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9 September 1952

**SUBJECT :** Father Marsell van Outson

**TO :** WASHILLA

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**REFERENCE:** SVASA-648

Attached please find information pertaining to the subject obtained to date.

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Father Marcol van Outsen

430th CIC Det. Salzburg -- Sub Detachment contain numerous fragmentary references concerning the subject, his use by the Detachment and activities in which his name appears. None of these references would be considered derogatory.

CGI Intercept #S/P 11885, 4 September 1947 -- filed in Soviet Agents 302: This Intercept reports a letter from a "Russian identity in Italy to the subject in which there is reported a possible provocative approach to the writer. The tone of the letter smacks of intelligence tradecraft language.

430th CIC A/R s 1344, dated 4 March 1948, subject: "Vatican Agent in Salzburg" -- Evaluation C-3 contains considerable information worthy of note. A copy is attached.

430th CIC Det MOIC dated 27 April 1948, subject: "Schaufuss, Tatiana, US Civilian Welfare Worker, Church World Services, In Salzburg, Alleged Soviet Agent" -- This report refers to "Curley" (CIC crypt for subject) as the source of the assertion that Schaufuss was a possible Soviet agent. Within the report the subject is referred to as well known to the Salzburg CIC office as an unofficial intelligence representative of the Vatican in Salzburg who ostensibly is here to aid and advise Russian Orthodox RP's. It is stated that the subject is opposed to Schaufuss as a representative of the "Tolstoy Foundation" and of the "Ecumenical Council" of the Universal Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. In the Agents Notes of the report, it is recommended that the investigation of Schaufuss be dropped because of the vagueness of the allegations.

430th CIC Det Vienna SOI V-1012, dated 22 April 1948, subject: "Outsen -- refers to SOI Salzburg, 4 March 1948, S-1344, Subject: Vatican Agent in Salzburg. In this report it is stated that the subject is commissioned by the Oriental Congregation to work for Russian emigres and is directly responsible to Cardinal Fisserant. There are no prominent Russians of the Orthodox Church in Salzburg. However, the subject seems to be able to gather certain valuable information. It is not the subject's mission to try and convert Orthodox believers to the Catholic faith but he tries to follow the wish of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and eliminate existing misunderstandings by creating an atmosphere of close association between the two churches. The source of the information contained in the report referred to Schaufuss and one Mr. Shitov as Communist agents working against the subject. Evaluation B-2

A CGI Intercept #17561, dated 29 June 1949, of a letter between two Russian nationals mentions the instigation by WOS Representative Mrs. Schaufuss against Pater Marcello van Outsen, minister of the Greek Catholic Church whose address is 12 Glockengiesstrasse.

430th CIC Det Salzburg file -- "Soviet Agents" -- 410 -- contains additional material connecting Schaufuss in the activities of other suspected Soviet agents, some of whom were in contact with the Soviet Repatriation Mission in Salzburg. No traces are found of the activities of Schaufuss in the Salzburg area after 1949. Throughout the connection with these allegations, some of which appeared in a Swiss newspaper but were later withdrawn by

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the paper, the subject is noted as the source of much of the information concerning the activities of these suspected agents.

IRS Salsburg, 4 January 1950, and 30 January 1950, filed in Aus US Zone --268/report that the subject's mother is residing at the subject's former home in Antwerp, Belgium, address: 34 Rue du Grand Chien.

430th CIC Det, Sub Det A, MOIC, dated 12 May 1950, reports that CIC interviewed Outsem concerning Fr Anton Pinsker, pastor of St. Elizabeth Church in Salsburg. Pinsker is noted as a Jesuit. On this occasion the subject reported to the CIC agent data on the Russian emigre elements.

In 430th CIC Det, Salsburg Sub Det Office--file Austria US Zone-268 -- is a list dated 18 December 1950 of approximately 25 individuals of Russian nationality who are alleged to have made a pilgrimage to Rome under the auspices of the subject.

430th CIC Det Salsburg A/R S-10791, dated 22 August 1951 -- In this report the subject is interviewed as a possible source of information in the investigation of the alleged Soviet agent Sirotenko, Ivan. The report refers to Outsell as residing at Hamspergstrasse 33, Salsburg and as a vigorous anti-Communist and alleged Vatican intelligence agent. Evaluation C-3

