

AGENT REPORT

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1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT
Lajos Nadas
Former MHBK Organizer and Functionary

2. DATE SUBMITTED
27 May 1952

3. OFFICE OF ORIGIN
CIC Salzburg
Ref. No. S-13344 TDK/af

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

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PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:

To obtain background information concerning the intelligence activities of SUBJECT and the MHBK (Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Kozossege - Hungarian Warriors Comradeship Federation), and to establish if there are any security considerations involved by his continuous employment with the USPA Engineers Photo-Topo Unit.

REFERENCES:

Disposition Form, IRB, dated 28 March 1952, (Ref. File No. IRB/096/52), Subject: "Lajos NADAS", with attached page of specific questions, the answers of which are asked to be prepared in writing by SUBJECT and with attached Personal History Statement to be completed on SUBJECT and submitted on a separate paper, all transmitted via Comment No. 2, USPA, G2, Opns, dated 3 April 1952 and Comment No. 3, Headquarters 430th CIC Detachment (Opns Case No. 4506), dated 7 April 1952.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

1. On 21 April 1952, SUBJECT was interviewed in the Hungarian language through an interpreter (Informant 3702). Agent's Note: Paragraph 2, Comment No. 2, of basic Disposition Form states that "...it is understood that SUBJECT possesses a good knowledge of English...". According to SUBJECT's own statement he speaks no English but understands a limited amount. SUBJECT stated essentially the following concerning past accounts with U.S. Agencies and his fears toward cooperating in furnishing the above-requested information:

During the fall of 1948 General Adreas ZAKO, head of the MHBK had prepared a written memorandum in one copy and had given it to Miklos KORPONAY, the Adjutant and close associate of ZAKO for personal delivery to CIC in Salzburg. KORPONAY maintained that he followed ZAKO's instructions. The memorandum

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concerned detailed information concerning the foundation and organization of the "KOPJAS" Movement all of which was offered to the U.S. Forces for exploitation. During that time it is known that CIC was in contact with one Peter (?) ZERKOVIC and one (fnu) PISKI-SCHMIDT, a former AVH officer who defected to the West. The U.S. Forces rejected ZAKO's proposal of the "KOPJAS" Movement. ZERKOVIC and PISKI-SCHMIDT later immigrated to the United States. During 1951 the Hungarian National Council in New York City and Washington openly attacked the MHBK. In this attack one of the main points of the accusation was that the MHBK is identical with the "KOPJAS" Movement. The attack brought out information which only could have been obtained from ZERKOVIC, who more than likely received it from contact with the Americans. The attack gave the exact information concerning the organization of the "KOPJAS" Movement as submitted in the memorandum to CIC during 1948. (Agent's Note: NADAS admitted that the above was based solely on a conversation between him and ZAKO in late November 1951.)

Also during November 1951 ZAKO told NADAS that KORPONAY had been in contact with the U.S. Forces in Salzburg and sometime during these contacts KORPONAY had denounced the entire MHBK and ZAKO. According to ZAKO the information of KORPONAY's denunciation came immediately back to ZAKO through what ZAKO called his American contacts. ZAKO claimed to be in contact with an American group himself and thereby the information which was furnished by KORPONAY was channeled to ZAKO. (Agent's Note: NADAS is of the opinion that KORPONAY actually denounced ZAKO personally to the U.S. Forces and ZAKO has "played" the matter up to other MHBK members as an attack or denunciation of the entire MHBK in an effort to "belittle" KORPONAY. NADAS actually was of the opinion on 21 April 1952 that the leak to ZAKO came from CIC or another U.S. Agency; however, after receiving a letter from KORPONAY on 22 April 1952, NADAS is of the opinion that the leak came from a Hungarian refugee, Josef HLMVANI, who resides in Salzburg. The content of the letter from KORPONAY is included below.)

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ZAKO has a contact in the United States, one Andreas SZINAY, a former Hungarian General Staff captain who is the military advisor of Tibor BOEKHARDT head of the Military Affairs Section of the Executive Committee of the Hungarian National Council. ZAKO is in frequent correspondence with SZINAY. ZAKO indicated to MADAS during November 1951 that he (ZAKO) had received information from SZINAY in the United States. This information was of a derogatory nature concerning the MHBK and had been furnished to the U.S. Forces by KORPONAY during 1951. (Agent's Note: Again KORPONAY's letter to MADAS on 22 April 1952 changed his mind concerning the above and he does not believe that such actually happened.) (F-6)

2. On 21 April 1952 SUBJECT was given a copy (in Hungarian) of the list of questions which is attached to reference Disposition Form by the Undersigned. SUBJECT was requested to submit answers in writing to the above-mentioned questions. After much deliberation and explanation of his reason why he feared to cooperate, which is mentioned in paragraph 1 above, SUBJECT consented to cooperate and attempt to have the answers prepared by 26 April 1952. SUBJECT contacted this Agent on 28 April 1952 and submitted the following answers to questions mentioned above: (Agent's Note: The answers were submitted in Hungarian and then translated into English by Informant 3702. A photostatic copy of the answers as submitted by SUBJECT is attached to the original and file copy of this report as Exhibit "I". The original statements as submitted by SUBJECT are attached to the file copy of this report.)

