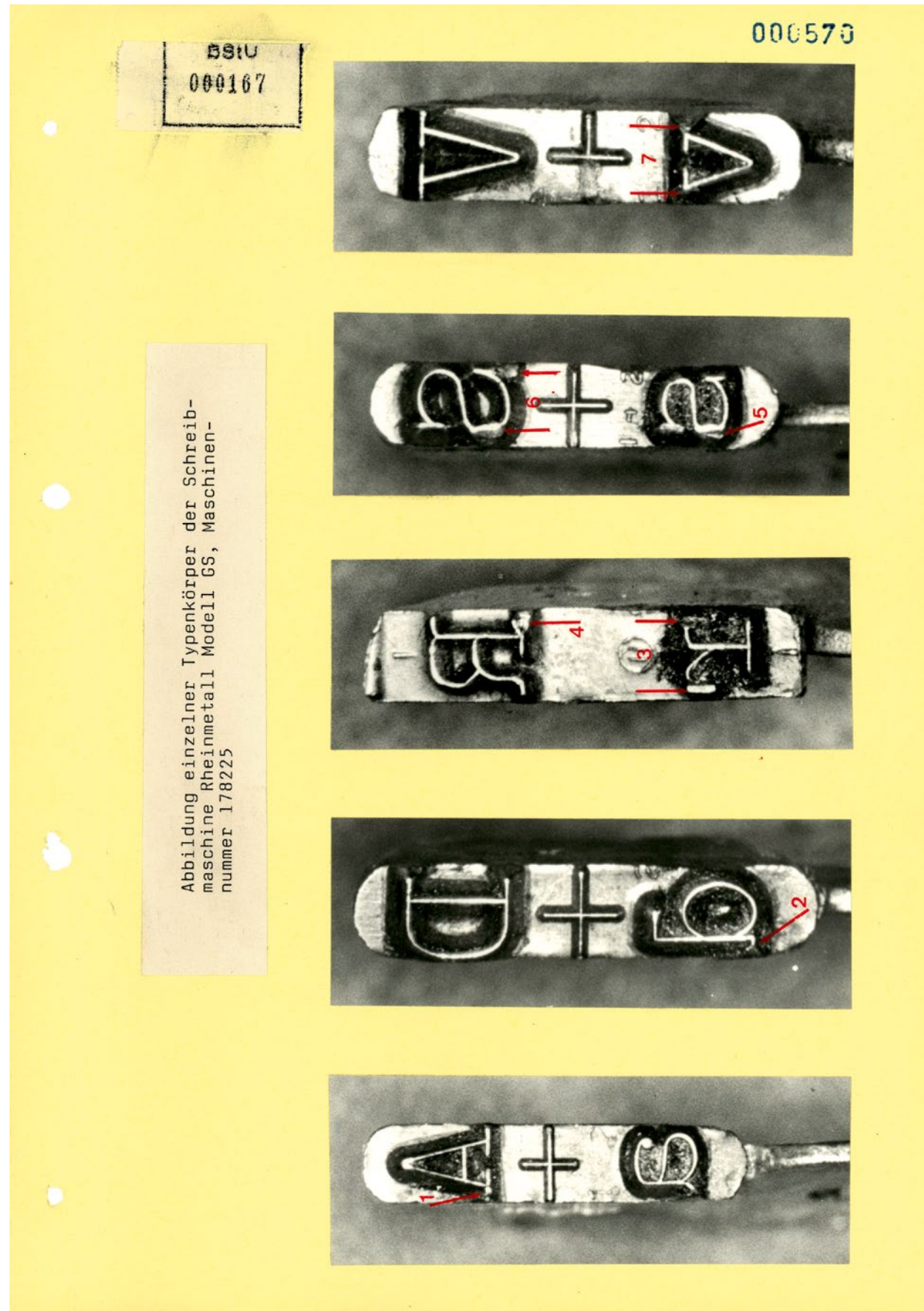
The Stasi ordered the seizing of the typewriter it had found during a search of Radulovic's weekend cottage as evidence. Here Radulovic's signature confirms that he was shown the typewriter during the securing of evidence: "The typewriter depicted was shown to me on 18 July 1985." The Stasi suspected that Radulovic had written his material about the punks on this typewriter and instructed its technical investigative unit to perform a forensic examination.



