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Dr. Janos Zoltan MAKRA

Ref: EGMA-21864, 29 June 1956 *K.R. ee/c*

1. In addition to the documents listed in the reference, COS files indicate that the following documents should be available to you:

EGM-292, 9 Aug 55; EGMA-10953, 7 May 54; EGMA-9898, 26 Jan 54;
EGMA-12452, 15 Sept. 54; EGMA-13150, 10 Nov 54; EGMA-12627, 27 Sep 54;
EGMA-13171, 10 Nov 54; EGMA-10134, 9 May 54; EGMA-10953, 7 May 54;
EGMA-12275, 26 Aug 54; MUNI-1571, 14 Sep 55; EGMA-17355, 11 Oct 55;
EGMA-21847, 6 July 54; EGLA-10046, 28 July 54; EGMA-21498, 15 June 56;
EGMA EGMA-20990, 11 May 56; EGLA-15832, 14 Sep. 55; EGLA-13391, 4 Apr. 55;
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2. Our files also contain the following material dated 1950-54

A. MQKW-7025, 30 Nov. 50 and EAVA-8472, 1 Oct 54 list the following traces:

1. MAVA-2433, 1 Feb 49: Zolt MAKRA, born in 1906, residing at Regi Posta uoca 5, vem 17, Budapest, participated in the Hungarian Resistance Movement during the war, and has a wide circle of friends. He is possibly in contact with the British, since he has met several times with (Sir) Cyril WHISS, a former Lt. Colonel in the British Air Force, who visited Budapest and Kecakemet as a fruit exporter. MAKRA joined the Communist Party in 1945, and has had his house searched twice by the State Defense Department, but no evidence of his clandestine activities was found. He is believed to maintain contact with Monsieur Joseph KOZL-NORVATH, President of the Mouvement Populaire Chrétien Hongroise. This underground group issues a weekly publication "Nyugati Hírnök" in Paris, of which Imre BILKES is the editor-in-chief.

2. HEID-661, 3 May 1949: Subject, former Ministerial Secretary in the Hungarian War Ministry, recently escaped to the US Zone of Germany and is now held by CIC. MAKRA allegedly held the above position from October 1945 until February 1949. He has considerable knowledge of the Hungarian War Department and of Order of Battle. He is cooperative and talks freely.

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3. NAVA-6226, 2 August 1950: Subject is the source of articles appearing in "Hungaria" on Hungarian intelligence personnel, Order of Battle, etc. MAKRA claims to have a clandestine channel into Hungary through which he obtains this data, but it is suspected that he is a ZAKO agent charged with publicizing the ZAKO intelligence networks.

B. NAVA-2494, 9 Mar 53: This document mentions subject as an assistant of Sandor HAKOTI.

C. EOGA-4590, 20 July 53: A CIC report lists Fraeulein Elizabeth (Erssbet), a Hungarian, employed by RFE in Munich, as a possible girlfriend of Zoltan MAKRA, editor of the newspaper "Ungaria". He was born 5 July 1915 in Arad, Rumania and fled Hungary in February 1949, arriving in the US Zone on 12 April 1949. His address was listed as Theresienstr. 65, Munich.

D. CIC requested traces per EGSA-2560, 3 Feb 54 and we replied via EGSA-35096 and EOLA-8492, the information given in paragraph 1 above. Subject was of operational interest to CIC.

E. EOGA-10192, 10 Aug 54 & EGQA-48695, 21 Sep 54: Zoltan MAKRA, Dr. HABI & ~~XXXX~~, was born 17 Dec 21 in Landorf, Slovakia. His present address is listed as Nicolai Platz 71/III, Munich. Subject was editor of the Hungarian emigrant newspaper "Ungaria" 1950-51. Since then he has held positions with Radio Free Europe and allegedly with CIC as translator.

F. EASA-4151, 3 Nov 54: On 9 June 52 CIC received a letter from the Association of the Free Press which was signed by the association's vice-president, Dr. Zoltan MAKRA. The letter, dated 5 June 1952 mentioned that Sandor HAKOTI and Matyas DANKO were professional journalists and indicated that CIC and other organizations were hindering or had hindered in the past, the journalistic activities of HAKOTI and DANKO. Dr. MAKRA requested CIC support of HAKOTI and DANKO in their activities as journalists. In a 10 Nov 52 CIC investigation of Janos ANDRASSY, possible HIS agent, it was discovered that he corresponded regularly with Zolta MAKRA, editor of the newspaper HUNGARIA and was in hopes that MAKRA could aid him in immigrating to the United States. A 29 May 53 CIC report concerns the intercept of a letter dated 22 Sept. 52 to Dr. Zoltan MAKRA from Gyorgy LAKY. In the letter LAKY writes that he and "REZSOE" settled as many things as possible, that he (LAKY) intends to refrain from RSE (RPE?) and he refers to an evaluation slip and an apparent duplication of information. LAKY requested copies of the program broadcast by VOA and RFE (RPE) on 7 August and promised to return them immediately. An SOB file check revealed a 10 Dec 53 report from a contract agent in which he submitted a mimeographed letter mailed from Paris to high-ranking MHBK officers. The letter, he believed, was written by Antal RADVANSKY and requested all the letter receivers to insist upon the instigation of the funds allotted to the Zoltan Janos MAKRA and Miklos LIPPCCZY owned "Hungaria" newspaper. The letter inferred that a share of the money donated to the MHBK by its members is donated in turn to the newspaper by General ZAKO which constitutes a misuse of MHBK funds. The letter is signed "Opposition of the MHBK's central Staff".

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On 16 June 54, Irene ~~ROD~~ ~~ROD~~ SZABO volunteered information to the CIC. She stated she had worked for the MHRK while in Hungary. After her release from MIS, she was completely debriefed by Sendor HAKOTI, who then put her in contact with Zoltan MAKRA. Later she learned that HAKOTI was in reality only a stooge for MAKRA and that she was being used by the MHRK. HAKOTI threatened her that if she did not cooperate, the safety of her child in Hungary would be endangered. In April 1953 on orders from MAKRA she put Istvan GERVANYI (possible AVH agent) in direct contact with the MHRK.

3. A-2 queried KUBARK 9 Nov 55 and gave the following information:
Add: Veitstosstr. 17/II (tel. 43035) Munich. He is close to General ZARO and has extensive knowledge of persons ideologically motivated against the Soviet occupation of his country. He lived in Budapest until 1948 and is presently editor of "Ungaria". We replied that the Subject had been an occasional unwitting source of information to this organization.

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