Complete Details on Past and Present Ties to German Intelligence Personnel:

"I served in the past (prior and during World War II) as a General Staff Officer in the "material" and "operational" branches and as such I had no direct contact to German

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Intelligence Officers or personnel. Although from 1943 to 1945 as the chief of the Hungarian Army General Staff's Operations and Planning office I had an operational influence with the work of the Hungarian Army Intelligence Section (when, where and what should be explored, etc.). Even though I was the one who mainly utilized the result of this work, I did not have anything to do with the technical execution of operations of the Intelligence Section. Therefore, I was only connected to members of the German Army General Staff who also served only in operational and planning branches. First of all I was connected to General Hans von GREIFENBERG who represented the German Army General Staff in Hungary as a "Plenipotentiary General". Later I had contacts with General Helmuth von GROLMANN who was the Chief of Staff with the Army Group South (Heeresgruppe Sued); this was when the front had moved to Hungary and the operational employment of Hungarian troops was subordinated to the Germans. During my visits at HITLER's Headquarters I accompanied the permanent Chief of Staff of the Hungarian Army (János Sombathelyi VOERGES) I had discussions with the chiefs of Operations Branches (OKW - General WARLIMON, OKH - General HEIBINGER and later General WLNK). In the near past (since World War II) I have had no contact to the Germans whatsoever".

Complete Details on Past and Present Ties to Various Espionage Groups Active in the Intelligence Field:

"I did not look for such ties and did not have any. Partially because from a Hungarian viewpoint there were only executive positions with no directive or evaluating possibilities existing. The latter positions were held by personnel of the Western Powers who finance these intelligence activities. The other reason was, that even the executive part held by Hungarians is, with a few exceptions, in the hands of unskilled laymen who accepted these jobs for no high cause but strictly on a business

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basis. Therefore, for a man who is interested in more than profits it was not too tempting to join these competitions".

Complete Details on Past and Present Ties to French Intelligence Service

"Out of the French Intelligence Service I had once or twice discussions with Major BENOIT and Major WUELLER and several times with Captain PEFIT. The only time Intelligence was mentioned during those discussions was when I told them that I am not working in the line of "Intelligence". The reason for meeting Captain PEFIT on several occasions was because he was the supervisor of the Hungarian Guard Company set up by the French in Bam and I had to see him several times concerning the treatment, supply, administration, etc., of this company".

Role in the MHBK Intelligence Set-up. Complete Roster and Description of All:

"I intentionally stayed away from the M.H.B.K.'s Intelligence work from the start. (See the reason in Point #10.) I know the following prominent personalities of this group: Chief, Andras ZAKO residing in Absam near Solbad Hall; Central Self-Defense Reporter, Albin K. FITANFFY residing at Solbad Hall

a. French group:

Chief and recorder: Pal DARNOT (Lindau)

Recruiters and Control agents:

Lucile BERTOTHY (Lindau)

Erwin HOLLOSY (Lindau)

Erwin GEVAY alias FAGYI (Lindau)

Andras BAK (Paris)

Radio operator: Gena NAGY (Graz)

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b. BRAVIA GROUP:

- Chief: Arival RAINOZY (Munich)
- Recorder: Jence HAKKIY (Munich)
- Recruiters and Control agents:
 - Kalman ARAY (Munich)
 - Kurt SONNY (British Zone of Germany)

Specific Ties with Former Yugoslav Partisans at End of World War II:

"Originally General Istvan UJSSASSY was in connection with General Draga MIHALOVICS, head of the Yugoslav National Partisans, through the Hungarian liaison staff in Belgrade. (Formerly they both served in Praha as Military Attaches.) After General UJSSASSY was arrested in March 1944 by the Germans, I took over this connection. One 2nd Lt. (Res. Corps), Lasale Dr. HOHY remained as officers courier. (Present address: Innsbruck Gumpstrasse 66.) Periodically we exchanged through him situation reports and sent material help to Draga MIHALOVICS as far as it was possible. (Ammunition, medical equipment, office supply, etc.) This was the only possibility for me to stay in contact with the Western Powers Military Operational intentions concerning Hungary since according to HOHY's reports also American and British officers served with the staff of Draga MIHALOVICS. The last situation report from Draga MIHALOVICS was forwarded through HOHY in early October 1944 and had about the following contents: "The Westerns want to prevent the outbreak of differences with the Soviets through an open fight of my "Csetnaks" with the Tito Partisans. Therefore they ordered me to withdraw my troops to Dalmacia. But it is not an Anglo-American interest that the Soviets gain territory. Therefore the Hungarian patriots should resist as long as possible and if they would be pushed out of Hungary you should find connection to me".

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR AND FUNCTIONARY

I was the organizer and spiritual leader of the Open MHRK movement on ZAKO's request. I have done that with the aim that if the time comes the Hungarian emigrants should be morally and spiritually ready and united for sacrifices to assist the less professional leaders in the Western Powers military fight against the Bolsheviks. I believed that the only way we could verify this goal would be if the movement remains non-personal for the public and safeguards its independence internally and externally up until an anti-Bolshevik alliance is formed in which also a small Hungarian Military Group could be represented. Therefore the above was one of my conditions to ZAKO. Because of different information and ZAKO's lacking orientations I started to suspect more and more that ZAKO did not stick to the primary conditions which I advocated to the public. Therefore it was very doubtful whether the Western Powers and especially the U.S.A. would recognize the MHRK under his leadership as a politically independent military resource. I did not have any facts to support my suspicion and such was almost impossible to obtain due to the confidential nature of the deal involved. Finally in November 1951 I had received from Oliver LOVASZ, at that time Chief of the MHRK's French Intelligence Group, such information and facts that I had no more doubts that ZAKO was practically a "French Intelligence Agent"; for this reason the MHRK under his leadership can not be regarded by those who know how everything stands as a politically independent Hungarian movement. Because of the foreign policy involved in this deal, I was unable to bring it up in the open for the members of the MHRK and decided to bring up my accusations on a closed meeting to the followers of ZAKO (Intelligence Group) and attempt to convince them about the impossibility to have ZAKO as a leader any longer.