Excerpt from the comparison of typed samples

Experts from the technical investigative unit of the Stasi prepared a report that compared the typed samples from the confiscated typewriter (Page 54 on the right - below) with the typewritten text of the punk booklet (Page 54 on the left - on top).

The comparative analysis revealed identical characteristics of the typefaces. The Stasi could, therefore, prove that the texts had been written on the same typewriter.



Detailed photos of the typewriter

The images present detailed photos of the keys of Radulovic's confiscated typewriter. They were also compared with the text in the punk booklet. The expert report confirmed that Radulovic's typewriter had indeed been used for the text. The Stasi could, therefore, base its evidence on Radulovic being the owner of the typewriter on which the "subversive" punk booklet had been written.



Punk in East Berlin in front of the wording: “No-one does what he should – everybody does what they want”

In the summer of 1982, Gilbert Radulovic had got to know a group of young punks through his contacts to the protestant church. He recorded discussions with them in order to document their alternative lifestyle. In addition, a colleague of his, Nikolaus Becker took photos of the youngsters. When Radulovic was arrested two years later and Becker feared that his photos were going to be seized, he scratched the faces on the photos to protect the identity of the punks.



Confiscated booklets

A number of witnesses were interviewed during the preliminary proceedings against Radulovic. They were supposed to make statements concerning what they knew about Radulovic and under what circumstances they had been given a copy of the punk booklet. The Stasi confiscated a few examples for the securing of evidence. This photo shows one of these copied booklets that was compared with the original. Radulovic had produced the original himself and then used it to make around 100 copies. During interrogation he confirmed with his signature that he was the originator of these copies.

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THE CONVICTION

In mid-July 1985 the Stasi concluded the preliminary investigations against Gilbert Radulovic. Technically, Major Mascher had not achieved his investigation goal of proving that Radulovic's intention was the "illegal establishment of contact". There was no evidence that he had wanted to publish the punk booklet in western countries or had consciously intended "to harm the interests of the GDR". It was far more the case that the accused stressed, again in his last response dated 18 July 1985, that he had indeed made and distributed the booklet, but that he had not been aware that his actions could be deemed criminal.

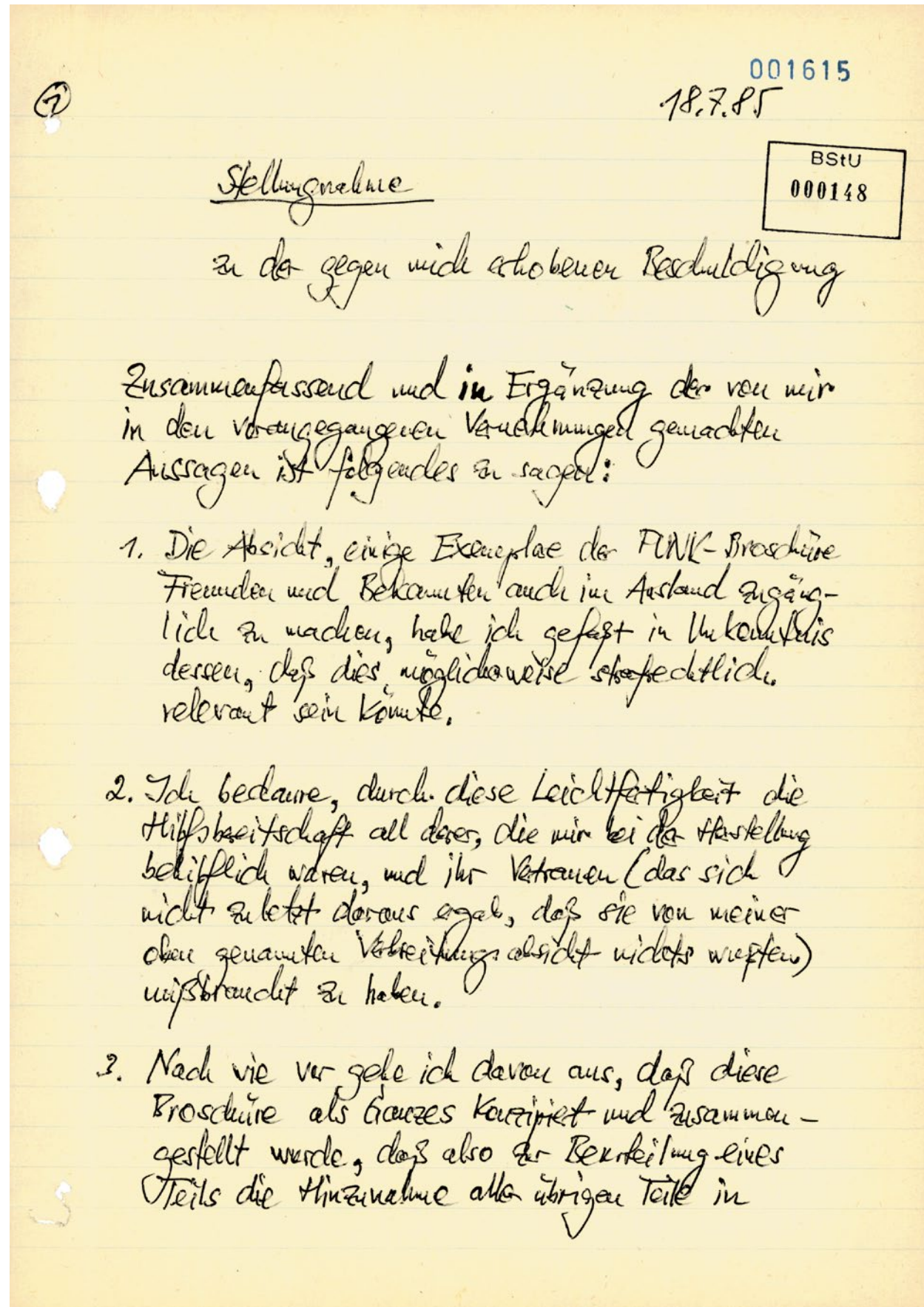
Nevertheless, in his final report, which was normally the basis for the indictment drawn up later by the public prosecutor, Major Mascher expressed the opinion that Radulovic was guilty. In order to present him as an "enemy of the Socialist society", the Stasi had put together everything that could be used against him. The insinuation that Radulovic had had political motivations for producing his booklet was to be the decisive argument for his conviction.

