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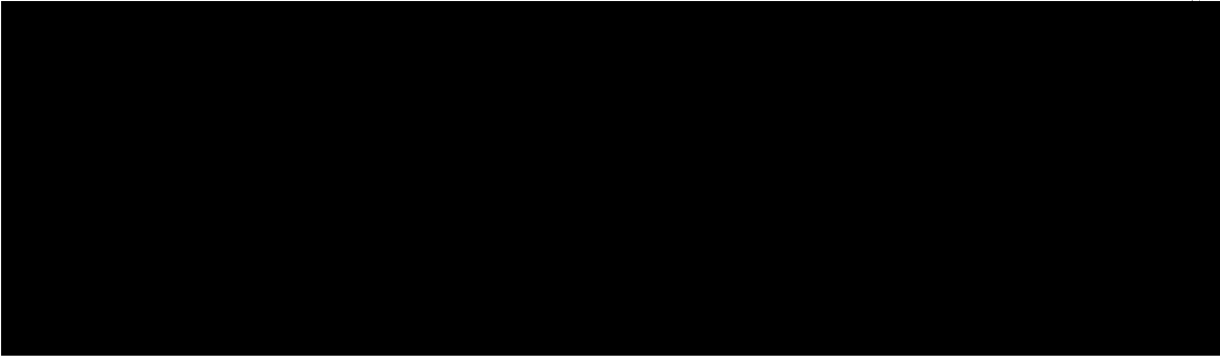
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1. [REDACTED] from the end of October 1948 to the end of February 1949, a reorganization of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs took place along the lines of the Russian Foreign Service organization. Under the new plan the former "Sections" (personnel, political, intelligence, economic, passport and legal) have been abolished and the Ministry has been divided geographically into nine "Regions". Each region is then subdivided into Departments, similar to the old organization, with the exception of a personnel department for each region. [REDACTED] one important reason for the reorganization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs might be an effort to limit the knowledge of a particular individual to one geographical area.

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2. From 1 March 1949 the Ministry has been organized as follows:

A. The Minister

B. The Cabinet: Secretaries: Dr. CERNY *
Theo FLORIN **
BROTHAN

Chief of Protocol: Name unknown
Ing. KLUCKA

Secretariat-General: This office has been abolished since the defection of Dr. Ernest HEIDRICH.

C. Personnel: This corresponds with Section I of the old organization and maintains its former functions.

Chief of Section: Mr. HOFMAN -- formerly an actuarial clerk, who, after the putsch became an ardent Communist and Ministerial Counsellor.

Deputy: Dr. NOVAK

Assistant: Dr. VACHATA

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D. Regions ***

- 1) Central Europe Poland, Hungary and Austria
- 2) Western Europe Benelux, France, Portugal, Spain, Italy and Ireland
- 3) Northern Countries Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland
- 4) Balkans and Southern Europe. Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece
- 5) Middle East. Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Israel and Transjordan
- 6) Far East. India, Pakistan, China and Indonesia
- 7) North America
- 8) Latin America
- 9) South Africa

Colonies are handled in the area of the mother country

The USSR is designated as a separate region

E. Passport Office **** Although passports and visas are dealt with by the various Regions according to the countries involved, the final granting of passports, theoretically at least, is done by the Passport Office, which handles all passport and visa matters for the entire Ministry. As a matter of practice, however, passports for diplomatic and consular employees of the Ministry are issued by the Ministry of Interior and approved, unofficially, by Bedrich GEMINDER of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

3. Since the reorganization, the former titles associated with specific positions within the Ministry have been abolished and the following substituted: Chief of Region, Chief of Department and "Referent". ***** The civil service ratings of Ministry officials remain unchanged. Appointments are no longer made on the basis of education and experience, but entirely on political reliability.

4. Personalities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

A. Dr. Marta GOTTWALDOVA-CEPICKOVA --- Chief of the Balkan Region; daughter of President GOTTWALD. According to source, an extremely stupid woman. Before the coup (February 1948), was employed as a clerk in the Czechoslovak Press Attache's office at Belgrade; immediately after the putsch, was appointed head of the Political Section of the Balkan Department. She was granted a PhD by the Academic Senate of Charles University in September 1948 as a result of pressure upon the faculty by her father. *****