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It is a pity that I failed. LOVISA has been dismissed by the French, probably for his indiscretion. The Investigation Board of the MHBK did not find anything derogatory about ZAKO's person but was at the same time unable to convince me about ZAKO not having broken our agreement. I did not want to dig any further into this deal in order to avoid to disturb the Hungarian-French relations and to save the Hungarian masses faith for the MHBK. For this reason I decided to close the entire deal but at the same time I did not wish to have any further responsibility for such a leadership which, I am convinced, is going on a wrong way. I excused myself with ZAKO for having offended his personal honor but at the same time I resigned all my positions held with the MHBK Staff and also wanted to find a job somewhere else. In order to avoid destruction I agreed that my resignation should be published just as I would have received a job with the MHBK in a different position."

Current Status, Current Contacts:

"For the looks I did not break with ZAKO and his personal followers in a hostile way but I broke all counting connections to the MHBK leadership and I do not intend to build up such connections again".

Specific Details on Background of KORPOKAY's Leaving ZAKO Group:

"ZAKO is a violent, power-hungry and despotic personality whose mental abilities are not on the same level with his exaggerated ambitions. Therefore he likes to depend on co-workers with good ideas who have his trust as long as they satisfy his vanity and make him believe that they serve without any conditions his dictatorial ambitions. This way ZAKO's number one confident is always selected out of those intelligent young men

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who believe that they can build their future career the best through the glorification of ZAKO's person. This way KORPONAY became ZAKO's number one trustee at the beginning but had to give up this position first in favor of Attila KOVACS then in favor of Antal RADOCZY and finally he was disappointed and offended and left ZAKO's surrounding under the malicious joy of his former friends".

Opinion on ZAKO Group:

"The "ZAKO" Intelligence Group was founded by ZAKO, KORPONAY and Attila KOVACS. Since I have known the characters of all three of them and their attitude concerning intelligence I had doubts right from the start on whether their Intelligence Group will ever reach the level of efficiency and way of operation which could be truly expected from an "official" Intelligence Group of a Hungarian Military Union. Therefore, I principally and willingly did not join the work of this group and stayed away from them up until the present. For this reason I have no basis on which I could criticize this group's work and concerning the efficiency of this group I was unable to get convinced whether my original objections proved to be right or not. But I believe that the MBER (the public movement) is in spite of my objections against its leadership the best organized Hungarian Emigrant Movement and also has the finest aims. Reasons:

- a. The enslaved Hungarians at home could be freed the best with the armed assistance of the group of Hungarians living in the free world.
- b. The most valuable assistance for the anti-Bolshevik fight of the Western Powers could be procured in the military sector.

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- c. Emigrant Hungarians split up through political and personnel fights could the easiest be united and brought to a common effort through a military aim under military leadership".

Opinion on Magyar Szabadsag Mozgalom:

"Their main effort is to advertise that Ferenc Kisbarnaki FARKAS is the leader with the best abilities for the fight to free Hungary. It is a fact that Ferenc FARKAS' name is well known at home and in emigrant circles. But his popularity is not based on such facts and statements which could truly prove his outstanding abilities in front of all the Hungarians or even in front of a majority. I, for instance, consider the role he played in interior affairs at Altoettingen and his ties to the ABN in foreign policy for such mistakes which were dictated not by the wisdom of a leader but only by personal ambitions. Besides these facts there are spiritually and morally capable persons in his surroundings".

Opinion on Arpad HENNEI's Hungarista Groups:

"A minority which is used to make sacrifices but without capable leaders. Neither has Arpad HENNEY nor have the members of his ideological staff such conceptions and generosity that they could utilize, instead of selfish strugglings the "Hungarista" willingness for making sacrifices in the interest of the entire nation".

Opinion on "Union":

"An intellectually very valuable group but as a political organization incapable for leadership and unable to awake the willingness of the Hungarians to make sacrifices. This is partially because of the leaders aristocratic origin and mentality which automatically

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cannot construct under the present circumstances and particularly because the leaders are devoted with their foreign policy to the French and with their interior policy to the HAPSEBURGS".

Opinion on Magyar Kozosseg:

"A small, secret group of recklessly ambitious politicians who act illegally and advocate impracticable goals in the interest of their personal ambitions. It is not moral if someone does not want to prove his rights for political leadership through ability recognized by the public but only through confidential investigation of racial-descent. A leadership cannot be considered realistic if the leaders are holding their positions not because of their intellectual and moral capacities proved by their actions but only because of the possession of a doubtful sheet of paper concerning their descent".

Opinion on the Components of the Coalition Backing the Hungarian National Council in New York-Washington:

"The Hungarian Nation had in the near past (1919 and 1944), due to its geographical location, twice the occasion to select those intellectual leaders who considered the Soviet Bolshevism as an absolute enemy of the nation from those who did not. On both occasions those proved to be right who considered the Soviet Bolshevism to be an absolute enemy for the future interest of our nation and also acted according to this. Therefore, if the near future would bring a fight of life and death against the Soviet Bolshevism and the nation had to be balled to arms, it is obvious that this could be carried out in a more convincing way by those who fought Bolshevism, consequently without seeking personal advantages. On the other side, those Hungarians at home and abroad who would sacrifice their lives in this fight would naturally rather be led by the above-mentioned persons than

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by those to whom friendship or hostility with the Soviets did not mean anything but an opportunistic question of their foreign policy. Because of this, I consider the Hungarian National Council with its present composition for the anti-Bolshevistic military struggle more as a negative than a positive factor since the majority of the members were former Soviet collaborators".