At the beginning of September 1985, the main court proceedings were opened at the request of the chief public prosecutor's office Berlin before the criminal court of the municipal district court Berlin-Lichtenberg. The main court hearings were conducted in camera, which Mascher had recommended for "reasons of state security". However, four Stasi staff members from Main Departments IX and XVIII were present in court. One of them was Wolfgang Mascher himself.

After two days in court, the competent judge sentenced the accused to a custodial sentence of two years and two months on the grounds of "illegal establishment of contact". When pronouncing sentence she even went beyond the demands of the prosecution. She found Radulovic guilty in addition of the "public defamation of state organs" pursuant to Section 220 of the Criminal Code of the GDR.

This marked the end of both the surveillance and control operation (*Operative Personenkontrolle* – OPK) "Schreiber" and the ensuing preliminary proceedings against Radulovic. The OPK file ended with the final report of the staff member Staedtler who had originally been responsible for the case. In his report he once again stressed the "questionable" character and the "hostile intentions" of the convicted Radulovic: As Radulovic had wanted to present a marginal youth culture as a mainstream movement, his writings were "likely to be used in a defamatory manner against the GDR".

Gilbert Radulovic was then taken to the prison in Cottbus, Brandenburg to serve his sentence. He had never imagined beforehand that the punk booklet put together by him could have such drastic consequences for him.



Statement by the accused Radulovic (1)

Prior to his court case, Gilbert Radulovic gave another written statement on 18 July 1985 in response to the accusations levied against him. He wanted to confirm and add to the statements that he had made in the interrogations during the preliminary investigations.

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ihrem Zusammenhang offensichtlich ist, und daß die Broschüre als Ganzes nicht geeignet ist, den Interessen der DDR zu schaden.

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4. Es tut mir leid, daß ich durch mein unbedachtes Handeln einer großen Zahl meines Freunde und Bekannten Unannehmlichkeiten und unnötige Aufregungen verursacht habe, und ich schäme mich, daß ich mein den PUNKs gegebenes Versprechen, ihre Identität nicht preiszugeben, gebrochen habe.

