

WENZEL JAKSCH IN CZECHOSLOVAK STATE SECURITY
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The relationship of the Sudeten German Social Democrat Wenzel Jaksch with reinstated Czechoslovakia after the defeat of the national socialist German Reich is not as thoroughly researched as are other aspects of his political activities. However, Czechoslovak State Security sources have recently been made available to researchers into this topic. By taking recourse to this variety of documents, the present contribution seeks to reconstruct the image of Jaksch as gathered by Czechoslovak State Security. What notion of Jaksch the authors of the reports in question entertained and how they interpreted his political stance proves that they indeed attached considerable importance to Wenzel Jaksch. Moreover, in the mirror of these documents the picture of this prominent Sudeten German politician and expelled functionary is supplemented by a host of new aspects.