

ATTN: MAIR-8057

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Chief of Station, Vienna  
Attention: [ ]  
Chief, Salzburg Base  
Raimund STRANGL  
OCM/380

1. Because of the multiple distribution of STRANGL material, Detachment 33 ordered S/A PATTI, STRANGL's CIC case officer in Vienna, to have STRANGL arrested and given an unfriendly interrogation. The purpose was to be the establishment of the true sources of information. PATTI apparently decided that a house search, in connection with the interrogation, was a good idea and, since STRANGL lives in the third district, he asked the British to participate.
2. On 4 April 1951, [ ] of the British IS called CIC Vienna in high duress and wanted to know what CIC meant by requesting a house search of a British agent of good standing. This, of course, confirmed the conclusion reached by you in OCM/380.
3. Because of the highly involved nature of the case, we propose to send [ ] to Vienna by plane on 9 April to discuss the ramifications of the case with [ ] and [ ]. If everyone agrees, [ ] will then approach [ ] representing G-2 ( [ ] is already known to the British as a G-2 man), and lay the cards on the table. We feel that such a tremendous amount of time is being wasted by everyone trying to figure out STRANGL that a direct approach with a view towards determining a joint policy is definitely in order. If you have any objections to [ ] coming down on 9 April, please notify us by cable.
4. As we see the situation, STRANGL material now reaches U.S. intelligence agencies through the following channels:
  - a. CIC:
    - (1) STRANGL to his CIC case officer, S/A PATTI.
    - (2) STRANGL to [ ] (Austrian Chancellery) to S/A Paul KAEFNER.

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(3) STRANGL to MASCHER to HENDRICKS to CIC, Salzburg; (Detachment 35).

(4) STRANGL to British IS to G-2 (through local OB exchange).

b. Czech Organization:

(1) STRANGL to PETERLINGER (Austrian Ministry of Interior) to

(2) STRANGL to [ ] to [ ] to [ ] to [ ]

(3) STRANGL to [ ] to [ ] to [ ]

(4) STRANGL to MASCHER to [ ] to [ ]

(5) STRANGL to British IS to Headquarters (through high level exchange).

5. An outlet to the French is assumed to exist but the details are vague. STRANGL's assumed sources are Gordon COLLOP (Air OB); Heinrich FODRE; General Erhard HAUS; Genr MASCHER; and Wilhelm BÜTEL. There are probably many others.

6. [ ] thanks you for your various comments on XOB-3014. We do not have on file the true identity of [ ]

7. The original idea developed by Detachment 35 was to arrest STRANGL and interrogate him in a CIC safe establishment, using as initial interrogation control a report on air OB which was apparently obtained by the penetration of some office getting dissemination from Air Section. We suspect STRANGL may have obtained this information from the French via COLLOP, but we shall accuse him of having been given the information by a Soviet controlled source. If STRANGL could be broken, we should be able to acquire considerable information of interest in connection with all of the complexes mentioned in SC/1553.

8. Attachment A is the most recent "stake" (text and sketches) on Czech OB received from STRANGL by Detachment 35. Much of the material appears to have been dug out of the trunk full of old BÜTEL reports which STRANGL has been telling for a long time. Please return the material as soon as possible.

9. We are returning, as Attachment B, a Czech OB report obtained by you from [ ] which was forwarded to us for comments by [ ] on 8 March 1951. You will notice that the text is identical with that contained in the material which reached Detachment 35 from STRANGL. The sketches apparently were not given to [ ] G-2's comment on the STRANGL report is as follows: Good information but old and obsolete in many cases; the information is too general to be of specific value as far as OB is concerned; there is nothing in this document that G-2 USAF does not know. The names check but are already obsolete. Some unit numbers check, others do not. The military districts were complete reorganized in mid-1950 and this reorganization is not reflected in the report. The last two pages look like telephone book eye wash.

10. Extra copies of this memorandum are being sent to you for forwarding to Headquarters if you deem it advisable.

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