430th CIC Det, Salsburg Sub Det, Memo for file, dated 22 August 1951, subject: "Wiederersperger, Helene, Employment Applicant" -- This report states that the CIC Sals records reveal that van Outsem has been used at various times as an informant for CIC. He was particularly connected with CIC during the period of time that S/A John B. Burkel was Chief of Sub Det A (Sals). Burkel used the subject as a source of information for Vatican intelligence and to get a better picture of the Vatican's informant network. Van Outsem is thought to be an intelligence agent of the Vatican. On several occasions he has been helpful to the Detachment. The file reveals that he was dropped by Burkel in 1949 because he was not producing sufficient information of interest to CIC to keep him as a registered informant. On about 22 August 1951, the Informant Control Officer was contacted for information concerning the subject. The Informant Control Officer could find no record on the subject as an informant. S/A Ringer was contacted as an individual having wide knowledge of Salsburg personalities. He stated that he believed the subject to be an intelligence agent who reports directly to the Vatican and has on occasion been of great value to the Detachment in the detection of Soviet agents. It was Ringer's belief that the subject had given assistance to the Detachment only in order to further the aims of the Vatican. He stated further that while Mr. Burkel had endeavored to interest van Outsem in becoming a paid informant of CIC, he had not met with an appreciable amount of success. According to Ringer, the Subject is a close-mouthed man who will only give such information as he chooses and will not go out for any other than the Vatican and is interested in climbing the Vatican ladder. Mr. Burkel soon became discouraged and dropped the subject from CIC's regular lists. It was Ringer's belief that G-2 is still trying half-heartedly to enlist the services of subject.

430th CIC Det Sals A/R S-11812, dated 20 November 1951. In this report the subject is mentioned as having given some assistance to CIC in the course of the investigation and apprehension of a Soviet Intelligence agent in Salsburg. This was in the winter of 1951 and the spring of 1952. No details of just what assistance was supplied are given in the file.

430th CIC Det Sals Sub Det A/R S-11666, dated 30 October 1951, subject: "Baltmann, Hennig, Agent for Alleged US Intelligence Agency" -- In this

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report it is stated that Bultman approached a CIC sub source with an offer of employment which involved going to Vienna and working on Soviet defections. Bultmann stated to his prospect that if he succeeded in having one Soviet defect, his activities of a six-month period would be a success. Bultmann stated that he was working for an independent American civilian organization in Austria which was not under CIC or GID control but under direct Washington supervision. This organization was interested in increasing Soviet defections. Bultmann stated that final O.K. for employment of the prospect rested with a professor (name unknown). In the report it is stated that Bultmann was reported to work closely with Padre Marcel van Cassen.

G-2 CIB - CSS, 8 March 1952, Disposition Form, states that the Bultmann is employed by a US Agency. Any further contact with Bultmann was to be carried out only after obtaining permission from the Chief, G-2 Operations.

430th CIC Det Salzburg A/R S-12559, 27 March 1952 -- Outzen was contacted in 1949 by a Russian DP who wished to forward to American authorities information concerning Soviet espionage agents among the DP's. This report illustrates Outzen's position of influence in DP circles and the respect in which he was held by the Russian nationality DPs. In this instance, he cooperated with CIC in attempting to gather OS information and apprehend possible Soviet espionage agents. The report refers to the subject as a Russian-speaking Jesuit priest who represents Catholic and Orthodox charities in the Salzburg area and who maintains an office in the perimeter of Hotel Europa Lager. He speaks fluent English and for this, as well, he is sought as a go-between by Russian DP's who wish to cooperate with Western authorities.

430th CIC Det Salzburg A/R S-13427 24 April 1952 -- This report is of a CIC interview with the subject who stated that on 16 April 1952 the Soviet Repatriation Mission visited his office at the DP camp. They attempted to establish that he was a Russian national. This he denied, pointing out that he was a Belgian. He was asked why he helped Russian persons and Soviet citizens and if there was anything the SRM could do to aid him in his work. He answered that he helps all persons in need of spiritual or material aid whether Russian or not or Soviet or not. He stated that he could use financial aid from the SRM for a Catholic church propaganda campaign in which he is interested. Van Outzen believed this last answer was not favorably received by the SRM personnel.

430th CIC Det -- Sals Sub Det A/R S-13395 dated 16 April 1952 -- This report states in effect that the name Marvel was listed by the SRM as one of five persons they planned to interview in their visit to the US Zone of Austria 14-19 April 1952. The address given for this name was found to be Dr. Marcel van Outzen, a Jesuit priest engaged in welfare work in the Salzburg area. Subject stated that he had been receiving newspapers and letters addressed to him as Marvel or Marvinius for the past several years. This correspondence was mailed from the Imperial Hotel in Vienna. The newspapers were all of Russian propaganda nature and the letters were of a personal nature appealing to him as a Lithuanian to return to his native land. The subject stated that the SRM had attempted to contact him in June 1951, but he was not at home. Subject was unemotional at the receipt of the information that he was to be contacted by the SRM. He stated he intended to inform them of their error in his nationality.

Subject is referred to in reports and CIC files as:

Born ~~SECRET~~ 1910  
Antwerp, Belgium

Present address (residence)  
Hauflberg Strasse 33