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- B. Vaclav SKORPIL -- Chief of Bulgarian Department of the Balkan Region; has had no secondary schooling.
- C. Dr. Vladimir HALABRIN -- Chief of Yugoslav Department, Ministerial Commissar, in spite of the fact that he has refused to join the Communist Party. He is friendly with Dr. OSUSKY (former Czechoslovak Ambassador in Paris, now one of the leading personalities of the Czechoslovak emigration). At the request of TITO, Subject was recalled from Yugoslavia before February 1948.
- D. Robert SCHMELZ -- Chief of the USSR Region; about 26, Jewish, born in Ostrava; has relatives at Katowice, Poland. Fought with General PRCHALA's Army in Poland in 1939, but after the withdrawal into the Soviet Union was interned along with all the other Czechs until the outbreak of the Russian-German phase of the war. When released from internment, he was assigned to FIERLINGER's office in the Czechoslovak Embassy in Moscow as a member of the commission recruiting Czech forces in Russia. This was the extent of his war service. His mistress, Russian born, intelligent KOMAROVSKA works as FIERLINGER's secretary although she is a Soviet citizen. She formerly worked in the Russian Department making grammatical corrections on all proposed treaties and agreements between the USSR and Czechoslovakia, but now acts as an unofficial, direct line between the Soviet Embassy and FIERLINGER.
- E. Fedor BALLO -- Chief of the Middle East Region; a Slovak and a Communist. Expects to be sent to Cairo as Legation Counsellor and Press Attache. Although his brother, who is in the office of the President, is no Communist, Subject is an ingrained Communist and has gone through one of the District schools of the Party. He is married to a wealthy Jewess from Piestany. *****
- F. Truda SEKANINOVA -- who works in the Department for Peace Treaties, is an important factor in determining the policy towards the United States. A widow - her husband was executed by the Germans early in 1940. Subject is an educated woman, speaks English and French fluently, is a confidant of Minister CLEMENTIS and Vlastimil BOREK and was assigned as an observer to the United Nations Assembly to keep tabs on the late Jan MASARYK. *****
- G. Ing. Vlastimil BOREK -- carries the title of Ambassador and is practically, if not yet officially, head of all Regional Political Departments. *****
- H. Dr. Evzen KLINGER -- (no relation to MUDr. KLINGER who now is a political refugee), Chief of all Regional Intelligence Departments; former co-editor - along with CLEMENTIS - of the periodical "CAS". Before the reorganization he was chief of Section III and it was his reshuffling of Section III into regions that became the pattern for the reorganization of the whole Ministry into Regions (along the lines of the Soviet organization). As a person, source adds, he is pleasant but something of a bluff. Although an old line Communist, Subject has no influence on BOREK.
- I. John Gerard LONDON -- a Jew who speaks Czech very poorly, is, next to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the highest ranking man in the Ministry. He is General Secretary, Chief of the Presidium (and thereby chief of Personnel) and most likely Chief of Diplomatic Protocol. A veteran of the Spanish civil war, he enjoys the trust of the Cominform, the Soviet Union and the Czech Communist Party. Source claims that he was ordered into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Cominform, but [REDACTED] whether Subject is a member of the Cominform or not. LONDON is a Swiss subject. *****

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J. Ing. Dr. CHYLE --- confidant of Bedrich GEMINDER; has great influence in the Central Committee of the Party. Was formerly in the Political Section and, after the reorganization, presumably keeps his old job. After the putsch became a member of the Ministry's Action Committee and helped to decide which members of the diplomatic staff would be purged. *****

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K. Dr. NOSKA -- a former member of the Czech National Socialist Party, has gained the confidence of the Communists by wholeheartedly working with them. Previously he was head of the Slav Department of Section III. [redacted] what his present assignment is.

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L. VITKU -- former Deputy Chief of the Cipher Department. His present position in the Ministry is not known [redacted] Subject is on the membership committee (within the Ministry) of the Communist Party.

M. Ing. BURES -- after the coup became Chief of the Balkan Department, succeeding Ing. Jaroslav KOPECKY who was dismissed because he was a National Socialist, loyal to President BENES. BURES handed his job over to Mrs. GOTTWALDOVA - CEPICKOVA in June 1948 and devoted most of his time to the Communist Party checking on KSC membership within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *****

N. Vavro HAJDU -- having the rank of Ambassador, works in the Department for Peace Treaties. This Department handles all Czechoslovak UNO affairs and the peace treaties with Germany and Hungary. *****

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O. TAUFER -- [redacted] no information about this official whom he characterizes as prominent. *****

P. Dr. Milos RUPPELDT -- An ex-secretary of CLMMENTIS, now Legation-Counsellor in Paris; married to the daughter of Dr. Frantisek CERNY, former Ambassador to Budapest. *****

Q. Dr. AUGENTHALER -- Chief of all Regional Economic Departments. Former head of Section IV (Economic), he is no Communist, but is tolerated because he is an expert in foreign trade negotiations. His daughter is married to Dr. SAMEC, a white Russian, who was deported to the Soviet Union (by the Russians) in 1945.

R. Dr. NECHUTNY -- An anti-Communist who cooperates with the Communists to the extent of being able to earn a living, was dismissed from his job in Section IV shortly after the February (1948) coup, but was subsequently re-hired. *****

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* [redacted] Comment. Possibly identical with Dr. Vilem CERNY, reported in [redacted] to have been released from service.

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** [redacted] Comment. Recalled from Paris at the request of the French in February 1948.

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*** [redacted] Comment. The exact allocation of countries is [redacted] they are divided approximately as given below.

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**** [REDACTED] Comment. This is not the official designation of this section.

***** [REDACTED] Comment. The title "Referent" designates a subordinate official in charge of a specific area, type of work, assignment, etc.

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***** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] information concerning dismissals be taken with reserve.

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