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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention: []
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational

DATE: 12 February 1951

SPECIFIC - Background Information on Lola BRAUN-CHOVANCAK, CIC Agent

1. [] subsource 2, case officer ZOEBEL, obtained the following background information on Lola BRAUN-CHOVANCAK, CIC agent, from Erich KERDMAYER. The Austrian police did not forward this information to any other agency.

a. Lola BRAUN-CHOVANCAK came to Gmunden, Upper Austria at the end of the war; she lives at Gmunden, Esplanade 5. During the occupation of Hungary by German troops, she worked for the "E II Hungary" Section of the German SD; Dr. Wilhelm HOETIL was Chief of that section.

b. Lola BRAUN's daughter, name unknown, emigrated from Austria to England in 1948; she is allegedly employed there as an interpreter in a textile factory. Prior to her departure from Austria, she had some difficulties with the CIC, details unknown.

c. Lola BRAUN is employed as an agent or informant by various U.S. and Austrian agencies; she submits information, mostly consisting of hearsay, to CIC, MIS, the Security Director of Upper Austria, and to the Austrian Gendarmerie. She is known as an agent provocateur who tries to induce former Nazis or Communist to make careless remarks which she subsequently reports.

2. The above information is submitted for Headquarter's files.

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