Jilliet Radulovic

Statement by the accused Radulovic (2)

Radulovic repeatedly admitted in the statement that he had indeed tried to get the punk booklet to friends and acquaintances abroad. However, he stressed that he had not been aware that he could be punished for this. He continued to be of the opinion that the booklet in its entirety was not likely to "harm the interests of the GDR". Above all, Radulovic expressed his regret that he had caused problems for other people through his actions and had not been able to protect the identity of the punks.

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Abschlussbericht
 zur OPK „Schreiber“, Reg. Nr. XV 1009/PS

Entsprechend der vorliegenden Ausgangsrichtlinie wurde die OPK „Schreiber“ zur zielgerichteten und kurzfristigen Klärung dieser Hinweise durchgeführt.

Im Prozess der Durchführung der OPK fanden folgende Beobachtungen statt:

Nach der Übernahme der Leitung durch die HA IX 12 konnte bei der Durchführung des Ermittlungsverfahrens zur OPK-Person nachgewiesen werden, daß R. auf Grund seiner negativen und oppositionellen Haltung zur Entwicklung der gesellschaftlichen Verhältnisse in der DDR bemüht war, Rundschreibungen ~~etc~~ in der Gesellschaft politisch-ideologisch als eine Bewegung herbeizuführen darzustellen.

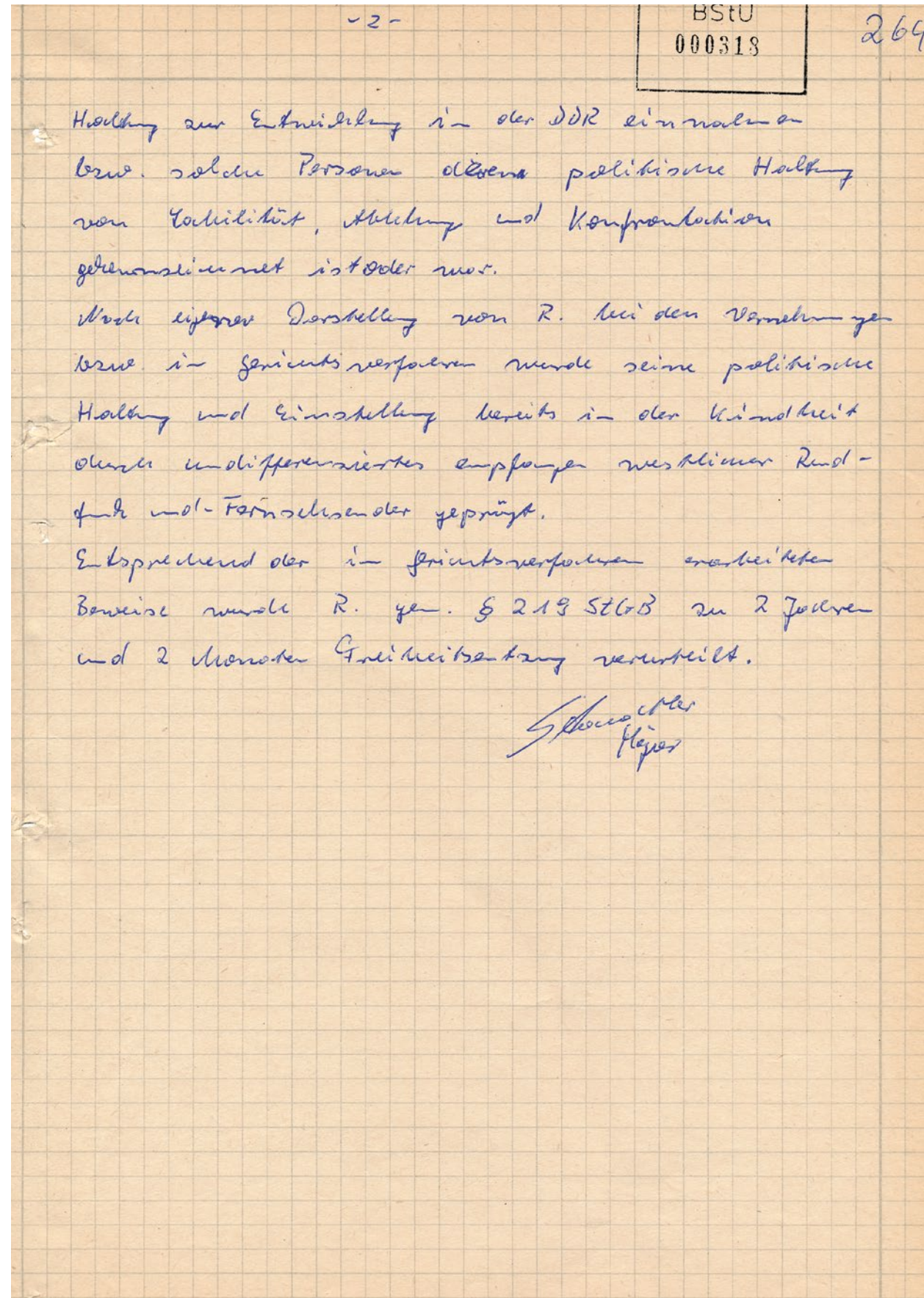
Um auf bestimmte Rundschreibungen in der Gesellschaft aufmerksam zu machen versuchte er die von ihm verfaßten Schriften nicht nur unter oppositionellen Kräften in der DDR zu verbreiten sondern diese auch im Bekannten- und NSU zu verstreuen.