SUBJECT's Future Intentions and Plans:

"I intend to wait patiently until the time comes when I can serve my country again as a soldier. It seems to me that during this waiting period I will be able to live modestly in my present position".

3. On 21 and 28 April 1952 the following answers necessary for completion of the Personal History Form attached to reference Disposition Form, were obtained through an interview with SUBJECT in the Hungarian language through an interpreter (Informant 3702):

1. Full Name:

Lejos NADAS

2. Name in Native Script:

Does not apply

3. Name at Birth:

Does not apply (Same as #1)

4. Aliases:

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5. Date and Place of Birth:
4 March 1902, Pecs, Hungary
6. Citizenship:
Hungarian (stateless)
7. Nationality other than at Birth:
None
8. Present Residence:
Salzburg, Gustratweg 7, at the home of Ferdinand ROTHSCHAEDL, a bank clerk in Salzburg
9. Permanent Address:
Same as #8
10. Present Occupation:
Engineer, Headquarters USFA Engineer Section
11. Naturalisation of SUBJECT:
Does not apply
12. Relatives, Friends, Correspondents in U.S.:
Mrs. Rosa UETOE nee NADAS and family, 1898 W. 45th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. She (SUBJECT's aunt) has resided in the U.S. for 50 years. She is his only living relative.

Dr. Lasse AGH, New York City or near Newark, New

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... He has never personally met AGH but
... and still is on friendly terms through
... correspondence with him.

14. Father's Name and Background:

Josef NADAS, born about 1875 at Kolozsvar,
Hungary. A Hungarian citizen; no other nationality.
Died in 1925.

15. Mother's Name and Background:

Julia NADAS nee TAKACS, born about 1871 at Fees,
Hungary. A Hungarian national. She died in 1919.

16. Wife's Name with Background:

Ann NADAS divorced SABORSKY nee HERRACHER, born
19 May 1899 at Volkersdorf, bei Vienna, Austria.
An Austrian citizen until 1921 when she married one
Gence SABORSKY, a Hungarian citizen. Because of
her marriage in Hungary to SABORSKY she became a
Hungarian citizen. In 1942 or 1943 she divorced
SABORSKY and on 20 November 1946 married SUBJECT
at Lenzing near Wecklabruck, Austria. She is
currently residing with SUBJECT in Salzburg.

17. Children's Names:

None

18. Brothers and Sisters:

None

19. Relatives in Service of any Government:

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19. Official ID Papers Held by SUBJECT:

Austrian Identity Card for Foreigners and Stateless persons, No. A-3993/51, issued by Austrian Police at Innsbruck on 24 September 1951. Validity: Indefinite.

Salzburg residence permit, No. V/3854, issued by the Salzburg Police on 15 March 1952. Valid until 13 September 1952.

20. Religion:

Roman Catholic

21. Present and Past Political Affiliations:

None. SUBJECT stated that as a Regular Army officer of the Hungarian Army he was denied permission to be a member of any political party.

22. Travel Outside of Present Residence:

Since 1945 - To Germany on official MBRK business.

1946 - To Italy where he was sent to attempt to have a Hungarian Exile Army Unit placed within General ANDERS' Polish Group. However, because of the disselvement of ANDERS Army his mission accomplished nothing.

Fall of 1950 - To Paris, France, in connection with the Hungarian Guard Unit which is with the French Forces in Austria.

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23. Education - School, Location, etc.:

- 1915 - 1916 - Elementary school, Posa, Hungary
- 1916 - 1918 - Cadet school, Troiskirchen, Austria
- 1918 - 1921 - Hungarian Military Academy, Budapest, Hungary
- 1926 - 1931 - Hungarian Army General Staff School, Budapest; Military Science Degree

24. Language (Good-Poor):

Hungarian - Speak, read and understand; Good
 German - Speak, read and understand; Good
 English - Understand; Poor

25. Military Service:

- 1915-1918 - Cadet school in Austria
- 1918-1921 - Military Academy, Budapest
- 1921-1924 - Field Artillery (2nd Lieutenant)
- 1924-1928 - Field Artillery (1st Lieutenant)
- 1928-1931 - Hungarian Army General Staff School, Budapest (1st Lieutenant)
- 1931-1934 - Szegec Army Corps General Staff (Captain)
- 1934-1937 - Hungarian War Department General Staff, Budapest, Arms and Ammunition Supply Section (Captain)
- 1937-1938 - AAA General Staff Section, Budapest (Captain)
- 1938-1940 - Hungarian War Department General Staff, Budapest. In charge of mobilisation of ammunition plants within Hungary. (Promoted to Major in 1939.)
- 1940-1941 - Professor of field artillery tactics at the General Staff School, Budapest (Major)

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- 1941-1942 - Deputy Chief of Plans and Operations,
Hungarian Army General Staff, Budapest
(Lt. Colonel)
- 1942-1943 - Chief of Staff of the Hungarian Army
Corps at the Soviet Front (Colonel)
- 1943-January 1945 - Chief of Plans and Operations,
Hungarian Army General Staff, Budapest
(Colonel)
- January -May 1945 - Chief of the Hungarian Army
General Staff within the German Army
Group South (Colonel)

He has been awarded numerous medals including
the Hungarian Cross w/Swords and the German Iron Cross
2nd Class. He surrendered to the U.S. Forces at
Wecklabruck during May 1945.

