

EUROPEAN COMMAND
FIELD SUPERVISORY TEAM
APO 407 US ARMY

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MEMORANDUM TO: Commanding Officer
7821 Composite Group
APO 407, US Army

MEMO # 34

Conference with Paul STROEL.

1. On 21 Dec 1948 the undersigned had a conference together with 7 and 114 with STROEL. STROEL is the leader of the Hungarian Group working under 114.

2. He presented a short history of his work since he started to work for us in May 1948. He was very successful in building up several lines into Hungary. He also pointed out difficulties of his work particularly through lack of documents which our organization should be able to furnish. He went into details about one case where one agent is waiting already for 2 1/2 months to go to Hungary and cannot do so because we did not furnish an Austrian identity card.

3. The undersigned emphasized that this kind of documentation will definitely improve in the very near future because our co-ordination with American authorities in Austria is in the process of being improved. This also gave 7 the opportunity to explain in details that our work in Austria has to cease completely and Austria is to be treated like another foreign country such as Switzerland or Italy.

4. STROEL also emphasized that he has many more opportunities to enlarge his work which he, however, cannot do because of lack of funds. 7 and the undersigned explained to STROEL that we are at the present time in no position to make additional funds available. However, we emphasized to STROEL that in addition to his straight intelligence mission it would be of tremendous value to us if he could organize a GI net in Hungary, for the purpose of protecting our work in Hungary. STROEL who already is on account of his past activities as Chief of the Hungarian Gendarmerie a GI man, promised to do so.

5. STROEL has at the present time one small house furnished

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by this organization. He is in great need for another house. The undersigned promised that he will do his utmost to obtain a house for him during the month of January in MWHIGH or vicinity. Other small operational problems were also discussed.

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