

SECRET

1963

SUBJECT: Mario K. GIORDANO (P) - AEJAMMER/8

DPOB: 13 September 1904, Kuressaare, Estonia

CITIZENSHIP: Naturalized U.S. Citizen; formerly Estonian

FAMILY STATUS: Married; two grown sons

EDUCATION: Elementary, secondary, and higher education in Estonia. Subject took his higher education in military college and academies, graduating and becoming a professional officer in the Estonian Army.

BACKGROUND: Subject is a former Estonian General Staff officer. Well educated, he has acquired many engineering skills by education and military experience. During World War II he devoted himself to the fight against the Soviet Union when it took over Estonia, and became active in intelligence work with the Germans, ending up as chief Estonian Liaison Officer to the German forces. He dispatched many agents behind the Soviet lines during this period, he himself playing an active part in all phases of this activity. After a period as a POW and DP following the war when he was actually being held by the British for possible intelligence use, he contacted the Americans and in 1950 began his active work with KUBARK. He was brought to the U.S. in 1951 and assigned to the training and preparation of REDS/OX agents. He was extremely well qualified and consistently gave high calibre service in agent training until 1958 when he was transferred to the AEJAMMER project. He is well known throughout the Estonian emigre community although, because of his association with us, he has never assumed any leading executive role in an emigre organization.

INTELLIGENCE EXPERIENCE: As noted above Subject has long experience in many aspects of intelligence, particularly agent spotting, preparation, and dispatch for black denied area operations and all the skills necessary for such operations. His work in this capacity with KUBARK always resulted in extremely high fitness reports.

POLITICAL: Subject is a steadfast, vociferous anti-communist who was forced out of his homeland by Soviet aggression. He devoted his life to the defense and liberation of that homeland, and is continuing his service against communism and the USSR for his newly adopted country.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Contract employee; current salary - \$8,300; Type B security clearance; Physically and psychiatrically qualified.

LANGUAGES: Estonian - native; Russian, German - Excellent; Finnish, French, Polish - good.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2006

SECRET

SECRET

ASSESSMENT: Subject is a gentleman of the old school of honor and decency, most highly respected by his colleagues for his intelligence, deportment, and consideration, and also for his tough minded dedication to the struggle in which he has been engaged for most of his adult life. He has had over 25 years of experience in intelligence, most of which concerned agent training and dispatch for denied area operations. But he is familiar with many other aspects of intelligence as well, having been engaged in liaison work, information analysis, interrogation, communications, and many phases of management. He is highly dependable, and once his duties are understood, requires a minimum of supervision. He presents no handling problem. He is in excellent physical condition despite his age. His wife is also an accomplished linguist and would be an asset in assisting her husband on certain types of overseas duties.

SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS: Subject is known to the British, German, and in view of his activities, to the RIS. A name change might be necessary depending upon the area or type of overseas assignment.

SECRET