

July 25, 1924 - born Hans Arnold Wangesheim in Nuremberg, Germany

1930 - parents divorced, mother placed him in very strict Jewish orphanage in Furth

1934 - father, a journalist visited him, later arrested and sent to Dachau

Brown Shirts and Hitler Youth threatened Arnold on the street

February 1938 - got passage on a Kindertransport with help of Quakers - mother had Quaker relatives

went to Hitler Youth HQ to get certificate to show he was not a member, got beaten

Went by boat in 3rd class steerage -sent to Chicago, continued by himself to Milwaukee

ran away from a Jewish orphanage, placed with a family

August 1939 - placed with family in Janesville, Wisconsin - went to watchmaker's college

1942 - enlisted in Army Air Corps, was a B 17 tail gunner

1943 - training plane crashed in Utah, severely injured

1944- went to OSS (Office of Strategic Services) in Washington

Late 1944 - went to Paris, then Germany, crossed the Rhine with the 4th Division behind German lines picking up mail from agents. Saw Nuremberg bombed, went back to Furth

April 1945 - went to Dachau to get important political prisoners, including the former French

Prime Minister Leon Blum. Prisoners not there, located them in Innsbruck

found father's name in card file in Dachau

Counterintelligence work for de-Nazification - was a member of the group led by Hugh Trevor-Roper to hunt down Wilhelm Zander, an officer who had been in Hitler's bunker. Found him in Regensburg. Led group to a well on a farm where briefcase holding Hitler's political and private will, Goebbels' will, Hitler's marriage certificate to Eva Braun, and a listing of future cabinet members was found. Brought documents to Frankfurt HQ

Assigned to trace enemy assets - Nazi treasures and Reichsbank gold

Found gold and foreign currency in Berchtesgarden

Interrogated Germans, did anti-Soviet intelligence, sent to Czechoslovakia as a contact for

Hungarian agents

Returned to US - completed college and law school in 4 years

Worked for US Treasury

Helped form Inter-American Bank

Worked in a law firm