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18 APR 1963

**TO:** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security  
Department of State

**FROM:** Deputy Director, Plans

**SUBJECT:** SERCEL, Pal Hodossy  
[HODOSSY-SERCEL, Pal]  
[HODOSSY, Paul]

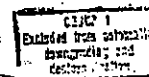
1. Reference is made to the name check request, dated 31 January 1963, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office. The files contain the following information concerning Subject.

2. According to a questionnaire for emigration applicants dated 18 July 1950, Subject served as a member of the Hungarian Gendarmerie (State or Rural Police) from June 1921 to December 1943. Subject retired in January 1944 with the rank of Colonel. In January 1945, Subject was appointed General of the Gendarmerie under Hungarian Prime Minister Ferenc SZALASI, head of the Arrow Cross (Nazi) Movement in Hungary.

3. According to a report dated 19 September 1950 from a fairly reliable source, Subject was a former Hungarian police colonel who was called out of retirement by Hungarian Prime Minister SZALASI in October 1944 and made General of the Gendarmerie. Source disliked Subject due to his (Subject's) pro-Nazi background. In 1950, Subject, in addition to being a professor organization of the West German Intelligence Service (WGIS), was the leader of one branch of General Andras ZAKO's MREK (Hungarian Warriors Comradeship Federation). Source objected to the composition of the MREK because its leadership was composed of former members of the Arrow Cross, most of them Hungarians of German origin. Source stated that the MREK was fascist-dominated. (Note: The MREK headed by former Hungarian General Andras ZAKO, was an anti-Communist intelligence organization of ill repute. The MREK, which employed rightist former Hungarian officers, was heavily involved in intelligence fabricating and worked for any and all intelligence services.)

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4. According to a report dated 6 September 1950 from a former associate of Subject, through a well-placed Hungarian refugee whose reliability cannot be judged, Subject was allegedly working for the French intelligence service through the NARK.

5. According to a report dated 17 February 1950 from a staff officer of this Agency, Subject was the leader of a Hungarian group operating in Germany for a predecessor organization of the WGIS. The group's chief activity was surveillance of Hungarian shipping and illegal shipping on the Danube River. In the Munich, Germany, area, the group reported on suspicious Hungarians.

6. According to a report dated 6 September 1951 from a staff officer of this Agency, a predecessor organization of the WGIS claimed to have dissolved, in May 1950, the intelligence net run for them by Subject. However, Source suspected that Subject's relations with the mentioned predecessor organization may not have been completely severed until May 1951, if then.

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Encl: 1 name check

CC: to Federal Bureau of Investigation  
to Immigration and Naturalization Service

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