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MEMORANDUM

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TO : Attn.:
FROM :
SUBJECT: Dr. Carlo MEY, alias Carl KIRCHBERGER
REF : SCB/807 and PIR-3763

1. Carlo MEY of PIR-3763 is identical with Karoly MEY, a Hungarian war criminal convicted in Salzburg for participating in the shooting of five downed American fliers during the last month of WWII. After serving part of his sentence, May was pardoned and set free. Subsequently, CIC Upper Austria tried to use his services in running an intelligence network into Hungary. However, they found him unmanageable as he dreams only of reestablishing the Arrow Cross regime in Hungary under his own leadership.

2. After working with Mey for about a year, CIC dismissed him and he made his way illegally to Italy. While in the service of CIC, it was also found that Mey exploited the support given by them to the utmost to further his own political aims, and did little to satisfy CIC requests. This I have found characteristic of former Hungarian officers in this area and because of which I would not recommend cooperation with any of these groups (Gen. LAJO, Gen. Bela LENGYEL, etc.) for the purposes of running an intelligence network into Hungary. All these groups have established contacts with intelligence operators of other emigre groups from the East and have attempted to sell their services simultaneously to every allied agency.

3. These groups, however, do represent a solid corps of fanatic anti-communist elements whose services could and should be utilized in fighting the communist regimes in iron curtain countries, as partisans, sabotage groups, disseminators of propaganda material, etc.. They could also be used to organize safe houses and radio operators both of which would become operative in case of war. If feasibly, I would recommend that these groups be given some encouragement and be provided with equipment to carry on their part, instead of money which they would most likely spend unwisely.

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