

NAME CHECK REPORT

DATE: 10 October 1952

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NAME: GUTSEN, Marcel van, Father

DOB: 28 April 1907 POB: Antwerp, Belgium

NATI:

PRESENT

ADDRESS:

PREVIOUS: Rue du Grand Chien, Antwerp

ADDRESS: Prins Josef Str 29, Salzburg 1947

PHYSICAL: Glockengasse 12, Salzburg 1948

DESCRIPTIVE: Humpersgasse 13, Salzburg

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Alleged Intelligence operative for the Vatican

REASON: Is owner of newspaper LUTON

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REMARKS:

1: GROWER	X					In addition to the attached traces, please contact [] and [] of BUREAU, Vienna, and refer to MIA 10712 and SLI/5314.
2: PCB	X					
3: CIC/V	X					
4: CID/V						Traces found in CIC Sals files are forwarded as Attachment I. A copy of Attachment I will accompany each copy of this ROR (5). Extracts of CIC Salzburg Top Secret files are forwarded as Attachment II. Traces found in C-2 records were generally duplicatory of CIC Sals traces. Vienna, SLI 259, dated 20 November 1947, subject: Vatican Intelligence, was copied and is attached to all copies of this ROR as Attachment III.
5: GREENWORCER						
6: []						
7: []	X					
8: C-2	X					
9: CIC/S	X					
10: CIC/L	X	X				Traces found in CIC Lia files were duplicatory of CIC Sals traces.
11: CIC/S	X	X				
12: BUCHEMATS/S	X					By 430th CIC Det. Informant Control File on Subject was examined and a resume thereof is attached as Attachment IV.

The result of a check with BUCHEMATS is forwarded as Attachment V. Additional information obtained from USIA officials is attached as Attachment VI. (over)

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INVESTIGATION OF THE SUBJECT'S ACTS AND CONNECTIONS WITH THE SUBJECT'S ACTS (CASE)

In the various agencies contacted and in many of the reports received, some of the following name variations appeared. All are believed to refer to subject:

- Curley
- Osborn, Marcel van, Father
- Osborn, Marcel van
- Osborn, Marcel van, Father
- Osborn, Marcel Ernest van (Father)
- Van Osborn, Marcel
- Osborn, van, Jim
- Osborn, Jim
- Marvel or Marvelling

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Name Check Report Attachment II

Subject: CUTSEM, Marcel van

The following information was extracted from CIC Salzburg Reports which are classified Top Secret and ~~should~~ the information should be therefore treated accordingly.

Salzburg CIC MWTB S-S-11475 dated 15 April 1947 filed in Top Secret 108 Subject of this report was Avtonov, Russian Orthodox Archbishop. In an interview with Cutsem, Cutsem stated that he had been requested by a superior in the Vatican to contact both Meletiev, Paulus and Autonomov, Nikolai in order to determine their exact political leanings and activities. Cutsem denied that he had been given any specific leads to guide him in his investigations but declared that the Vatican was highly interested in an allegation that the two archbishops were involved in liason with Russian Orthodox personalities in Argentina concerning the proposed migration of 25,000 Russian DPs there.

Salzburg CIC Report # S-3170 dated 2 Nov 1948 CIC File TOP SECRET 199 According to this report a Russian minor official from the Soviet Repatriation Mission was interviewed at Cutsem's home at Franz Josef str 29, Salzburg concerning his desire to defect. It seems that the Russian had contacted Cutsem and asked to be put in contact with the Americans. CIC and G-2 decided to take no further action on this possible defection.

CIC Salzburg file INFORMANTS 19 and the Informants Control file on Cutsem were examined briefly. Before this second file could be completely examined it was withdrawn from scrutiny by the CO of CIC Salzburg. These files state that Subject's code name is "CURLLEY" and his informant number is T-3825. His evaluation as an informant is "D-Usually reliable" His Salzburg address is given as Glockengiesserstr 12, Salzburg. His description is given as white-ruddy Belgian citizen. Born 28 Apr 1899 His height is 5 ft 11 inches, weight 165 pounds, build slim, hair reddish, eyes brown, eyebrows bunchy, nose large, whiskers reddish, neck thin, mouth has large lips, ears normal. The file states that his trustworthiness has been proven reliable. He speaks fluent German- Italian-Flemish. He is listed under type of informant as one used to expose spurious clerics. His hobby is given as Russian music and American novels. His latest address is given as Haunspargstr 33. A picture of the Subject is contained in the Informant Control file. According to a round about statement made by the Subject and supported by Schwarzenberger (Secretary to Archbishop Rohrer) Cutsem has been commissioned by the Vatican to gather intelligence for the church concerning the activities of the Communists and counteracting Communist propaganda wherever possible.

