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TO : Chief of Base, Salzburg

DATE: 18 Dec 52

FROM : Chief, FE

INFO: VIEN

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/CRCOY
 SPECIFIC - 0 Karl HAAS aka HASS

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Reference: SALZ 373

1. Attached is one copy of the translation of the material received from the station mentioned in DIR 13789 of 12 September 1952. This constitutes the bulk of what has unfortunately come to be referred to as the "burn" material in all our traffic on the subject. On some careful scrutiny, it seems a flimsy basis on which to build a pyre. In view of the sensitivity of the source, it cannot be used as such, in any event.

RIS INPUT NO 2. ³⁵ The material consists of the report received from the Italian service concerning the activities of HASS during his sojourn in Italy, including copies of letters which he wrote to "the Italian Doctor" (Dr. ~~SPATINI~~), and two letters which he asked the Doctor to mail for him, one to Willi KERTL and one to "Dear Ugo".

3. The consensus here is that the "Ugo" is almost certainly identical with Ugo BATHA, who was considered by GROSSER for use with Subject in the SHOSHONE Project. (See KASA 1724, NESA 1725, MAS-7-156.) Our conjecture is based on the fact that Subject asks BATHA to help in the matter of the application for German citizenship for Mr. D. of Bolzano.

4. The Italian desk has asked that the attachment not be shown to C-2. You may, however, pass them a verbal account of the incident, leaving out the name of the Doctor and the reporting channels described in DIR 13719.

5. We consider the information contained in the attachment serious enough to arouse considerable doubt as to HASS's bona fides and to recommend against his employment in any element of KREBAR. We are sorry, however, that our first independent reaction to the Italian report may have led us to overestimate our ability to prove his duplicity outside the organization. If this has caused red faces beside our own, we apologize.

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6. Under the circumstances, we see no other course than to let him go his way, and to keep an eye on him.

7. Should HASS take up intelligence work again, as no doubt he will, there exist several channels to monitor his activities. Possibly he can be watched via CAPORE. We are fairly certain that he can be and will be watched if he ever shows up again in Italy.

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