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1. A real anti-Communist partisan movement which is adequately organized and led does not exist at the present time in Hungary. There are partisan groups coming from eastern Slovakia, however, who cross the Danube quite frequently. A certain importance is attached to the Group for Slovak Resistance, located to the east of the Danube, which is active near the mountain regions of Nagyszál, Karancs, Cserhát, and Bükk, and often, in small groups, in the mountainous sectors of the Matra. These groups are composed of Hungarians, Slovaks, and Balkan "Volksdeutsche", as well as some Ukrainians and Ruthenians. The partisans are poorly equipped with arms, and it is estimated that only 30% have machine guns and hand grenades.
2. During the months of September and October, the authorities at Vác had organized extensive expeditions in the regions of Kosd, Úsagárd, Alsópetény, and farther north, to seek out these groups, but without positive results. If this was done to find out if the local populace were favorable to this movement, and were ready to give it all possible aid, these police operations have failed. Special elements of the AVH and the MVD coming from Budapest and Vác recently have been used as agents provocateurs for the purpose of singling out those who may be helping the partisans, or those who may be considered disloyal. It is mostly Slovak peasants, however, who are actively assisting the movement.
3. The most independent of the above-mentioned groups are those operating in the marshy regions of the Hortobágy river and on the plain to the north of Szeged. These are small independent groups of 5-10 men composed of Russian deserters, Hungarian deserters, fugitive peasants from the collective farms near the Yugoslavian frontier, or ordinary criminals, who are equipped with Russian arms and supplies. They are limited to disruptive actions of sabotage or thefts, and killings for the purpose of robbery.
4. Because of the presence in force of troops, the region of Mecsek has been abandoned by the partisans, but little by little small groups are showing themselves again in this region.
5. Recent news has indicated that the partisans have effective contact with the Yugoslav authorities, and it is alleged that there is an organized contact group of a permanent character along the Yugoslav frontier supported by Yugoslavian officials. It is alleged that Yugoslav patrols make contact with these groups, especially along the lower course of the Danube, where it is difficult for the Hungarian police to watch and police the border effectively.

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6. All the recent incidents between the Hungarians and Yugoslavs may be connected with these crossings. The flow of defectors to Yugoslavia continues at an ever increasing rate.

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