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66TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS GROUP
UNITED STATES ARMY, EUROPE
APO 108 US ARMY

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JUN 23 1957

SUBJECT: von ALBERT, Theodor (S)
RE: Initial Vetting Report

MICROFILMED
JUN 14 1958
DOC. MICRO. SER.

TO: Commanding Officer
66th CIC Group, USAREUR
APO 154, US Army
ATTN: Technical Specialist

1. Reference Operational Procedures, Chapter III, Section II, Headquarters, 66th CIC Group, dated 1 June 1956.
2. Request SUBJECT be employed as a temporary V-type Source.
3. Forwarded herewith is Personality Report, Subject and file as above, dated 18 January 1957, and Basic Informant Card, dated 18 January 1957.
4. Control of Information: Source of the information contained in the above mentioned Personality Report is SUBJECT who is evaluated B.
5. SUBJECT has been assigned code number V-236-IV and the cover name, Theodor Baumgarten.
6. Identifying data and outline of activities in relationship to the appropriate targets of the sub-sources mentioned in paragraph 13 of the attached Personality Report will be forwarded under separate cover.
7. Regrading data cannot be predetermined.

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1. FR dtd 18 Jan 57
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JOHN R HIMMELRIGHT
Lt Col, MI (Inf)
Commanding

Date: 22 Feb 1957

Captain POSTER/jh/Tal: Aus 111-625-34

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RE: Initial Vetting Report

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PERSONALITY REPORT

1. FULL NAME: (WITH ALIASES): Theodor von ALBERT; aka Theodor Baumgarten (Cover Name)
2. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS:
 - a. Austrian Reisepass (Passport), issued on 17 September 1954 by the Police Headquarters at Salzburg 32TUN59, Austria.
 - b. Pressausweis (Press Identification) issued on 31 December 1955 by the Internal Ministry of Austria at Vienna 33UXF04, Austria.
3. PRESENT ADDRESS OR POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS: Salzburg - Aigen, Fichtenweg 25
4. FORMER ADDRESSES:
 - a. From 1922 to 1923 - name and number of street unknown, Plansg bei Munich 32UFU93, Germany
 - b. From 1923 to 1924 - Adalheidstrasse, number unknown, Munich
 - c. From 1924 to 1928 - Landauerstrasse, number unknown, Berlin 33UUU92, Germany
 - d. From 1928 to 1938 - Lendvay u. 25, Budapest, Hungary
 - e. From 1938 to 1941 - Bircaninova 13, Belgrad, Yugoslavia
 - f. From 1941 to 1945 - Kuzmanyho 13, Pressburg, Slovakia
 - g. From 1942 to 1944 - Spiegelgasse 6, Vienna (Student address)
 - h. From 1945 to 1946 - Lindenhof, Bad Gastein, Austria

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- i. From 1946 to 1948 - Pfeilgasse 32, Vienna
 - j. From 1948 to 1950 - Unter Schreiberweg, Vienna
 - k. From 1950 to 1953 - Hallwang 90, bei Salzburg
 - l. From 1953 to present - Fichtenweg 25, Salzburg - Aigen
5. PERSONAL DATA: SEX: Male HEIGHT: 6'0" WEIGHT: 176 pounds

EYES: Blue HAIR: Blond, frontal baldness BUILD: Medium

MARITAL STATUS: Married on 22 October 1949 at Pressburg NATIONALITY:

German DATE OF BIRTH: 9 October 1922 PLACE OF BIRTH: Planegg bei

Munich CITIZENSHIP: Austrian OCCUPATION: Press correspondent

RELIGION: Protestant DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: None

6. POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS (PRESENT & PAST):

- a. Before 1933: None
- b. 1933 - 1945: None
- c. After 1945: None

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7. SPOUSE, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, ASSOCIATES:

- a. ^{no 201} Spouse - Maria Blanca von Albert nee Fest, born 19 June 1925 at Kirchdrauf, CSR, is presently residing at Salzburg-Aigen, Fichtenweg 25, and is a housewife and pharmacist.
- b. Daughter - Hada Helene von Albert, born 13 April 1955 in Salzburg, presently residing at Fichtenweg 25, Salzburg-Aigen.
- c. Father - Theodor von Albert, born 7 March 1887 in Temeschvar, residing at Hans Sachgasse 22, Vienna XVIII, is a retired Austrian consular official.
- d. Mother: - Georgine von Albert, born 15 March 1896 at Vel. Corica, residing at Hans Sachgasse 22, Vienna XVIII, is occupied as a housewife.