26. Present and Past Membership in Organizations:

MHRK; no others

27. Special Skills, Hobbies, etc.:

None

28. Financial Status:

None

29. Employment History:

- 1915-1945 - Hungarian Army
- 1945-1946 - U.S. Military Government, Land Upper
Austria; Hungarian Army Property Control,
Lanzing, Land Upper Austria

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1946-1949 - Employed with Dr. Lazzlo SZEPF, a Catholic priest working with the Hungarian Refugee Relief in Lend Upper Austria - Veecklabruck
February 1949-February 1952 - MHEK Staff-Innsbruck
1 March 1952 to present - USFA Engineers through General MURAHIDY

30. Has SUBJECT Done Any Writing:

He has been chief editor of the "Hadak Utja", the monthly publication of the MHEK. He has written numerous articles for this publication under the alias "ENEL". The paper is published in Munich in the printing shop of the Hungaria. Many of his articles have appeared in other publications but these have been taken from the "Hadak Utja".

31. Persons Residing at Same Address:

Countess (fmu) TURN-TAKES - A Czech countess employed by Stars and Stripes. Also, she has been employed with other USFA Agencies. She is about 45 years old.

(fmu) STEHLIG - employed somewhere at Camp Truscott.

Ferdinand ROTHSCHAKDL - SUBJECT's landlord. He has a wife and small son.

Two young students (NU) from Zell am See

32. Five Character References:

Former General Gustav MURAHIDY - USFA Engineer, Salzburg

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Former General Joseph VASVARI - Magyar Irada,
Bregenz, Austria
Former General Gyula NOVACS - Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A.

33. Court Record:

None

34. Description:

Age - 50 years
Apparent age - 45 years
Height - 171 cm
Face (shape) - oval
Complexion - dark
Sex - male
General appearance - extremely neat (Military)
Prominent features - none
Other identifying features - none
Posture - erect, military bearing
Weight - 65 kilograms
Teeth - strong
Hair - dark brown with gray on sides, slightly thin
Scars - none
Build - medium

35. Other Miscellaneous Biographical Data and Comments:

None

4. On 22 April 1952 SUBJECT received a letter from Miklos
KORPONAY, o/o W. Allwood, 33 Old Yonge St. York Mills, Toronto,
Ontario. In this letter KORPONAY discusses and mentions his

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contact with the U.S. Forces in Austria prior to his immigration to Canada in an attempt to clarify his break with ZAKO. Also inclosed in the envelope was a letter from KORPONAY addressed to CIC Salzburg. It was requested of NADAS to forward the letter to CIC and attempt to obtain an answer to the letter. (Agent's Note: A photostatic copy of a portion of KORPONAY's letter to SUBJECT is attached to the original and file copy of this report as Exhibit "II". The original letter is attached to the file copy.) The following is an English translation of the above-mentioned letter; Exhibit "II", translated from the Hungarian language by Informant 3702:

"The deal is more difficult and delicate concerning Points #3 and #4. Not that I feel guilty about the accusations mentioned in these points but because of the proof of the untruthfulness of them.

The true facts are as follows:

Point #3: I have been in Salzburg twice in 1950. First time on 11 January when I was on my way back from His Excellency SOOS (letter from HORTHY and L.T.) and the second time on 1 June when I was together with you Colonel in the BARCZA deal. On none of those occasions did I meet R. or any other CIC representative.

I was called on 3 December 1950 by Hugo TRUX to Zell am See where he came on a CIC mission and inquired about one Nezil MIROSLAV IC. and one Max NEUX, both of them Czech nationals. He also inquired about a Czech resistance movement called "SVETLANA". At this short meeting our wives and TRUX's children were also present. There was nothing mentioned concerning the B.K. Therefore it is not true that I was in Salzburg in the autumn of 1950. It is not true that I had any closer connections to R. It is not true that I had disclosed any information

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concerning the B.K. and it is especially untrue that I handed over copies of confidential documents. Finally, it is absolutely untrue that I ever received any compensation for this non-existing "work" of mine.

Points #6 and #7 are also impertinent lies and indicate how low certain persons can become.

To Point #4 I herewith quote extracts of my diary:

21 March 1951: Salzburg. Lunch with GOGO. He is excited, so is Gyurka. Together with HEGEDUES, Pista's wife, TAUBINGER Pista's book "JERSEY HIRADO" and plans for a printing shop. A lot of arrests at home because of pamphlets and the smuggling in of the Hungaria. This is not done for the goal but for advertisement what we criticized about Inre KOVACS.

22 March 1951: The Diesel - train is not running, I visit the Hungarian Office. There is a large crowd. BARANKOVICS criticizes ECKHARDT's entering, this is politics. NAGY Mihaly; BURGET has forbidden the group leaders to act as correspondents. HANVAS resigns his job with the Office. Z. has arrived from Germany. Hilde and sister are visiting. Albin left for Lindau
(According to these I spent the first day with Gyurka (I have resigned on the 15 III.) next morning until noon I had been at the Hungarian Office where I informed HANVAS that unwillingly I will have to emigrate. In the afternoon I had visitors at my home already. Therefore

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there was nothing mentioned about
Americans or about CIC.