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Case No.: V-801-259
 FBI/02/cwp
 Vienna City Section
 20 November 1947

SUBJECT: Survey of Vatican Intelligence Activities

Entered 11/21/47

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information concerning Vatican intelligence activities was submitted to this Agent by CIG sources in Italy. These sources have been familiar with Vatican intelligence activities for over two years and the information may be evaluated as B-7.

The attached diagram (Exhibit "A") shows the general channels through which information flows. Information collected at parish level is channelled upwards through the leading member of the clergy in each country and eventually reaches the Evaluation Section of the Vatican Intelligence System. This system operates under the cover of an Advisory Council and Pontifical Legal Staff. It is reported that a section of the Vatican Library, accessible only to authorized Vatican personnel of the Advisory or Legal Staff, contains highly classified documents. A Research Staff in which are faculty members of the Gregorian University provides the Intelligence Staff with any historical or background information in the Vatican archives requested.

At the evaluation section of the Vatican Intelligence System all reports are briefed and forwarded to the Legal Section, where any and all questions of legality are extracted and studies made. The report is then further forwarded to the Correlation Section where it is turned over to the proper member of this section who is charged with specific responsibilities in the field of intelligence. Once again the report is briefed and forwarded to either one of the four controlling bishops of the Vatican Intelligence System, depending upon the nature of the intelligence report. Here studies are made and through these four controlling bishops the Pope is kept constantly informed of intelligence activities throughout the entire world.

Under direct control of the Pope is the Vatican Intelligence File Room where all reports in final stage are filed.

In addition to the system outlined above, the Vatican uses missionaries, priests assigned to special missions throughout the world, and the Collegios located in ROME around Vatican City as intelligence collecting agencies. With reference to Collegios, it is deemed advisable to mention that clergy of varied political beliefs are active in the Collegios in ROME and thus in this manner information from various viewpoints eventually reaches the File Room of the Vatican Intelligence System.

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Attached to each Collegio in ROME is a liaison man from the Correlation Section of the VIS.

Attention is also called to the fact that a Collegio or a designated man for every nationality in the world is located in ROME and to each Collegio or designated man comes all types of persons in all stations of life. In addition Vatican scholars throughout the world comb cultural and educational institutions for information of interest to the Vatican. The Defense of the Catholic Church is wide in scope and any factor which may have a derogatory or injurious effect on the Church is investigated thoroughly. In its struggle against Communism the Vatican is aware of its greatest adversary in its history and is coping with it with every means possible. Therefore, their activities in the field of intelligence cannot be underestimated.

PERSONALITIES:

X Father FRESHERY - Jesuit Order - was reported through Vatican sources to have recently completed a tour of Czechoslovakia and Poland collecting intelligence information. He is presently submitting his reports in ROME.

Father VAN OUTEN, Salzburg, Glockengieserstrasse 12 - Jesuit Order - alleged to be active in Vatican intelligence - presently in contact with SAID, CIO Sub-section, BRAUNAU.

Monsignor O'FIAHERTY - presently residing in ROME, is assigned to questions of sabotage and espionage in the Correlation Section.

Monsignor CARROLL - also assigned to the Correlation Section of the VIS.

Monsignor LANDI - collaborator in intelligence matter in Mediterranean Theater including Balkans. Close colleague of Monsignor CARROLL. Presently residing in ROME.

Bishop FREDERICIE - alleged to either hold one of the four controlling positions in the VIS or is on the secretarial staff of the Pope. However, it is definitely known that he is active on a high level in Vatican intelligence.

Based on the organization as outlined in Exhibit "A", it is deemed necessary to make the following investigations to complete the survey of Vatican intelligence activities in Austria:

Determine the priests responsible for intelligence activities in each local parish.

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Develop contact with the leading member of the clergy in Austria and members of his staff to determine the extent of their activities.

Locate and investigate special Vatican missions of all natures presently operating in Austria.

Locate and investigate members of the clergy who are in Austria on special missions or for reasons of health, recreation, or welfare.

It is recommended that the above information and attached diagrams be forwarded to GIO sections in Land Salzburg and Upper Austria and that their agents be instructed to make the necessary studies outlined above to complete the survey of Vatican intelligence activities in Austria.