Dabei war ihm bekannt, daß diese Schriften geeignet sind gegen die DDR verlängernd verwendet zu werden.

Zu seinen Bekannten- und Freundeskreis gehörten erst aus kommunistischen Personen, die eine feindsinnig-negative

Final report on the surveillance and control operation (OPK) „Schreiber“ (1)

Department 3 of Main Department (Hauptabteilung – HA) XVIII had processed the surveillance and control operation (Operative Personenkontrolle – OPK) „Schreiber“. This was the prerequisite to instigating preliminary proceedings, which ended with the conviction of the “perpetrator” Radulovic. In this final report the responsible staff member Staedtler sums up, once again, the results of the Stasi investigation.




Final report on the surveillance and control operation (OPK) "Schreiber" (2)

According to the report, Radulovic had been proven, in line with the desired outcome, to have attempted to "establish illegal contact". The concrete accusation levied against Radulovic was that he had sought for "political-ideological reasons" to present the marginal group of East Berlin punks as a mainstream movement. He had not only distributed his booklet amongst his "oppositional" circle of friends inside the GDR, but had also tried to send it to acquaintances in "hostile" countries abroad. Stasi officer Staedtler thought it was important to explicitly point out once again Radulovic's "negative and oppositional attitude towards the development of societal relationships in the GDR". By watching and listening to West media since he was a child, he had "already developed this hostile-negative attitude." According to the logic of the Stasi, Radulovic must have always been aware of the fact that his booklet could be used "for defamatory purposes against the GDR".

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 **Urteil**
Im Namen des Volkes
In der Strafsache

gegen Radulovic, gebr. Kloß, Gilbert
PKZ: 030145 4 2242 5, geb. in Görlitz,
wh.: 1058 Berlin, Husemannstr. 10,
geschieden, 1 Kind,
nicht vorbestraft, Staatsbürger der DDR,
seit dem 27.03.1985 in U-Haft,

wegen ungesetzlicher Verbindungsaufnahme

hat die Straf kammer des Stadtbez. gerichts Berlin-Lichtenberg
in der Hauptverhandlung am 19.9. und 23.9.1985, an der teilgenommen haben:

 Richter Frau Vogel
als Vorsitzender

Herr Hennig

Herr Conrad


Frau Bahn
als Staatsanwalt v. d. GSTA v. Berlin,

Herr de Maiziere
als Verteidiger

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als gesellschaftlicher Ankläger / gesellschaftlicher Verteidiger

Frau Klein/Frau Schneider
als Protokollführer

 für Recht erkannt.

Der Angeklagte wird wegen verbrechensicher ungesetzlicher Verbindungsaufnahme in Tateinheit mit öffentlicher Herabwürdigung - strafbar gemäß der §§ 219 Abs. 2 Ziff. 1. 220 Abs. 2 StGB - zu einer Freiheitsstrafe in Höhe von 2 (zwei) Jahren und 2 (zwei) Monaten verurteilt.

