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| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>LIGOR BUZI, 615 Laurel Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., interviewed 3/8/57 and advised as follows: LIGOR BUZI was employed by Albanian Section of Radio Free Europe, New York, N. Y., from 6/51 to 9/53. In latter part of 1952 or early part of 1953, LIGOR BUZI received letter from his father THOMAS BUZI, Korce, Albania, requesting that LIGOR BUZI terminate his "present position" and go in business. Subsequent letters received by LIGOR BUZI from THOMAS BUZI reflect as follows; THOMAS BUZI and his wife VASILKI were being held by Albanian authorities in a small barn in the gypsy section of Korce, Albania. PANDI LUBONJA, member of Editorial Board of Liria, an Albanian language newspaper published in Boston, Mass., returned to Albania in 1952 and advised Albanian authorities that LIGOR BUZI was working in the U. S. against the Government of Albania. The Rev. FNU TOLLCOUCH, a priest formerly of Bridgeport, Conn., returned to Albania in 1952. Rev. TOLLCOUCH was picked up by Albanian authorities after entering Albania and brought by Albanian authorities to place where THOMAS BUZI and his wife were being held, and interrogated in the presence of THOMAS BUZI as to whether or not LIGOR BUZI was fighting Albanian authorities. LIGOR BUZI considers that the above pressure was put upon his parents in Albania by Albanian authorities in an effort to have him terminate his position with Radio Free Europe. Despite information received from</p> <p style="text-align: right;">This is an FBI investigative report and no recommendation for clearance or disapproval.</p> | | | |
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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter is predicated upon the following information received from the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Washington, D. C.

On January 24, 1957, PETER DIMITRI TASI, Pvt., U. S. 51384004, who is stationed at Dugway Proving Ground, Dugway, Utah, in the process of completing DD Form 398 for the purpose of initiating security clearance, made the following statement concerning LIGOR BUZI in Item 20:

Due to the fact that TASI's grandparents are residing in Communist-dominated Albania, TASI's Uncle, LIGOR BUZI, has withdrawn from Radio Free Europe affairs.

Because of LIGOR BUZI's broadcasts to Europe for Radio Free Europe, pressure by Communist groups in the United States led BUZI to his decision to withdraw from Radio Free Europe or possibly suffer harm to his parents who reside in Albania.

TASI also told G-2 that LIGOR BUZI had discussed the above situation with him freely and that he was quite sure that LIGOR BUZI had not reported the incident of his being pressurized by alleged Communist groups to any local or government authority.

LIGOR BUZI, 615 Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, was interviewed by Special Agents LLOYD S. GOODROW and JAMES J. MCCARTHY on March 8, 1957. The following information was secured from BUZI during this interview.

LIGOR BUZI was employed by the Albanian Section of Radio Free Europe at 110 West 57th Street, New York City, New York, from June, 1951, until September, 1953.

In the latter part of 1952 or early part of 1953, LIGOR BUZI received a letter from his father, THOMAS BUZI, Rr. Ramis Aranitas 7, Korce, Albania. In this letter, THOMAS BUZI told LIGOR BUZI that he should terminate his "present position" and go into business.

Some time thereafter, LIGOR BUZI received another letter from his father, THOMAS BUZI. THOMAS BUZI in this letter told LIGOR BUZI that he and his wife VASILIKI, had been taken from their home and were being held in

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a small barn in the gypsy section of Korçe, Albania. THOMAS BUZI described his place of captivity as a 9' x 9' room with a dirt floor and one window. It is LIGOR BUZI's best recollection that his parents were held for some nine-months period in this barn.

In another letter which LIGOR BUZI received from THOMAS BUZI, LIGOR BUZI was told that in 1952, PANDI LUBONJA, formerly of Southbridge, Massachusetts, a member of the Editorial Board of Liria, an Albanian language newspaper published in Boston, Massachusetts, returned to Albania and advised Albanian officials that LIGOR BUZI was working against the Albanian Government.

