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HODOSY-STROBL, Paul. Born 27 July 1895. Lutheran. Married, has two children; family still in Hungary. Attended Military Academy, passed all examinations except that for doctor's degree in law. Professional soldier. A flyer during first World War. Became a member of the General Staff. In general it could be said that he was a gendarmerie officer. In 1918 he was commissioned by the army into the police, and then to the gendarmerie. According to his own statement he did no job other than police work. In May 1944 he was retired but in a very curious way. In May 1944 he was called again to active service; in October 1944, during the SZALASI putsch in Hungary the Nationalist Minister of Interior ordered him to reorganize the Hungarian police. He was given the rank of Maj. General of the police on 16 Oct. 1944, holding it until 2 May 1945 when he became a prisoner of the Americans. He was in a U.S. POW camp until 12 June 1946.

Mr. Zolt Aradi was requested to read the attached to see whether or not the man might be of possible use to us. The above is his resume of the document, and the following his comment: From the attached it is not evident whether the man was only a professional soldier-gendarmerie and was therefore recalled to active service for the sole purpose of reorganizing the Hungarian police during the period of the most cruel Nazi occupation in Hungary. This phase of his life, as outlined by him, raises many questions and suspicions. When the Nazis recalled him to active service to reorganize the police, he did so; and it would not appear to be safe for him to return to Hungary now. It is suggested that Mr. Himler and Capt. Bellin be requested to furnish additional information from their rather extensive Hungarian files.

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