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TO : Chief of Base, Salzburg

DATE: 11 December 1952

FROM : Chief of Base, Fulda

DIRECT POUCH TO SALZ MRC

SUBJECT ~~GENERAL~~—Operational/ZIPPER/CART

~~SPECIFIC~~—Current JV C Problems in Austria

Reference: ECLA-1468

1. At a recent meeting General Agency C requested our assistance in a few problems now confronting it in Austria.
2. JV C is interested in recruiting X, whose true identity is listed in para. 1 of reference. Much of what we know about X has been obtained from ZIPPER, which is also aware that X was employed by CIC (a SUCOM Drop List shows him as dropped sometime prior to 1 December 1948 for "security, compromise, ineptitude, and black-marketeering"). In general, the war-time record of X is known to us; and though ZIPPER is as unable as we are to answer the basic question of whether he was German-controlled or Russian-controlled during the war, we feel that there would be little point in your taking the time to summarize his known war-time activities for us. It is requested, however, that you forward information on post-war IS activity, with emphasis on the recent past and upon known or suspected ties to various services. (ZIPPER has reported rumors linking X to France, Hungary, England, Turkey, Japan, the U.S.S.R., and Switzerland at various times but places scant credence in these reports.) We are inclined to feel that recruitment of X by JV C would be unwise but lack specific facts with which to back up our position.
3. We inquired how JV C established (or, rather planned to establish) contact with X and were informed that the recommendation for his recruitment had been made by his old friend Y, identified in para. 2 of reference. Contact with Y is maintained by the leader and deputy leader of JV C. It is requested that we be provided any information on the post-war IS activities and connections of Y.
4. V-5240 was identified to you by true name as the first name listed in ECLA-9704. (Your reply to our request for traces was ASA-1190, para. 1. According to EE, V-5240 also appears in MAV-1580, dated 26 January 1950, which reported him in contact with one Anna MURKIN, alleged ND agent.) JV C recently informed us that V-5240 has very good contacts inside the Vienna police (Sicherheitsdirektion). We pointed out in ECLA-1268 that JV C had access to Vienna police files, and the above statement clearly shows that V-5240 is the present liaison man to the Sicherheitsdirektion. JV C intends to take over V-5240's contact or contacts as soon as possible and then drop him. Inawhile, however, we should welcome the comments of OOS Vienna on this arrangement.

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5. As we mentioned to you in ECLA-1314, GV C is having difficulty in documenting staff personnel in Austria under cover names. ZIPPER asks whether we could provide Austrian I-Karten, under cover names, which are back-stopped in the issuing police office. ZIPPER would prefer to have I-Karten issued from a village in Western Austria. We found that JV 9, for which contacts to Austrian police is a major assignment, is unable to provide the requested service. If the matter could be readily arranged by Salzburg, moreover, we should have the advantage of photographs, commonly used aliases, physical descriptions, and so forth. ZIPPER states that identity cards are requested, only for a few key members of GV C. We have pointed out the old danger represented by communist infiltration of the Austrian police, but GV C feels that this procedure is nevertheless preferable to the present hazardous arrangement. Will Salzburg please let us know whether this support could be provided with a minimum of effort on your part?

6. The leader of GV C and V-11260 (identified for you in para. 3 of ref.) will be flying to Vienna about 5 January 1953. [ ] will either accompany them or join them a day or two later.

Approved by:

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