7 April: ZAKO has arrived from Lindau. We were reserved,
just accepted each others greetings. Ervin
HOLLOSY arrives, Albin shows him too the
memorandum written about my resignation. N.
tells about the Zeltweg gold. Josef HAMVAS
urgently asks me to come to Salzburg. In his
express registered letter there the following
was written among other things, "I beg you
to come immediately upon your receipt of my
letter and contact me." (The letter with the
envelope is here in my possession.) In the
meantime I have been in Munich because of the
job with the radio.

16 April: Lunch with HAMVAS at ZIKELY's and George's
home. Brief orientation and information.
Then to Mattsee. Cold room, beautiful place,
that's where SZALASI married and from where
he was taken away. Neither HAMVAS nor TRUX
were able to tell me who wants to see me and
what this was about. The meeting will be
held by a US officer (Mr. ALLEN) residing in
Mattsee and it will take place next day.

IV 17: Meeting all day long (Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HANFPORT,
Mr. BROWN). Emigrant life, B.K. and intelligence,
etc. Concrete question: Would I be willing to
work for the Americans? Under certain conditions,
yes. Illegal radio transmitter, etc. They
request my proposition. General and usual
feeling-out, where a lot of things were mentioned
but I was unable to find out what they really
want. After I have strongly criticized their
way of gathering information they also asked me
to make a proposition in this field.

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IV. 24: Salzburg. Luxurious Hotel (Hirsch) everything is prepared. I translate it to German and bring it up to them. They seem to like it very much.

IV. 25: They did not come in the morning but all three arrived in the afternoon. They will take my plans for study. They are willing to work with me but don't want anything to do with B.K. or politics. The breaking with Z. cannot be a trick. The next meeting is even more confidential. The title of my memorandum is: Proposition. Consists of 17 typewritten pages containing general principles and starts out like this: The proponent is not and has not been in the service of a foreign Intelligence organization. This proposition wants to indicate the necessity of reorganization and wants to demonstrate the possibilities as far as it is possible in a few pages and without the knowledge of higher intentions, results and the exact situation. The entire proposition concerns the centralization of Positive Intelligence, closest cooperation of Positive and Counter-Intelligence and effective propaganda. In the meantime I moved to NO.

22 May: I forward my address to Mr. ALLEN

29 May: Mr. ALLEN notifies me by cable that Mr. HARDFORT will look me up on 2 VI.

1 June: At 1900 hours Mr. HARDFORT calls me and we make a date for next day.

2 June: "Klais" (a small village). Meeting with HARDFORT. He is there exactly on time. There is no decision yet but he and his chief would like to work with me. They are mainly interested not in information but in resistance. He requests a more detailed plan for 18 VI. He gives me \$80. On the basis of our discussions they plan to set

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up a resistance movement whereby the Intelligence part could be covered by already existing organizations. They agreed to my plans concerning propaganda and the exterior set-up. I was asked to forward a more detailed plan.

28 June: "I disclose my plans, they believe that it is of too large a scale, we have to start on a very small scale. There has been no decision yet, they want to employ me as an agent for four months. It is hopeless. I intend to agree but really I am very disappointed."

(According to this the entire deal was turned down somewhere for unknown reasons or it was postponed to a later date until certain points could be cleared and until the final decision they wanted to employ me in Positive Intelligence.)

I definitely decided to emigrate and started to expedite my preparations in this direction.

5 July: Zell and Gen. H. RUDOLF and ... LUKER arrived. Washington agreed to my person but they want to start on a very small basis. I make them understand my position. (Unfavorable resistance movement - GROSS, Korea - my personalist - co-workers - emigration - free Europe) They have to report it.

6 July: We go friendly apart and I receive \$40 and a carton of cigarettes. They do not advise me to immigrate to the U.S.A.

I was under the impression that they were sorry about the break-off of our connection. This was also indicated by the fact that they informed me that in such questions they were only small executive persons.

9 July: Farewell from the Germans. Only ... LUKER was present and he departed somewhat reserved but not unfriendly. Next day when my train

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left he came to the station and wished
me a lot of luck in my new home country."

This is the story in a chronological order. I do not
know where I was guilty or incorrect because:

- a./ The Americans are not our enemies and one not only
could but should look for the closest cooperation
with them.
- b./ My first connection with them (16 April 1951) was
a month after my departure from the staff (15 March).
I do not know of any decision or order according to
which B.K. members would be obliged to report
confidential discussions carried with a foreign
organization.
- c./ It will have to be proved during the investigation
whether any point of my proposition was derogatory
for the Hungarian cause (not for Z.'s cause).
- d./ The financial part is of no one's business except
the Americans. They thought it natural to reimburse
my expenses, including my trips and my medical treat-
ment for the three-month discussion period.
- e./ I never denied that I have personal and ideological
disagreements with the B.K. leader. This was generally
known and this was also the reason why I was contacted.

Therefore:

It is not true that as an "ex-member" I looked for
connections. I wanted to find a job with Free Europe,
moved to Germany, received the invitation letter from
HAMVAS, etc.

It is not true that I pretended to be the chief of the
MBEK Intelligence because as far as I knew there was not
such a position and in the preamble of my proposition I
definitely stated that I was in no Intelligence work.

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During the first meeting they showed me a register where my name was mentioned on the 9th page and it was also known that I lately worked in the Information Service of the B.A.