PAUL E. LYCH
Special Agent, GIO

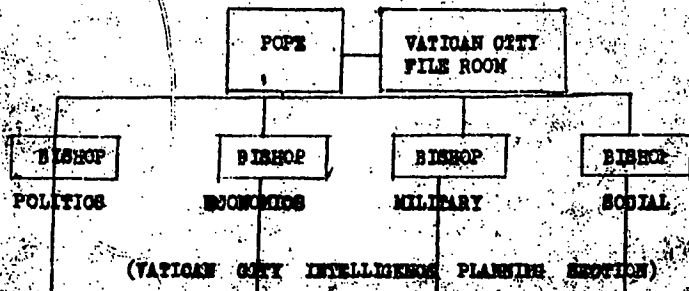
GEORGE ZAPPALA
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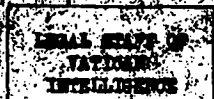


Correlation Section of Vatican Intelligence System

These positions are held by members of the clergy holding the rank of Monsignor or Bishop - Located in Rome.

These 20 positions cover the scope of intelligence in all countries in the world.

Knowledge of questionable illegal nature from reports



Located in Rome



Located in Rome
Receives all reports and other information from world in concise form through Legal Section.

REPRESENTS ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD

1. Missionaries

2. Special Assignments

3. Colleges



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Attachment IV

Hq. 430th CIC Det Informant file on Informant T-3825 was examined and the following information extracted concerning the subject:

This material is classified Top Secret and should be treated accordingly.

Residences:

Rue du Grand Chien, Antwerp
Franz Josef Str 29, Salzburg 1947
Glockengieserstr 12, Salzburg 1948
Haunspurgerstr 33, Salzburg

Hobbies

Walking -- reading -- Russian music -- American novels

Born

28 April 1909, Antwerp, Belgium

Intelligence activities

Salzburg 1949 -- in contact with S/A Koch
Alleged Intelligence operative for the Vatican

Targets in connection with CIC

Targets are Russian elements in DP centers in Salzburg area, especially pro-Soviet personalities. All persons engaged in any anti-American activities. Gives reports verbally in answer to specific KRI's, often volunteers information in the form of leads.

Contact details

Informant is met at Belgian Refugee Office and is contacted by telephone.

General

Sometime in February 1952, S/A Maxwell was introduced to the Subject by S/A John V. Lapurke on the Salzburg CIC office. At that time they were carrying out an investigation of the activities of a suspected Soviet agent. Maxwell regarded as significant that both Subject and his companion, Father Menard (Jesuit priest from Munich, English speaking) were reluctant to offer any information re the matter in which the two S/A's were interested. The two priests answered only direct questions and nothing more.

Two days later Lapurke and Maxwell were notified by the Commanding

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Officer of Sub Det A that the Subject and Menard had been instructed by their alleged Control agent (working for another American investigative agency) to cooperate more fully with Sub Det A. Subsequently, Maxwell was asked by personnel of his office to develop the subject as an informant.

Motivation and Evaluation

Subject is an invaluable source of information re Russian IP affairs, particularly as they pertain to Communist and anti-Communist personalities and organizations. He has the confidence of the entire anti-Communist Russian IP element and has given Agent Maxwell much information re Communist activities and pro-Communist activities in Salzburg. Subject believed he is an RIS target after receiving threatening mail addressed from the Hotel Imperial in Vienna. He is in no way hesitant about denouncing pro-Soviet personalities claiming he is working for the same cause as the West, i.e., the defeat of the Soviet Russian regime and his sources of information are unlimited.

S/A Maxwell is handling this agent.

There is some inference of connection between subject and TIM and the "udder organization".

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Attachment V

A check of DICLEMATIS Salsburg reveals the following information:

According to information supplied this office, the subject was in operational contact with GROSSBAHN for some time on an abortive defection known as the CAVRILLOV defection. DICLEMATIS notes that GROSSBAHN never had reason to doubt subject's good will, although he did certainly fall victim to a couple of operational bloopers. It is acknowledged by [] that subject is a carded informant of CIG Sals. [] states that subject is a Jesuit on assignments to the Oriental Congregation headed by Cardinal Tisserant. It is noted that he claims he is on good terms with all the Russian folk, including the Great Russians.

Following is a summary of GROSSBAHN reports concerning the subject and his activities:

Report dated 14 Mar 1951 is concerned with the denunciations of the subject by one Alexis ZUBEK. This matter was also reported in Sals CIG Rpt #1420 dated 14 Jul 1952. ZUBEK was in contact with the Soviet Repatriation Commission through another Russian DF. At one time ZUBEK made widespread slanderous statements with regard to the Subject. However, they were not accepted and ZUBEK was considered as a Soviet agent and/or a psychopath.

