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To the

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Re: Documents on Dowsing Rods and Pendula

Ref: Letter from August 13 1940 III A 5 Sr./DOE Z 9640

The leader of the Research Center for Applied Geology in the "Ahnenerbe", Professor Josef Wimmer, appointed by the Reichsführer-SS, was called upon to provide an assessment of the confiscation of documents published by Verlag I Huber in Diessen, Munich on the topic of dowsing rods and pendula as well as astrology. Fundamentally, the following can be said on the above-mentioned documents:

- 1) Due to research of the last years, the veil of mystery has been lifted from the dowsing rod phenomenon and the dowsing reaction has shifted from the state of the occult to that of the physically comprehensible. With this progress it is possible that the path to revealing the actual physical causes of the phenomena of the so-called sidereal pendulum is no longer so long and difficult.
- 2) The entire literature on dowsing rods and pendula contains without a doubt many observations that are either false, distorted by observational mistakes, or only partially correct – in particular, the attempts at explanation and countless theories are often arbitrary, fantastical and physically indefensible. The same literature contains however also at least as many observations which have proven today to be correct and physically explainable and therefore constitute nonetheless a valuable contribution to the entirety of observational material on dowsing rod and pendulum questions. The task of the dowsing rod and pendulum research will be to sift through this literature and to separate the usable from the worthless. Documents however which contribute neither technically nor historically to the clarification of the problems or which in unauthorized hands could be misused by dilettantes or charlatans should disappear from public view.

The documents were reviewed by Professor Wimmer based on these principles.

I am presenting

- 1.) Assessment by Prof. Wimmer of
Documents on Dowsing Rods and Pendula from the Publishing Company Huber, Diessen
under the return of 9 documents
- 2.) Assessment by Prof. Wimmer of
Astrological Documents from the Publishing Company Huber ,
under the return of 5 documents

I would like to comment on the last assessment, page 3, paragraph 3, that Reinsch does not only apply freemasonic ideas to the mentioned area, but also tries to interpret prehistoric questions, in particular the interpretation of symbols and geolocation research, with unambiguous freemasonic "knowledge". It is therefore deemed necessary to maintain the valid confiscation of this document.

Finally it should be noted that that the confiscation should not be categorically imposed on all documents which deal with the issue of dowsing rods. The instruction of the Reichsführer-SS in all questions concerning dowsing rods to contact the "Ahnenerbe" will for the time being be upheld as the correct way to deal with the documents in question.

In regard to the proposal by the Chair of the Association for Dowsing e.V. Dr. Beyer to create a department for dowsing, an in-depth position paper will soon be issued to the Reichsführer-SS.

SS-Obersturmbannführer

Attachments

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For information purposes with attachments in response to the letter from 7/23/40 41/92/40.