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Subject: Dr. Ferdinand ^{cid} DURCANSKY. Report No: TAB-1739

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Source: Has contacts in Slovak groups.

1. Source reports that Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY, ex-Slovak Minister and president of the local branch of the anti-Communist Slovak Action Committee, has lost considerable prestige especially among the more recent Slovak arrivals in Argentina. These groups of immigrants are decidedly partisan to the ex-Ambassador of Slovakia to the Vatican, Dr. Carlos SIDOR, who is at present living in the United States.

2. Two reasons are advanced for this continued split involving the two men. The struggle which has been in evidence for many years has become accentuated because of the vocal support provided Dr. SIDOR by the recent Slovak arrivals to the Argentine. Also the outward attachment DURCANSKY has exhibited toward the Nazi element and the Peronistas has diminished the once popular influence he had previously exercised.

3. Another reason given for the shift in favor of SIDOR is the attitude of the former Slovak Minister of War, (fnu) STEFANIC (phonetic), who is an enthusiastic supporter of Dr. SIDOR. STEFANIC, at this time living in Buenos Aires, is looked upon as being pro-American. *See attached*

4. DURCANSKY is criticized by the Slovak community as being selfish and ambitious apart from being a proponent of totalitarian ideology. He is a close friend of Ante PAVELIC, Croat chieftain, and Father Virgilio FILIPPO, former ecclesiastical aide to President PERON, along with many other Nazi and Fascist collaborators.

5. Subject is considered to be a man without scruples, violently anti-Semitic and anti-American.

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