It is not true that I mentioned the near dissolution of the MEBK. But without going into details I mentioned the grave differences within the MEBK, and that I was not the only one who was of this opinion in the staff. I also mentioned that there is no organized military resistance in Hungary and that the KOPVSK movement which they intended to re-activate diminished with time. In addition to this I mentioned that the B.K. has no independent intelligence and that because of the B.K. leaders personal participation in intelligence work, this planned central intelligence register also failed. Finally, I stated that no one of the Lindau Intelligence Staff members has any intelligence background, etc.

All these statements I have made not only because they were true but also because I had the feeling that I was dealing with representatives of an important organization whereby I could have only harmed if I would have been bluffing. I do not doubt that all that I have stated has changed the picture they have received at a former meeting with General Z. But this was not my fault because I did not know of such a meeting nor did I know of what had been discussed at this meeting.

It is not true that I have received 2,000 German Marks. It is possible that the entire expenses, including the expenses of their representatives amounted to this sum but this is not of the B.K. business. I delayed my emigration from one month to the other because of these discussions and it is just natural that they secured my living until a final decision. Speaking of the financial situation it was characteristic that at the Zell am See meeting on 5 July I notified them that I was unable to accept the job under the present circumstances and offered them to reimburse the \$160 I received after I emigrated. Thereupon, they not only refused it but gave me \$40 plus a carton of cigarettes.

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It is not true that I was turned down. I was the one who refused their offer and in addition to this I made my proposition not for my person but for the cause. Therefore, for instance, I did not even mention my name in my second memorandum's personal roster due to my illness. This is simply the true situation.

It is possible that you, colonel, know more of it but I have to assume everything.

I was convinced that they wanted to do something seriously. The memorandum went all the way up to Washington and was turned down somewhere along the road. This somewhere could have been in the States but also could have been with Eisenhower's Staff, or it could have been turned down because of different U.S. interests; one of them might have been against and the other for Z. It is possible that Z. found out of it from the Americans but I much rather think that he did find out from the French. The latter one would be indicated more by Point 3 and Point 4 which are untrue and confused. The fact is that a confidential discussion carried with a secret U.S. organization not only leaked but came out in wide publicity (Staff meeting, MEAY's letter, investigations). They also threatened me to publish it in the press in which case I would also be forced to come out in the open which would have undesirable consequences.

There is no doubt in my mind that such a small fight in the press could grow to quite a scandal in the presidential year and in times of investigations. On the other side, I am not willing to take everything; I have had enough in the past.

During my discussions with the Americans and with my memorandums I never crossed the Hungarian Military duties nor have I done anything immoral. Therefore, I wish to clear these accusations. Especially because I always looked at the B.K. as the unarmed Hungarian Emigrant Army and not as Z.'s financed organization.

I do not know the B.K.'s present position, nor do I know its present connections with the Americans. I am also not informed about your position after the investigation.

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Therefore, I can write only what I generally believe. I think that this deal cannot be touched without causing a scandal. All four of the gentlemen with whom I had discussions behaved like real gentlemen up to the end. I feel obliged to them to let them know the entire deal before I undertake any steps. (Attached letter written to them.) If they also believe that I am "a gangster" then I will have to find other means.

I believe that the entire deal could be solved the easiest way if CIC Salzburg would give a written or verbal statement in front of witnesses according to which:

- a./ K. had no connection with CIC in 1950 and did not receive any financial support.
- b./ The organization is not aware of any facts which would be derogatory concerning case Hungarian military or general human honor.

This way the "truth" would be proved and it could be avoided that the deal would be brought to Council. That much I believe could be pressed out of them.

There is no doubt that further up someone will receive a kick for this. But there is more to this deal than to worry about the kick one of Z.'s protectors will receive or not.

HAMVAS, TRUX or, indirectly, one of the four gentlemen can certainly still be located.

signed:

KORPONAY Miklos "

5. The following is an English translation of the letter written by KORPONAY to CIC, Salzburg, and forwarded with the letter written to SUBJECT. The letter was translated from Hungarian by Informant 3702 (Agent's Note: A photostatic copy of the letter is attached to the original

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and file copy of this report as Exhibit "III". The original letter is attached to the file copy of this report.):

"Toronto, 12 April 1952

Dear Sir,

Please excuse me for bothering you with my letter but I have to write you for the following reason.

The interior staff of the MEBK gravely accused me in its memorandum taken at a meeting on 23 February 1952. These accusations were forwarded to me with the remark that if I would criticize in the future the B.K. leadership or the leader I would be dismissed from the MEBK and the entire reason of my dismissal would be published in the paper "Hadak Utja".

Their findings in Points #3 and #4 are as follows:

3./ Miklos KORPONAY Gen. Staff Captain came in close contact in the fall of 1950 with Mr. R. (RINGER) at CIC Salzburg and agreed to furnish confidential information to him concerning the MEBK. During this activity he furnished false or generally derogatory information concerning the MEBK staff and its activity. He also furnished copies of confidential documents and received for this work a high monthly salary.

4./ From 18 June 1951 to 20 June 1951 Miklos KORPONAY had discussions with Americans concerning Intelligence work. According to information received from proper U.S. Authorities on a later date, after Captain Miklos KORPONAY's emigration, it was found that he contacted the Americans during above date and not only acted as an ex-MEBK member but also as the chief of the MEBK Intelligence. According to statements of Americans (e.g. Mr. C.) KORPONAY's information concerning the dissolution of the MEBK confused them entirely and changed the picture

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previously received on meetings from General ZAKO. KORPONAY temporarily received 2,000 German Marks until the deal would have been decided. This he received after having complained about financial difficulties. Investigations conducted by three entirely different U.S. organizations proved such derogatory information concerning Captain Miklos KORPOLY's person that according to information received from Americans these are not even known by the MHBK. For this reason KOPONAY had been turned down. Captain KOPONAY did not report these contacts. There is doubt that his acts harmed badly the MHBK and the consequences of this could be straightened out in winter 1951. My remarks to Point #3:

- a./ It is not true that I was in Salzburg in fall 1950.
- b./ It is not true that I contacted Mr. R. or any other gentleman from CIC.
- c./ It is not true that I disclosed any information or forwarded any documents concerning the MHBK.
- d./ It is not true that I ever received a salary for this "Non-existing work of mine".