Report dated 16 March 1951 is concerned with plans for a deserter/defection operation. The writer requests file checks on a series of people who are either in contact with the Subject or are associates. These names will be given below in a list of subject's contacts.

Report dated 4 April 1951 refers to letters that the Soviet Mission sends subject in an attempt to encourage him to return to the USSR.

Report dated 5 April 1951 refers to a DF contact of subject who had on occasions made trips into the Soviet Zone. During one trip in January 1951 this individual met a recruiting approach by a Russian 1st Lt. Further contact did not develop.

Report dated 9 April 1951 concerns a planned defector operation. Report concerns itself with the fact that a defector had arrived before the necessary preparations had been laid on.

Report dated 10 April 1951 concerns itself with the Chief of HTS, Austria, Alexander Parfionov, who, it is reported, appeared very cooperative and offered Subject full collaboration. Reports notes that this collaboration will be accepted on a limited basis. Parfionov informed

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subject of NTS's U. S. support re a secret radio station in Germany. The NTS leader also informed the subject of a newly set up receiving and propaganda bureau for deserters in Western Berlin. Pavlov opened the question of such a center in Vienna. This report requests file check on another NTS member working with subject.

Report dated 13 April 1951 refers once more to the premature operation of the defector operation. The report mentions some confusion in the procurement of ID documents for the premature defector. The report also mentions Heinz Bultmann and his operations concerning deserters in Vienna.

Report dated 24 April 1951 refers again to the above defection and report that the defector had been spirited away to the French Zone of Germany by other Russians. This report also concerned itself with intelligence information supplied by the defector.

Report dated 9 May 1951 concerns contacts of subject in Munich with Gen. Glasnap, Chief of SAAF. A mention is made of the BOMD. The BOM is also mentioned. Pavlov of the NTS Austria is again mentioned as discussing collaboration if the NTS Central office at Limburg would agree. Pavlov mentioned that the NTS expected large financial support from the U. S., but did not state from what particular organization. It is reported that a Marcel Marie Goodard had offered subject the financing of a Russian illustrated (sic) with a Catholic tendency for the first six months.

Report dated 21 June 1951 mentions the loss by a Father Menard, Canadian Jesuit, and contact of subject, of a suitcase containing intelligence letter, on 27 May 1951 during a trip from Mauerkirchen to Salzburg. The suitcase was supposed to have been returned to the priest by CIS, although there was some confusion in connection with its return.

Report dated 8 August 1951 concerns proposed Soviet defector Fjodor Gavrilov. This report covers detailed planning for his defection, escape and evacuation. From inferences in the report subject was to supply Salzburg contact.

Report dated 22 August 1951 concerns the proposed defection of two guards from the Urfahr Kommandatura. Subject and other members of his religious order were planned to support this defection.

Following is a listing of various personalities mentioned in the above reports as in contact with subject. In most cases brief identifying data is given, although there is more data available in the reports.

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Argibalov, Boris -- No data referred to in a letter dated 1 March 1951, B-1

Basmartnij, Alexander -- Mentioned as a person subject was to contact in Munich

Baltmann, Henning -- 28 years old, born in Saxony, Germany. Lived in Russia as child. Has collaborated with subject for last six years. Speaks fluent Russian and German with Austrian accent.

Ceskaia, Father (SJ) -- To serve as safehouse keeper in the use of Jesuit College in plans for defection of Soviet troops. Subject would pick up defectors from Ceskaia and Pinski.

Dostojevskaja, Eugenie -- A key figure in planned Vienna and Soviet Zone defections. She displays Russian nationalist interests. She is a niece of the Russian writer Dostojevski.

Erochin, Alexander Zakharovich -- 38 years old from Kursk district. Prospective defector to be processed by mechanism involving subject.

Flerov, Vladimir -- No data, referred to in a ltr dated 1 Mar 51, B-1

Gavrilov, Fjodor, Sgt. -- Russian soldier born 14 September 1918, Tambov (RSFR). Subject of defection plan in Aug 1951.

Glasnap, Gen. -- Chief of SAF. Interested in collaboration with Subject and especially with Oriental Congregation headed by Cardinal Tisserant.

Gosard, Marcel Marie -- Offered Subject the financing of Russian illustrated. Wished it be published in France or Germany for financial reasons.