LIGOR BUZI recalls that in another letter, his father THOMAS BUZI, told him that The Reverend FRED TOLLECOUCH, an Albanian priest formerly of Bridgeport, Connecticut, returned to Albania in 1952. Rev. TOLLECOUCH was picked up by Albanian authorities after his entry into Albania and brought by Albanian authorities to the place where THOMAS BUZI and his wife were being held. Rev. TOLLECOUCH was interrogated in THOMAS BUZI's presence by Albanian authorities as to whether or not LIGOR BUZI was fighting Albanian authorities. Rev. TOLLECOUCH replied by saying that he knew LIGOR BUZI only as a man and had no information concerning LIGOR BUZI's activity, if any, against the Albanian authorities.

It is LIGOR BUZI's best recollection that the letters setting out the above information were received by him from THOMAS BUZI during late 1952 and 1953.

LIGOR BUZI considers that the above pressure was put upon his parents in Albania by Albanian authorities in an effort to have him terminate his position with Radio Free Europe. Despite information received from THOMAS BUZI, LIGOR BUZI did not resign his position with Radio Free Europe, but remained with Radio Free Europe until his position was abolished. LIGOR BUZI advised that no pressure was ever exerted on him by any Communist groups in the United States to cause him to terminate his position with Radio Free Europe.

LIGOR BUZI advised that he does not personally know that his father, THOMAS BUZI, and his stepmother, VASILIKI BUZI, were actually held by Albanian authorities under the conditions described to him in the letter he received from THOMAS BUZI.

LIGOR BUZI advised that he has no personal knowledge concerning the accuracy of the facts set out in the letters that he received from his father, THOMAS BUZI. However, LIGOR BUZI said that he personally knows that Rev. TOLLECOUCH, now deceased, actually left for Albania in 1952,

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and that it is common knowledge in Albanian circles that PANDI LUBONJA returned to Albania in 1952. BUZI said that on several occasions, he has been publicly attacked by Iiria as an individual who is against the Government of Albania and as an individual who is undemocratic.

LIGOR BUZI noted that the letters which his father, THOMAS BUZI, had written to him, were not sent directly to him, but were sent to LIGOR BUZI's father-in-law, H. DIMITRI, 842 Connecticut Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

LIGOR BUZI advised that he had made available the above information to HUGO JACKEL (ph), Supervisor of the Albanian Section of Radio Free Europe at the time that he had received the information from his father.

LIGOR BUZI stated that his father, THOMAS BUZI, and VASILIK BUZI, have now been returned by Albanian authorities to their own home in Korce, Albania. However, they are in use of only one room in their home and by government decree are forced to rent the rest of their home.

The following background and descriptive data concerning LIGOR BUZI was obtained during the March 8, 1957, interview with LIGOR BUZI:

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| Full Name: | LIGOR BUZI |
| Residence address: | 615 Laurel Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. |
| Occupation: | Grocer, Crown Grocery Store, 364 Bostwick Ave., Bridgeport, Ct. |
| Birth Data: | Born Lubonja (Korce) Albania, 11/27/15 |
| Citizenship: | U. S., naturalized Conn. Superior Court, Bridgeport, Conn., 9/49 |
| Marital Status: | Married to HELEN DIMITRI, a U. S. citizen |
| Children: | Two boys - ages 7 and 2½ yrs. |
| Height: | 5' 7" |
| Weight: | 140 lbs. |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Hair: | Dark brown |
| Sex: | Male |
| Peculiarities: | Thin face, sharp nose, speaks with accent. |

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THOMAS BUZI, LIGOR BUZI did not resign his position with Radio Free Europe, but remained with Radio Free Europe until his position was abolished. LIGOR BUZI advised that no pressure was ever exerted on him by any Communist groups in the U. S. to cause him to terminate his position with Radio Free Europe.

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