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Conviction in the criminal proceedings Radulovic

After six month's surveillance, preliminary proceedings and detention, the main trial in the criminal proceedings against Radulovic was held on 19 and 23 September 1985. The municipal district court Berlin-Lichtenberg found Gilbert Radulovic guilty of "the criminal and illegal establishment of contact" pursuant to Section 219 of the GDR Criminal Code. When pronouncing his sentence, the Court even widened the criminal offence to "the public defamation of state organs" pursuant to Section 220 of the GDR Criminal Code (*Strafgesetzbuch - StGB*). Radulovic was handed down a custodial sentence of two years and two months.

The conviction brought to an end both the surveillance and control operation (OPK) "Schreiber" and the preliminary investigations against Gilbert Radulovic. For the Stasi, the case had been "successfully" concluded.



Prison in Cottbus

After his conviction Gilbert Radulovic was taken to the prison in Cottbus, Brandenburg in the autumn of 1985. He served his sentence in a cell like this, which is representative of the situation in the 1980s. In April 1986 Radulovic was released early on probation.



EPILOGUE



Gilbert Furian in the memorial centre Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, where he has been working as a tour guide since 1998, in the summer of 2017

EPILOGUE BY GILBERT FURIAN (FORMERLY RADULOVIC)¹

When I'm asked during a tour of the memorial centre Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, what the worst thing was about my time in prison, my answer often comes as a surprise, "It wasn't day-to-day life in prison but the trial!" For me, this was the worst humiliation of my life – the helplessness and lack of rights of GDR citizens, something we managed to ignore in normal everyday life, were cruelly laid bare.

As my lawyer had informed me in our one and only conversation prior to the court proceedings that I was looking at a custodial sentence of between two and three years, I was relatively prepared when the sentence was pronounced. In any case since the beginning of my pretrial detention, I had instinctively immersed myself in a kind of daze to prevent "them" from taking control of my feelings, too. Thanks to this I was released from prison, after serving half of my sentence, without

suffering any major mental harm. When I arrived at the station, my oldest friend welcomed me quite rightly with the words: "Welcome to the big prison".

Up to the summer of 1989, I had been the best behaved person in the world. I never crossed the road when the pedestrian light was red, never took the underground without paying. But I had to get it off my chest and told all my friends about it, even if there was a fear lurking in the back of my mind that "they" could find grounds for turning that into a criminal offence, too.

I applied for my rehabilitation even before the end of the GDR. In June 1990 the municipal court Berlin (GDR)

¹ On his second marriage in 1987, Gilbert Radulovic (his surname at birth was Kloß) took his wife's name, Furian.

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acquitted me in a kind of late forgetfulness. This was particularly satisfying for me because GDR judges sat across from me who had to set aside one of their own sentences. A GDR state prosecutor apologised to me on behalf of the chief public prosecutor.

When I happened to meet my interrogator in the department store on Alexanderplatz at the end of 1990 – the GDR had since disappeared – I didn’t “punch him in the face”, but managed to persuade him to answer my questions. That afforded me far greater satisfaction. I then sat in his flat, I asked the questions and he answered. Clearly he, unlike most of the other members of his “clan”, had the feeling he had something to make amends for. Up until his death, he faced my questioning again and again.

The chance to gain access to my files gave an additional boost to my “processing” just a short time later. The reading room of the Agency of the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records (*Der Bundesbeauftragte für die Stasi-Unterlagen* – BStU) was for me a bit like an intimate cinema in which I could look at my life through the distorting mirror of the once feared and now dethroned secret police. In the beginning I was surprised that this covert “film” already had begun 20 years prior to my arrest – after all I had always seen myself as a “little fish”: not worthy of surveillance. Sometimes I had to laugh out loud at the banalities that

had taken on the grotesque appearance of importance by being recorded in the files. The other people in the reading room then shot me accusing glances: how could I laugh about this injustice, that’s what they were probably thinking. Reading the files relieved me of one major worry – that a good friend could be exposed as an unofficial collaborator (*inoffizieller Mitarbeiter* – IM).

I added to the punk material I had been convicted for disseminating (the original is now on display in the Cottbus memorial prison) by talking to the same individuals in 1999 and published it with the title “In the East they wear West, too”. A late victory over the State Security and a reason, from time to time, for a little indulgence in *schadenfreude* about the end of the GDR.

Gilbert Jordan



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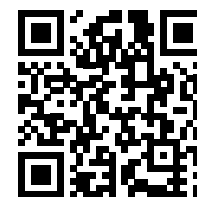
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