Gribanovski, Dimitrij -- Born 1 July 1924 at Karlovac, Yugoslavia. Layman, closely collaborates with the Oriental Congregation, Russian in Rome. Sent by Italian Intelligence to Munich to close contact there with Russians. He informed subject in detail and subject believes that Gribanovski was perfectly willing to drop Italian connections and be picked up by the local "organization".

Guzl, Father Cyprian -- Former student at the Vatican Russian at Rome. Working immediately under subject in Salzburg.

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Jacob, Boris -- Choirmaster with Russian Church in Munich (not identical with employee of Harvard University in Munich of same name). Sent letter to Gribanovski, at Rome via Father Menard. In the letter intelligence info was transmitted.

Jesuit College -- Lins, Freinbergstr 32 -- Planned as safehouse in defection of two Soviet soldiers.

Kogovoj, Jura -- No data, referred to in a ltr dated 1 Mar 51, R-1

Kossariew, Andrian -- President of the Ass'n for the Victims of Communism

Kossarjev, Pavlovich -- Approx. 53 years old, medical doctor by profession; member of NTS, but working independently from this movement with subject in Munich, where for past 5 years has resided at Augustinerstr 3, 4th floor

Kreiter, Alois -- 26 years old; IRO employee in medical dept (1951); Student of medicine; lives with mother at Salzburg, Neutorstr 28.

Kungurov, Georgij -- No data, referred to in a ltr dated 1 Mar 51, R-1

Kurlicek, (phonetic) -- IRO DP officer warned subject of Zubko threats on subject

Lechner, Katharina -- Contact of Dostojevskaja

Mashkovsky, Leonid -- No data, referred to in a ltr dated 1 Mar 51, R-1. Mentioned as planned for settlement in Vienna as permanent residence

Menard, Father -- Jesuit Father from Canada visiting Austria, en route to Rome. (See file check of CIG Informant Control file). This was in mid-1951. Lost suitcase containing letter from Boris Jacob to Gribanovski in Rome.

Modesto, Father Peter -- (Former student at Vatican Business, Rome, working immediately under subject in Salzburg.

Monastery of Salesian Fathers -- Wien III, Hagenauergasse 43, a part of the plan for defection of Gavrilov. Was to be used as safehouse in Vienna.

Mirabell Church -- Subject holds Oriental sermons there.

Ott, Father Karl (SJ) -- Representative of subject in Munich. Holds direct connections to East Germany especially at Dresden.

Poplan, (phonetic) -- IRO DP officer warned subject of Zubko threats on subject.

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Partonov, Alexander -- 54 years old, arrived from England, and became
MIB head for Austria. Held conversations with
subject with view towards collaboration. Is
suspected to have some western intelligence con-
nections. Told subject of U. S. heading of MIB.

Perilobov, Sura -- 26 years old, member of old emigre family that lived
in Regensburg. Lived in ID Camp Fawcett in 1951.

Peschov, (or Poesov), Ana -- Cousin of Looney, Kabanova and intermediary
in defection of [Gevralov,] Also is fiancée
of Duvallov

Plinkov, Ralhor (Raj) -- To serve as safehouse keeper of Joubt College in
defection plan, from whom defectors would be picked
up by subject.

Preobitza, Todor King -- Known among Russians as Dr Stefan, representative
(SR) of subject for upper Austria and backstop-pledged
material. King's direct connection w/Soviet
soldiers at Dresden.

Radunov, Valentin Antonovich -- 25 years old from Praguelovak district.
Proposed to defector to be processed by
mechanism involving subject.

Rabakov, Fyodor Ardon -- Proprietor of the Baladon Tavern (see Komarov of,
above) was planned as contact man safehouse director
in defection of Gevralov.

Radlitz, Alodia -- Assistant of Dostojevskaja
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Rabov, Alodia -- Approx 47 years old, Soviet army in WW II, worked with
subject for approx 6 months in the summer of 1949 on charity
subject. Later signed anonymous statements concerning
subject and is now believed to have had some Soviet-organized
work. Has since voluntarily repatriated to Sweden.

Radikov to Informants in Moscow, Vladimir: Accompanied Partonov, Alexander
on trip to Omsk. Reported dated
10 April 51 (h-19), states
subject will endeavor to find
out whether Moscow still holds
British intelligence connections.

Radyshevskis, Andriy -- Soviet defector handled and/or in contact with defector
mechanism in which subject was involved in 1951. Was
born in 1914 in Kiev.

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