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1. Biographical

a. /pr/: Mklos Coombse is a Transylvanian Sackeler of peasant stock. He studied medicine in Budapest and settled down in the Hungarian capital as a surgeon. The medical practice, however, played a secondary role in his lare, all

his efforts being concentrated on politics.

b. He made his first appearance in political life as an extreme left radical leader in the student suvement of the early 20's. Inter the main scene of his activity was the "Barths Miklos Tarcasas" (Miklos Bartha Society), which in the early 30's was the getheriag place of radical youth without differentiation between left and light, Then the differences of the two groups of radicals became evident about 1932, Coordss withdrew from the foreground, caintaining only his left connections. About 1937 he reappeared and with his group joined a kind of national-socialist party, led by his fellow Transylvanian Bela Szasz. This cooperation: was of very short duration. In the opinion of some, Csomoss and his radical group sought only a cover for their activity whon they joined the party of Bela Szasz,

c. Soon after the outbreak of the war with Russia, Csomoss joined those circles which were working to disengage Hungary from the side of the Germans. In 1943, together with Endre (Andrew) Fall, he began to organize a resistance movement to act in the event the Germans attempted to occupy Hungary. This organizing activity was carried out mostly in Trangilvania, with the permission and support of General

Lajos Voros.

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2. Activities since March 19/4

- a. After the 19th of March, Casmiss concentrated his efforts on uniting active anti-German elements around himself. Owing to his old connections, he succeeded in bringing tegother extreme left as well as extreme right elements for the fight against the Germans. Consequently, in working against the Cormans, he collaborated on the one hard with the group under the leader—ship of the or brown rightist Enron Ede Atzol, on the other hand with the Hungarian Gommunist group of Dudde. It is characteristic of Geomess' role in the resistance movement that two members of the first Hungarian delegation send ty Horthy to Moscow September 1914 were his closest friends, Atzol and Dudds.
- b. A further characteristic fact in connection with the nature of Csembss' activity is his collaboration with a group of anti-German conservative politicians. One of the most important personalities among them is Endro Fall, former manager of the League of Revision, who went underground on the 19th of March. Fall was one of the most intimate collaborators of Count Bethlen, Dr. Lipot (Leopold). Baranyai, anti-Mazi president of the Hungarian Mational Bank, Endro Bajesy-Zeilinesky, and General Lajos Veres, as well as General Bela Miklès. Fall's hiding place was in Alsogod, some 50 kilometers north of Budapest on the east bank of the Danube. It was through these latter connections that Geomess succeeded in contacting the Regent and his Cabinet.

Location of Alaogod: Map. Ref: Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet Y-13, H-6144

o. In August, Coemoss transmitted to the Regent a list for a new Hungarian cabinet. This list was drawn up after consulting several prominent members of the Fungarian Front. Sometime later it turned out that Geoméss, presumably arbitrarily, added the rame of Count Bothlon to those already on the list. This fact shocked several members of the Hungarian Front, who could find no explanation for Coemoss' precedure. According to source the reason may be in Commons' connections with the covermentioned group of conservatives, who, in paving his way to the Regent, insisted on Count Bothlen's participation in the cabinet suggested by the resistance movement.

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3. Froment Significance

In number, Casass' main procesupation seemed to be the construction of a strong anti-Corman movement in Eungary with the participation of all groups regardless of their political standing Casass is not a talented man or an intellectual, but he is considered to be an excellent organizor. He is not too ambitious and it is hardly likely that he will push into the foreground of the Hungarian political like. But his presence and potential influence in the background of Hungarian political development have to be taken into account.

Comment: According to another source, Comments is 40-42 years of age.

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