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CAPELIN

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1. [] has recently made the attached file study of the CAPELIN Project which was prompted mainly by two comparatively recent developments (a) ZIPPER's dropping of von PRAHL, and (b) the emergence of the YIS contact. Although the attached remarks constitute in no way an analysis of the operation, a number of provocative questions arise from such a file study. We do not maintain that [] has touched all of them, but certainly there are sufficient clarifications needed to justify some close inspection of this operation by the REDSOX CE office.

2. Though we do not make the suggestion lightly by any means, as CSOB/K phases out some of its activities you might consider trying to draft a bright young assistant to help handle the more routine work involved in inspection of such cases as this.

You might also find it helpful to hold some conversations with [] and [] of the PCS staff on this case. On request they can doubtless elicit a lot more information from ZIPPER than has heretofore been received.

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1. After a careful review of the CAPELIN file and the ZIPPER correspondence on it, the following points need clarification:

a. Just how many Zipperites know CAPELIN and what are the connections. We discovered four names in the file, of which the first two are definitely Zipperites and probably the other two also: PRAHL, XIBNECKE (also spelled TSINKER in NOB reports), RICHTER, WEBER.

b. What are the chances of von PRAHL blowing CAPELIN? This question arises when comparing para 1 and 7 of WGM-07890. In para 1 it is stated: "PRAHL admitted that he has been gathering information on the Ukraine,.....then submitting it to his agency as having originated with the UPA in the Homeland". Then - "It appeared that an American officer was scheduled to arrive in Munich around 3 November for the purpose of meeting one of PRAHL's UPA contacts." WEBER on the other hand, according to para 7, stated the following ".....the fact that no information from the UPA or the Homeland had been submitted" yet in the last sentence of para 6 WEBER admits that the possibility of an American officer checking PRAHL's alleged UPA contacts had existed.

c. CAPELIN reference to PRAHL's connection with the Italian Intelligence Service as related to him by Willy RICHTER, is rather nebulous all the way around. Why would RICHTER confide in CAPELIN? Could it be that RICHTER would like to receive CAPELIN's reports or maybe is already getting info from CAPELIN?

2. Unfortunately the undersigned is in no position to evaluate the quality or veracity of the CAPELIN reports, but the file definitely reveals that different case officers have had divergent ideas on the agent as a person, and the overall picture leaves quite a bit to be clarified from the operational security standpoint. In this respect it appears that CARTELS 1, 2, and 3, the CASSOWARIES and CAVATINAS all know that CAPELIN is in touch with the AIS. In regard to this point a few excerpts of various memoranda are attached.

3. We are very interested in CAPELIN's IIS affiliations but so far all we know is that Boris LEVITSKY (also spelled LEVITSKI) supposedly is working for the IIS and to substantiate this CAPELIN was shown two briefs. CAPELIN also presumes that LEVITSKY is working for

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the French Intelligence Service and has been approached by a man who alleged that he was working for the British. It seems that there is hardly any intelligence service or organization that has not approached Boris LEVITSKY. It would be very worthwhile if you could find your way to send us a more complete picture on LEVITSKY especially since he is the man through whom CAPELIN will work in the YIS network, and is mentioned in 75% of your reports as CAPELIN's informant. Who is the case officer that runs LEVITSKY? Will CAPELIN ever be in a position to meet the YIS case officer? Has LEVITSKY recruited any additional persons for his YIS net? What is actually the background of the close friendship between CAPELIN and LEVITSKY? It appears that by now it should be known among the Ukrainian emigre circles that CAPELIN is working for the Americans or at least that he has pro-Western tendencies, yet LEVITSKY, according to NKMA-08304, considers the Americans capitalists and future aggressors.

4. In CAPELIN's file we also came across NKMA-85239, dated 20 Dec. 1950, which is (answer to a DA proposition involving CAPELIN and one KRUMHOLTZ. Since we have no additional correspondence which would give us an insight into this matter, it would be appreciated if you could inform us as to what happened in this case. Furthermore, I'd like to obtain a copy of the attachment to NP-52, which MCB (sent to FOB on 14 May 1951. This refers to a double agent "DEKRECH", who is mentioned several times in the CAPELIN file without ever explaining just who he is or what CAPELIN's connections are or have been to DEKRECH.

5. I hope you understand our concern about CAPELIN, but according to files available here it is quite unclear how CAPELIN is able to obtain all his information and under what pretext since his only official status is that of Chancellor of the Orthodox Church of Poland in Germany.

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- MGMA-254, para 3: "CAPELIN's sense of security has always been good. Only his wife is aware that CAPELIN is 'working for Americans.' His Ukrainian friends know nothing about CAPELIN's contact with Americans, and CAPELIN never has Ukrainian visitors at his home."
- MGMA-792, para 6: "With the possible exception of the assistance rendered in connection with the ICON Project, the value of CAPELIN and CAPARISON to the Base is currently considered to be very slight. It is perfectly apparent that neither is playing a straight game....."
- MGMA-882, para 5: "If LEBSD and CAPARISON, with whom CAPELIN is on friendly terms, are unaware of CAPELIN's connection to an American IS, and trust him, he might prove to be a valuable foil and reliability check on these two leaders of ZP/UHVR, for it is envisaged that any cooperation with ZP/UHVR on LAMBDA operations will demand person-to-person dealing with both LEBSD and CAPARISON."
- MGMA-1441, para 1: "It appears to us that CAPELIN's only use to us will be as a possible check on the activities and good faith of CAPARISON and ANTLER."
- MGMA-2333, para 1: "Although CARTELS 1 and 3 are aware that the case officer occasionally talks with CAPELIN, the latter is not aware that the case officer has had any contact with the CARTELS since the ICON conversations of late 1948. In December 1948 it was explained to CAPELIN that CARTELS 1 and 2 were impossible people to deal with because they insisted on American political support."
- MGMA-3556: In this memorandum it becomes quite apparent that had the case officer not accidentally discovered CAPELIN's ZIPPER connection, it is doubtful that CAPELIN would ever have revealed this situation voluntarily.
- Cable MURKIF 2443: Myron MATVIYENKO, after accusing CAPELIN of being AIS informant on CAVATINA matters, proposed that CAPELIN act as go-between in CAVATINA-CASSOWARY discussions re Mandate.
- MGMA-7218, Att. D: On 16 Oct. 1951, PRAHL informs CAPELIN that he has to offer 10,000 DM to the ZP/UHVR and its Mission UPA if they were willing to train and dispatch six radio operators into the Ukraine. The same day CAPELIN broached this subject to Georg von LOPATINSKY, of the Mission UPA, and the latter declared that the ZP/UHVR was not interested in PRAHL's offer. (Whom did CAPELIN report to LOPATINSKY as being the man behind this proposition?)

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