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Report No 270

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Report Date: 12 August 1946

Source: AB-43

Information Date: 8 July 1946

Sub-Source:

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Evaluation:

SUBJECT: Contact with the UHVR (No. 5)

1. JURKO and JURIK told AB-43 that they had decided to call the activity involving AB-43 "Operation ALASKA" for their own records, and that all their reports on the Munich Bunker will carry this title. 6

2. Since the local CIC (Munich, sub-regional office, Region IV) did not have the latest list of the foreign liaison officers, it was impossible to determine whether Lt. GARCEL and Lt. FEDOROV were duly accredited Allied Liaison officers. Rather than embarrass the American authorities for inefficiency, JURKO and JURIK were told that "the latest (no date given) lists of liaison officers available did not contain either of the two names."

3. Concerning Maria BYTSCH, AB-43 was able to inform JURKO and JURIK that she would be held for a while longer. To prevent JURKO from requesting information from Miss BYTSCH on the Ukrainian affair, they were informed that she figured greatly in CIC plans, in which CIC hoped to get to the illegal ABN group ((this group was organized and is led by the UHVR)), which spreads much illegal and inciting literature ((the pamphlet "Pour la Liberte des Peuples," compiled by the UHVR)). It should be clearly stated here that AB-43 did inquire about the status of Miss BYTSCH. The only information CIC would give away was that she was under arrest; no one then in the office could say why she had been arrested or, much less, what the arrest would accomplish. Certainly, therefore, no CIC secrets were betrayed to the UHVR. The greater reason for this play (i.e., that Miss BYTSCH would possibly lead CIC to the UHVR as publishers of illegal literature) was to indicate to UHVR the desirability of cooperating with us because we could possibly protect them from CIC.

4. Knowing that ARADI of SI/Austria had received the information given in Reports 272 and 273, AB-43 decided to use this knowledge in order to convince JURKO and JURIK that ARADI and AB-43 did not belong to the same organization. He therefore said: "There's something else I almost forgot to mention to you. You have spoken of your information as being important. I decided to check through Nürnberg whether this was something new ((the words "Folosa," "Baza," "bunker," "bunka," some names of Baza commanders, etc.)). Well, the cable ((not telephone, to indicate our security)) I received in return stated an almost identical report was forwarded to our office from Frankfurt on 8 August 1946.

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Since the names were identical in both reports, there was no doubt that my source -- that is, you -- gave reports to other American agencies. How can that be explained?"

5. JURIK became very embarrassed and said that he could not explain it, and JURKO said the same thing. They were both sure (because they had been assured by Dr. HRINIOCH), that AB-43 was their only serious contact on counter-intelligence material. JURIK said: "I am sure of my people. Just the same, I would like to check something. Would you mind if I left you for a short ~~time~~ time? No? I'll be back in no time."

6. JURIK came back all smiles about 45 minutes later, saying "At least everything is explained. JUR told me that he and Dr. HRINIOCH gave some of this information to Mr. NOVAK (ARADI). It must have been he who reported it to your headquarters through his office." ((The your and his were noted with satisfaction.)) AB-43 asked: "By the way, who is JUR?" JURKO said: "My colleague here, JUR, and I work together on all such security problems."

7. Observations:

a. JURKO and JURIK are convinced that AB-43 is not with CIC.

b. That AB-43 is not in the same office as ARADI.

c. That our headquarters is at Nürnberg.

d. That ARADI's headquarters may be in Frankfurt.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for Schellingstrasse 26/IV, at 11:00 a.m., 12 August 1946.