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TO : Chief, Foreign Division
Attention: []

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FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna

SUBJECT: GENERAL Operational
SPECIFIC: Josef Adolf UEBAL, intelligence activities

1. The following information which is forwarded for Headquarters files, was excerpted from a report submitted to [] by his case officer Leo WALTER, a Gendarmerie official. [] commented to [] that the information probably originated with his former chief case officer, Siegfried STERLE. The style of the report, strongly reminiscent of previous reports prepared by FRITZ STERLE, appears to confirm [] statement. The report describes the activities, up to 1946, of Josef Adolf UEBAL, intelligence operator and suspected fabricator. It is suspected that UEBAL had a hand in the preparation of the fabrications which used to reach [] at the rate of 30-40 a month through his former sub-sources FETTNER/STERLE, the imaginary SPINDLER, HÄSCHER, STOEDER, etc. In view of UEBAL's multiple connections and the zeal with which he pursues his activities it is believed that American intelligence in Austria has not yet seen the last of him.

2. Josef Adolf UEBAL was born 8 January 1897 in Saaz, CSR (then Austria-Hungary), as the eighth child of Josef UEBAL and Maria, nee ZETKA. After graduation from high school, UEBAL was inducted in 1915 into the Austro-Hungarian Army, and assigned to a coastal artillery unit in Fola. He was discharged in 1918 with the grade of staff-sergeant. After the end of World War I, he returned to Saaz, acquired Czech citizenship and worked with various Czech trading companies until 1936, when he went to live with his brother-in-law, František FÄTTEL, in Berlin, SO, Hausvalterstrasse 40. It is believed that UEBAL worked in Berlin for the Goering-koncern (etc) and that he was recruited there into the SS, and obtained a cover job in the office of the DÖBZ.

3. In 1939 UEBAL was transferred to RSHA 6 E in Budapest, under the cover of a DÖBZ director. RSHA 6 E was responsible for intelligence activities in South East Europe and UEBAL remained with this agency until the end of the war, reaching the rank of SS-Obersturmbannfuehrer. In Budapest, UEBAL met Wilhelm HÄMMLI, SS Sturmbannfuehrer assigned to RSHA 6 E. HOETTL became a rival and opponent of UEBAL. A personal enmity developed between the two men which still prevails today. UEBAL's mistress in Budapest was one Ethilde VYASZ, nee OROFI, born 17 May 1920 in Budapest. UEBAL is the father of EVA'S son born in 1941.

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4. In spring 1945, the staff of RSHA 6 E fled to Vienna and later to Braunau am Inn, Upper Austria. UHORN remained with RSHA 6 E until the German surrender and then proceeded to Tyrol. BANYASZ, with her mother, Maria FICKA, and her child also fled to Austria and met with UHORN again in Tyrol in 1945. Shortly afterwards, UHORN was interned in the Moosburg CIE, Bavaria, but escaped from U.S. custody in June 1946 and returned to Austria. Immediately after his return, UHORN organized an intelligence net and was able to obtain the support of CIC. In 1947, UHORN was employed by CIC Braunau/Inn and lived in Braunau under the pseudonym of MAYER. His secretary and collaborator was at that time his slave servicewoman, then about 20 years of age, who also used the name of MAYER. CIC UHORN's superior was a certain Mr. HOSSEK, CIC. Foley
Comments: UHORN returned to U.S. sometime ago.

5. While working for CIC, UREAU maintained contact also with an underground neo-Nazi organization, not because of any ideological attachment, but merely because the organization was able to supply UREAU and certain members of his intelligence net with forged Austrian documents. The neo-Nazi organization came to the attention of the Austrian authorities in October 1947, and several members were subsequently arrested. UREAU known to the members of the organization by the cover name "Uhu" also came to the attention of the Austrian police in the course of the investigation and he was arrested on 1 September 1948. It is noteworthy that UREAU had concealed his neo-Nazi connections from CIC. CIC nonetheless interceded with the Austrian police on behalf of UREAU, and he was released after three months of detention.

6. Correspondence and documents, impounded by the Austrian police in UTHMANN's apartment at the time of his arrest, revealed the following details about his intelligence contacts:

a. URAN's mistress BANKS, probably at URAN's instigation, had established contact with the FIS in Innsbruck. [] Comment: BANKS submitted some reports of marginal intelligence value to [] subsource [] mentioned BISSEK in USA-211.7

b. EDGAR maintained additional contact with the FIS through one ~~Hans~~ ~~KOESTER~~, a former Hitler Youth Leader residing in Vienna who was later (cited) arrested by the Soviets. KOESTER had met ~~HANS~~ in the apartment of one ~~ANNETTE~~ ~~H.~~, Vienna VI, -Kirchfelderstrasse 62; EDGAR had sub let several rooms of her apartment to FIS agents. KOESTER was reportedly also arrested later by the Soviets.

c. ERNST's mistress in Vienna was one Leopoldine STRELLA, living in Vienna X, Goldschlagstrasse 104, a good friend of ERNST. When visiting in Vienna, ERNST stayed at STRELLA's apartment.

d. One of U.S.S.R.'s most important collaborators in the intelligence field was one Wojciech Mioduszki, a former SO officer who had served in Poland. Mioduszki, a very intelligent person, became indispensable to U.S.S.R., and functioned as his agents officer. Mioduszki was known in the Neo-Szki organization as Wojtek and held a forged identity card in that name which he used to register with the police in Leningrad while employed with the Österreichische Stichkastenwerke.

Vienna was chose as a favor to FECHMIR due to his delicate health. FIC 101 was ordered to send records on codes, frequencies, and hidden codes established in the Balkan area to Major Loos of 1st Mil. D. in April, 1945. He disregarded the order and sent Lt. Bauer (who speaks English) to contact any American Intelligence and inform. The X arrived before the Americans, and FECHMIR was to be shot as a traitor but was saved by the Americans. A.C.I. contacted FECHMIR, who located Siegler and Bauer, who led to the documents. FECHMIR, through one of his staff members, Capt. Siegfried Siegler (alias Dr. Knockmann), enabled the 1st Army to recover all technical data on radio agents, as well as complete archives of stay-behind not in South-east Europe, including code names, missions, exact locations and size of ammunition and food dumps, addresses, and rendezvous points."

2. A CIC file check on FECHMIR was negative, however, the files of CIC Vienna contain the following:

"CIC 15117, dated 25 October 1950, mentions FECHMIR. Subject of this report is Wilhelm FECHMIR, Vienna XIII, Feuerkettengasse 101/50. The investigation was conducted to determine the extent of FECHMIR's intelligence activities. It is mentioned in this report that according to Dr. Wilhelm FECHMIR, a former Lt. Colonel FECHMIR, from of Tirol had previously been employed by the French Intelligence Service but had since left their service.

SOI-D/7314, dated 29 March 1948, Subject: CIC Agents Present Affiliations, lists Kurt FECHMIR, ex-Colonel, former specialist in Balkan questions, as an important member of the French II Bureau, Innsbruck.

3. Attached is a recent and comprehensive report on Adolf SLAVIK and the National Legion, which appeared in USIA Intelligence Survey No. 236, dated 8 December 1950. SLAVIK and his organization are so well known that it has been considered unnecessary to forward full traces. Our files are voluminous on this subject.

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