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DISPATCH NO. TAB-A-2572

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TO: Chief, MID

DATE: 2 January 1952

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: Franz LAEBE alias Ladiszlaz BOSSANY

Reference: TAB-A-2572

1. On 20 December 1951 [redacted], not aware of this [redacted] interest in Subject, reported that on 13 December the Federal Police had arrested Jack COMEN, reporter of the Daily Express of London and detained him for eight hours for questioning concerning Subject's activities.

2. In some manner or other which was not explained by [redacted], COMEN came into contact with Subject. Subject told COMEN that he had been hired by the Argentine Federal Police to investigate Communist activities in the German colony there. Subject also told COMEN that he knew where Martin BOSSANY was as well as other high ranking Nazis wanted as war criminals.

3. After questioning COMEN, the Federal Police told him that Subject was going to be arrested that same day (13 December). Note: According to the best information available to this [redacted] and which was confirmed by [redacted], Subject was arrested on 10 December.

4. [redacted] on 8 January reported that on 6 January the Federal Police again questioned COMEN and specifically wanted to know if Subject had visited the British Embassy or DOUGALL, owner of the Buenos Aires newspaper, The Standard. COMEN replied that he did not know the answers to these questions.

5. In a recent meeting with [redacted] discreetly questioned him as to whether he had any information on Subject. COMEN replied that he knew nothing about the person but would check and advise later. At the next meeting [redacted] furnished [redacted] with the following report on Subject:

"Real name believed to be BOSSANY, tel. 32-0479, address Alem 7424.
Description: 5'11", slim, blond, sabre scar down left cheek to corner of mouth. Aged 35, married and speaks good English. He is believed to wish to leave Argentina for South Africa and to be in need of money for this purpose.

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"He stated that he is employed here as a police agent and to be working for the police on the question of illegal emigration. He stated that the police have informed him that they are not in any way interested in information on former Nazis, but exclusively interested in information on the Communist Party. LANGE claims to have all the information on the European set-up for illegal emigration of former Nazi Generals to the Western Hemisphere. According to LANGE, the guiding spirit is in Rome and is called Professor Stefano NICOLA DRAGANOVIC of Via Calabria 28, Rome (N.B. this person may be identical with Stefano DRAGANOVIC, a Croat priest who was reported in September 1949 to have travelled from Argentina to Rome and to have helped SKORZENY to get to Argentina.)

"A certain Mr. [redacted] of Via Calabria 12, Rome works with DRAGANOVIC.

"LANGE states that the following former Nazis are now in Argentina:

A certain HERMAN [redacted] ex S.P.
Theodor GOSLIS, a rocket expert
OTTO SKORZENY himself
(N.B. most improbable) Martin ROHMANN."

[redacted] said that because of Subject's reference to his open connections with the Federal Police that they did not plan to have anything to do with him. Although [redacted] did not say so directly, [redacted] gained the impression that Subject had undoubtedly visited BIRER's embassy and had been interviewed by him or one of his representatives.

6. This [redacted] has no further contact with Subject. [redacted] will question BIRER concerning Subject within the next two weeks when [redacted] returns from vacation.

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