

26 October 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EE

FROM: : WE/FL/4

SUBJECT : Karl HASS

1. Information reaching this office, dated 10 July 1953, indicates that an Italian source of ours met Subject in Rome while Subject was with his mistress and their baby. Our Source learned from HASS the following:

a. He is not working for the Americans any more because they wanted to keep too close a control over him and because they expected a detailed and accurate report on all of his movements. Furthermore, they told him to send someone to bring a piece of a MIG-15 from Russia, with a premium of \$5,000. When the agent returned with the piece, the Americans didn't give him any money, stating what the agent had brought was a piece of scrap from a German pursuit plane.

b. HASS stated that he was making \$1,000 a month in salary, in addition to expenses of \$200. He said he is working for the new Bonn Intelligence Service by which he is being paid regularly but insufficiently. He said he has no contact with the German diplomatic corps and takes his orders directly from Bonn.

c. HASS displayed to our Source some material in his briefcase, all written in German and concerning political and military matters in Iron Curtain countries. More specifically, he had a report of about 40 pages, typewritten, concerning the Czech armed forces; a 20-page report on the Yugoslav armed forces and political situation; a 15-page report on the Communist situation in Italy; and various maps and plans of unidentified areas.

2. HASS made a proposal for collaboration with our Italian Source and on 13 July 1953 he met with our Source. On that occasion, Subject stated that he works with the Director of the Russicum (Comment: Vatican institute) from whom he has received information, documents, and Soviet newspapers. Subject displayed some plans drawn of areas in the Soviet

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some of Austria with detailed explanations in German. One of these plans concerned an airfield in Berg with fortifications and other points inked in. These drawings were apparently prepared by priests in the Russicum. Subject is also concerned with obtaining information on the activity of ex-King FAROUK against the current Egyptian Premier NAGUIB. Subject complained that he had been a victim of provocative rumors which accused him of Communism.

3. Contact between the Italian source and Subject is continuing and further pertinent information will be forwarded to you when received.

Source: [ ]

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Chief, WE/4

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