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- e. Father-in-law - Imrich Fest, date of birth unknown, born in Budapest, Hungary, presently residing at Markovicova 19, Pressburg, CSR, is employed as a pharmacist.
- f. Mother-in-law - Helene Fest, date of birth unknown, born in the CSR, presently residing at Markovicova 19, Pressburg, CSR, is occupied as a housewife.
- g. Friend - Hermann Mueller, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Boeslingen 32UNV09, Germany, in Block 45, Fliegerhorst Kaserne, a major in the West German Army, has known SUBJECT since 1951.
- h. Friend - Achim Oster, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Ermolkail Kaserne located in Bonn 32ULB72, Germany, a major in the West German Army, has known SUBJECT since 1952.
- i. Friend - Sergij Froehlich, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Holbeinstrasse 8, Munich, employed as a salesman, has known SUBJECT since 1952.
- j. Friend - Gerd von Bsoeck, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Ruffinistrasse 8, Munich, employed as a journalist, has known SUBJECT since 1955. FRIENDS OF THEODORE VON ALBERT
- k. Friend - Otto von Neussburg, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Poeking/Starnbergersee, near Munich, unemployed, has known SUBJECT since the summer of 1956. FRIENDS OF THEODORE VON ALBERT
- l. Friend - Dr. Walter Hartrich, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Passartstrasse, 1, Munich, employed as a lawyer, has known SUBJECT since 1952. GERMAN WISEN
- m. Friend - Marian von Weacher, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Odelheidstrasse 22, Koenigstein/Taunus nca. Germany, employed as an engineer, has known SUBJECT since 1941. No 201 GERMAN
- n. Friend - Rudolf Pirhalla, date and place of birth unknown, residing at Schlossbergstrasse 21, Munich, employed as government official, capacity unknown, has known SUBJECT since 1948. No 501 GERMAN

8. PREVIOUS HISTORY:

a. Formal education:

From 1929 to 1933, Volksschule in Budapest, graduated in 1933.
From 1933 to 1938, Realgymnasium in Budapest, transferred to same level of school because of change in residence.

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- From 1938 to 1941, Realgymnasium in Belgrad, Yugoslavia, graduated in 1941
- From 1941 to 1942, Law School in Pressburg, CSR, transferred to same level of school because of additional courses desired.
- From 1942 to 1944, Law School and Commerce at the University of Vienna at Vienna, Austria, receiving a degree in economics and commerce in 1944.
- From 1946 to 1947, Several courses in world commerce at the University of Vienna, discontinued because of lack of financial support.
- From 1954 to 1956, Studied languages at the University of Graz, Graz, Austria, completed the final examination as a translator of languages.

b. In 1940, when SUBJECT was 18 years of age, he attended the Realgymnasium in Belgrad, Yugoslavia. Because SUBJECT's father was in the service of the Austrian diplomatic corps and did considerable traveling in the Balkan area, SUBJECT attended various schools in Hungary, Yugoslavia, CSR and Austria. In 1941, SUBJECT left school in Belgrad and traveled to Pressburg, CSR, where he studied law in the Pressburg Law School. Although his family resided at Kuzmanyho 13, Pressburg until 1945, SUBJECT departed for Vienna in order to continue his studies of law. While in Vienna as a student, he resided at Spiegelgasse 6. In 1942, SUBJECT attended the University of Vienna where he majored in southeastern European commerce and world commerce. SUBJECT studied commerce until the end of 1945, at which time, because of lack of financial support from his family, he discontinued his schooling and obtained a position as translator in a language and translating office located at Pfeilgasse 32, Vienna VIII, where he was employed until 1948. During 1946 and 1947 SUBJECT attempted to take additional courses in world commerce at the University of Vienna while he was employed as a translator, but soon found it impossible to work and attend school at the same time. Because of the need for a reliable income, he devoted all his time to his employment. In addition to his regular employment, SUBJECT wrote articles for various Austrian and German newspapers as a free lance reporter.

In 1948 SUBJECT obtained the position of editor and announcer with the American-sponsored foreign language broadcast station "Red-White-Red" (Voice of America) in Vienna. In 1949 after these programs were discontinued, SUBJECT obtained employment as a press correspondent with the "Inter-Report" news agency in Vienna. He resigned this position in 1951 because of personal and factual differences of opinion between himself and the controlling elements of the agency. In addition to the above, SUBJECT worked as correspondent for the Southeast Institute, University of Munich, under Professor Dr. Fritz Valjavec. After he left this news agency in 1951, SUBJECT again wrote free lance articles for

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German newspapers. This work consisted of his translating articles from any of the Balkan languages into German for these various newspapers. Some of the translating was done directly by SUBJECT, but most of it was done through Valjevo who had the contacts and was residing in Munich. In 1952 SUBJECT was appointed Scientific Assistant with the above-mentioned institute of the University of Munich, his field being the economic, social and political problems of the satellite states, specializing in Hungarian, Yugoslavian, Bulgarian, Albanian and Slovak problems. From the end of 1952 to October 1955, SUBJECT was employed by the "Amt fuer Gegenwartsforschung" (Office for Contemporary Research) of the former Amt Blank agency. SUBJECT specialized in Departments I and III in connection with the satellite states. He collected information for the above-mentioned agency through sub-sources employed by it in Austria, correlating and interpreting this information for this agency. From 1953 to 1 October 1955 SUBJECT was the chief agent in the Amt Blank's efforts in Austria against Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, all of which efforts were controlled from a central Munich office. SUBJECT gathered military, economic and political information through his sub-sources on the above-mentioned countries. In October 1955, because of the Austrian Peace Treaty which forced the cessation of Amt Blank activities in Austria, SUBJECT was released by that organization.