My remarks to Point #4:

- a./ The USA is the first nation in the fight against Bolshevism, therefore it cannot be criticized to get in contact with the Americans for the common fight. Independently from this it is untrue that I came in connection with Intelligence work and it is not true that I pretended to be the Chief of the B.K. Intelligence.
- b./ The financial part is of no business of any outstanding persons. Besides the fact that I did not receive 2,000 German Marks I have offered it on 6 July 1951 in Zell am See to you (Mr. HARDPORT and WALKER) to reimburse the obtained amount after my emigration.
- c./ In my propositions and during my discussions I always tried to give the best of my knowledge in the interest of the common goal and in the interest of the Hungarian cause. Therefore if I recall my contacts I do not feel guilty or dishonest.

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I do not know and I am not interested in the reasons how our confidential discussions came out in the open. This has happened and probably had to be done for some higher interest. But this fact and especially the threats of the MHBK Staff that they will bring any person in publicity could have undesirable consequences. I will always fight for my honor with all means and no one can blame me for that. Therefore, I intend to clear the above-mentioned accusations respectively the way they were brought up.

At the same time when I am ready to prove the truth I would like to avoid to compromise the faith put in the secrecy of an important U.S. organization through widespread correspondence, investigations and possible press campaigns. I feel that because of the way you treated me it is my duty to notify you and ask you for your opinion and advice before I would undertake any steps to clear above-mentioned points. Since I am unable to appear personally please discuss all the possibilities and details over with Lajos NADAS, General Staff Colonel.

Please excuse me again for bothering you and causing you all this trouble against my will. But the truth and honest intention cannot fail, not even in the most unimportant things. In this belief I request your soon notification.

Yours very respectfully,

Miklos KORPONAY

FILE CHECK:

Lajos NADAS is mentioned in numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a colonel in the Hungarian Army General Staff during World War II; a leader of Hungarian refugees in Austria, who is associated with former Hungarian General ZAKO, Chief of MHBK.

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ANNEX A-9, Headquarters European Command (Intelligence Division), dated 1 December 1950 (Ref. No. 350.09 (GID/Ops/Coll) lists one Lajos NADAS, born 4 March 1902, as an Informant who was dropped on 5 October 1950 by an Intelligence Agency in the U.S. Zone of Germany or Austria for "ineptitude".

Miklos KORPONAI is mentioned in numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a former Hungarian Army Captain who is a leading member of the MHBK in the French Zone of Austria and an organizer of Hungarian refugees to fight in case of a future war with the present Communist regime in Hungary.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "B", dated 5 December 1949, (Ref. No. L/17002), Subject "Austria - Alleged Soviet Agents Working with French Intelligence", lists one Miklos KORPONAI as a Hungarian resident of Innsbruck who, under the pretext of keeping refugees who have fled Hungary for political reasons, is able to compile valuable lists for the Soviets. Through advance notice from KORPONAI many Hungarian refugees have been arrested in Vienna.

Dr. Friedrich PICKY-SCHMIDT is described in numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a member of the Hungarian Socialist Party who was sent to Vienna by Dr. Karl PEYER, a Hungarian Socialist leader, to "feel out" whether or not the PEYER Group could obtain backing from the Austrian Socialist Party and who later fled from Hungary and received asylum in the U.S. Zone of Austria as a political refugee. In October 1948, during a meeting in Paris of the Right-Wing Hungarian Social Democratic Party in exile, he was elected the Secretary-General under the Group's leader, Charles PEYER.

Jozsef HALVAS is mentioned in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a Hungarian refugee residing in Salzburg, who is a former member of the Hungarian Restitution Mission in Vienna and who is currently employed with the USFA Air Section in Salzburg.

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Andreas ZAKO is mentioned in numerous reports in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a former Hungarian General residing in the French Zone of Austria and who is head of the MHBK in Austria.

The files of this Sub-Detachment describe one Erwin HOLLOSY as a Hungarian refugee in the employ of TIB.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 15 December 1949 (Ref. No. S-6149), Subject: "IVANYI Ladislavs, FIS Operative", mentions one Erwin GLVAY as a French Intelligence Service Operative residing at Intal I, Bad Hall.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain voluminous information concerning one Geza NAGY, believed to be identical to personality mentioned above, as a person who was responsible in setting up a Hungarian Intelligence Agency in the U.S. and British Zones of Austria.

The files of this Sub-Detachment mention one Albin KRIZSINSKY alias Albin KRIZNER, born 16 May 1908, a Hungarian residing at Kumpendorf/see, Koschatweg 59 as an Informant dropped on 20 September 1949 by a U.S. Intelligence Agency in the U.S. Zone of Austria or Germany for "compromise".

Ferenc FARKAS, mentioned above, is described in numerous reports in this Sub-Detachment as a former Hungarian Army General currently residing in Munich, Germany, where he is very active in the organization of Hungarian refugees.

Arpad HENNEY is described in the files of this

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