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Ferdinand DURCANSKY (I)

1. In case you should not be familiar with the travel restriction regulations agreed upon between the Allies and the Germans, let me give you briefly an explanation of the categories that have been established:

- Category A: Refer to Allies before issuing travel documents
- " B: Issue travel documents and inform Allies on subject's travels inside Germany
- " C: Refuse travel documents

2. Ferdinand DURCANSKY, born 18 December 1906 in Rajec, Czechoslovakia, applied from London in September 1950 for an entry visa into Germany which was granted. On 16 June 1952 he again applied from Paris for an entry visa which was refused because his name appeared on the Allied TCL (Travel Control List - Sperrliste). On 3 September 1952, DURCANSKY applied from Bad Ischl, c/o Anton Maly, Aurolsdammstr. 47, Ried i/Innkreis, Austria, to the French Security Service in Innsbruck for an entry permit into Germany. Evidently his application was granted because on 9 November 1952, DURCANSKY registered at the Pension Excelsior, Kalbachstr. 85, Munich, and on 3 December 1952 he had moved to Waldperlach bei Muenchen, c/o KRONNACHER, Putzbrunnerlandstrasse. At the time DURCANSKY applied for a German visa in Innsbruck, he was listed under Category B according to which the German government granted him the entry visa and kept the Allies informed about his whereabouts in Germany.

3. In the meantime the Combined Travel Board (CTB) received advice from the State Department that DURCANSKY was an "undesirable" alien and should not be permitted to enter Germany. Accordingly, on 3 November 1952 the CTB submitted to the Allied duty liaison officer for transmittal to the BIV a request that DURCANSKY be placed in Category C with the following explanation:

"DURCANSKY was a Nazi collaborationist. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia and Josef TISO. It is believed that if subject were permitted to enter Germany, he would visit the camps containing Czech refugees and

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engage in activities which would seriously increase tension within these camps."

4. Obviously, the State Department - CTB request did not reach the BFV in time to prevent DURCANSKY from entering Germany, or if it did the German Foreign Office simply ignored it. The question now arises if we should insist that DURCANSKY be placed in Category C or do we prefer to have him remain in Category B of the TCL?

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