From October 1955 to February 1956, SUBJECT occupied himself by again writing free lance articles, specializing on those from the Balkan area, for various German newspapers. In February 1956 SUBJECT obtained employment as a technical investigator with the United States Air Force Historical Research Division located at Strub-Berchtesgaden, Germany. SUBJECT remained in this position until August 1956 at which time he terminated employment because the Historical Research Division requested that SUBJECT not allow his wife to write to her parents who are still residing in the CSR. Because this was the only link SUBJECT's wife has with her family, he felt he could not ask her to stop writing to them. SUBJECT informed the Division of his decision and was allowed to resign his position. Since then, SUBJECT has attempted to establish his own import-export firm in Salzburg. The firm is named Albert & Company and is to be the sales representative for Lockrey Company, an American firm which sells a chemical designed to add longer life to engines by adding the chemical to the crankcase oil of engines.

SUBJECT met his wife while he was residing in Pressburg, CSR. After World War II, SUBJECT was residing in Austria and because his intended spouse was residing in Pressburg, SUBJECT married her by proxy in 1949, which made her an Austrian citizen and allowed her to leave Czechoslovakia legally with an exit visa. SUBJECT is presently residing with his spouse and 19-month old daughter at Fichtenweg 25, Salzburg-Aigen, Austria.

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9. REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS REPORTS:

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a. Previous vetting reports: None

b. Reports in which SUBJECT was mentioned:

- (1) Agent Report, D-567324/f, subject: Yugoslav Intelligence Service, Re: Personalities, dated 28 September 1956.
- (2) Agent Reports, D-567326/f, subject: Bulgarian Intelligence Service, Re: Slavka Storinger nee Alexiewa, dtd 16 Jan 57

c. Intelligence reports to which informant was a contributing factor:

- (1) Agent Report, D-567322/f, subject: Bulgarian Intelligence Service, Re: Theodor Hartl, dated 21 June 1956.
- (2) Agent Report, D-567326/a, subject: Yugoslavian Intelligence Service, re: Organization and Operations, dated 28 September 1956.
- (3) Agent Reports, file D-567323, subject: Hungarian Intelligence Service, dated 7 November 1956.
- (4) Agent Reports, D-567323, subject: Hungarian Uprising, dated 11 December 1956.

10. REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: For the purpose of vetting SUBJECT as a V-type informant.

11. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION: Because of SUBJECT's residence in Austria, no type of investigation was undertaken due to the possibility of compromising SUBJECT or the possibility connecting him with an American organization.

12. ACTION TAKEN AND/OR BEING TAKEN: Investigation completed. Request approval for employment of informant as a V-type informant.

13. COMMENTS:

a. As prescribed in Operational Memorandum 6/56, SUBJECT will have the responsibility of covering the Bulgarian Intelligence Service and the Yugoslav Intelligence Service activities from Austria. SUBJECT is related to the above-mentioned targets.

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through his position as net control leader of the sub-sources involved plus his intimate knowledge of the countries concerned. In addition, SUBJECT is to direct and control the individuals connected with both projects through the Region IV, Munich handling agent. None of SUBJECT's sub-sources realizes that he is in the employ of a US intelligence agency which avoids any possibility of embarrassment to the United States government in Austria in the event of any unforeseen adverse action on the part of any member of either net. In addition to the above, SUBJECT translates all debriefing reports from the native tongue of the sub-source into the German language, thus making it easier for the Region IV handling agent to use and process information obtained.

b. See paragraph 13a above.

c. SUBJECT's contemplated pay is 4,000 ANS monthly. Because of the amount of travel involved, this amount is not to include his expenses.

d. SUBJECT has been known to members of the former 430th CIC Detachment since his association with Amt Blank; however, in August 1956 he was introduced to the present handling agent through Special Agent Earl D. Morris, a former member of Region IV, Munich.

e. SUBJECT appears to take care and pride in his general appearance. At no time has he ever shown any ungentlemanly qualities either in his behavior or attitude. He is very free with suggestions which would best serve a particular situation and accepts direction and criticism with an open mind and an air of cooperation. He is an extremely hard worker and will not slight any part of a project for the sake of time or personal convenience.

f. SUBJECT is truthful, honest and extremely reliable in reporting information obtained by him or reported to him. SUBJECT's evaluation should be "B".

g. SUBJECT's potential to recruit either resident or penetration sources within the assigned target must be considered in two lights: (1) Within Bulgaria and Yugoslavia his ability is directly dependent upon the accomplishments and thoroughness of the sub-sources - see paragraph 9b(2) above; (2) Within Austria lies the possibility of SUBJECT's taking advantage of the many contacts he has made during his years of employment as a journalist, radio program director and researcher in the Balkan field while residing in Vienna. If and when SUBJECT can devote his full time to task, it is believed that many of the untapped sources may prove valuable to the over-all intelligence effort.

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h. In the event that Region IV would be directed to cease operating in Austria, it would be a simple matter to inform SUBJECT that all operations in or coming from Austria have been discontinued by order of a higher authority, and to keep him active for a two or three month period which would allow the handling agent to debrief him on the overall effectiveness of his activities.

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