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24 March 1947

TO : Washington ✓  
FROM : [ ]  
SUBJECT : JK22/5 Outline of Project for Penetration of  
Croatian Clandestine Anti-Communist Movement.

DATE OF INFO.: 11 December 1946

REFERENCE : PIRA-74 of 24 January 1947

SOURCE : JK22/5 through JK22

EVALUATION : B-3

1. Prior to the final defeat of German forces in Europe, an underground sabotage organization to function in the case of TITO's assumption of power in Jugoslavia was set up by the Croatian Government. Organization of the project in which Subsource played a certain role was entrusted to General Vjekoslav LIUBURIC, cec
2. Personnel operating under the orders of General LIUBURIC was chosen from various Ustascha Regiments, and two training schools were established. The first, at Zagreb, offered a theoretical course in sabotage and guerilla activity; the other situated on Mt. Ivarica, offered training in partisan warfare and training in applying sabotage methods learned during the first course.
3. The instructors were Ukrainian SS officers under the command of an SS Colonel known only by his alias "MAYER"; the latter was also in charge of the German sabotage service in Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia and Albania. At present he is at liberty in Austria. During the summer of 1945 he tried to inform the British of his work. But they showed no comprehension of his efforts and placed his mediator under torture. "MAYER" did everything possible, and succeeded in saving the mediator. He feared that under torture the mediator would reveal everything. One day he stated, "The day will come when the British will pay in gold for men like me, but it will be too late then." Two or three other men of his group are also free.
4. The organization was to remain in the regions occupied by TITO for the purpose of interrupting his communications, and in the event of complete evacuation of Croatia by the German and Croatian armies, of maintaining clandestine liaison between Croatia and that part of Germany which, according to plan, was to be defended at all costs until secret weapons were ready.
5. The men were divided into groups, each headed by a German officer, assigned to operate in the Lika, Herzegovina, Slavonia and Zagorje areas. These groups had prepared secret caches of arms, ammunition, explosives, and money (Croatian Kunes, Serb Dinars, and Russian Rubles). Every second or third cache was equipped with a transmitting radio station.
6. Subsource is not aware of the fate of these groups subsequent to May, 1945. He does know, however, that a Croatian soldier known only by his alias "PACIG" who personally buried stores in the region of Slavonia, is now abroad. Another Croatian officer, known as "MANIC", who had become an instructor, is also abroad at present.
7. Subsource, himself, was in command of a motorized unit which transported material and men. He, therefore, knows the approximate area in which his subordinates unloaded men and material. He knows by sight all the men belonging to these groups since almost all of them came through his garage before their departure. He does not, however, know their real names because all used aliases.

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8. On the basis of the above facts Subsource advances the following considerations:
- a. He knows Col. "MAYER" and believes he could find him;
  - b. He knows personally two Croats who worked in the organization and whom he feels sure he could locate;
  - c. If he were authorized to make a tour of refugee camps in Italy and Austria, he believes that he could still find eight or ten former members of this organization, especially if he were permitted access to the lists of the Croats held in American camps in Austria.
9. Pointing out that these factors could be successfully exploited to further the development of Croatian anti-Communist activity, Subsource submits the following outline for creation of two separate lines of communication with the Croatian resistance.
10. The first route could be established by exploiting existing clandestine routes of communication with the Croatian resistance through Austria. This has been used, so far very successfully, only to send men requested by name by the resistance movement. Through this route, for example, a five-man group could be infiltrated. Three of them would remain with the resistance movement in order to organize a liaison service among the various groups if one does not exist; they would also establish the second route of communication via w/ by exploitation of equipment which is already hidden in the country. The other two men would inspect the hidden caches of which they know, in order to determine the condition of hidden supplies. Subsource could furnish them with precise instructions as to how to contact Herzegovina resistance movement leaders, KAPLICH, SICANA, Frane PRIBORAC and Briza OSTOJIC. Subsource feels certain that Gen. Vjekoslav LUBURIC could then be contacted through these leaders. Despite LUBURIC's unpopularity, especially abroad, Subsource believes that he will become one of the intellectual leaders of the resistance movement because of his intellectual and organizing abilities. At present he works under the alias of Vojvoda SOKOL.
11. The two most likely candidates for this second assignment would be the above-mentioned "PAGIC" and "MANIC" who would report back to Subsource upon completion of their mission, while the three men entrusted with the plan's first phase would remain in Croatia. One of them should be a WT operator trained in the operation of the special transmitting sets now buried in Croatia. As soon as the WT operator reached his destination he should establish contact with his base. "PAGIC" and "MANIC" should successively establish liaison between this station and the other resistance groups so that in a short time we would be in a position to receive daily information of the movements of the resistance groups and of all that they observe in their zones of operations.
12. Another clandestine organization could be established through members of the former Partito Nazionale Fascista in the region extending to Fiume. Such an organization would furnish valuable information on all that is going on in Venezia Giulia and Istria. Subsource denies that he is exaggerating when he declares he is in a position to reorganize part of the information service of the Fascist militia in this area. Most of its members, though at present in OZNA service, are willing to furnish information to the "Croatian Clandestine Command" abroad for a financial consideration. Subsource admits that on his own initiative he has already established contact in this direction, and that the spokesman of the group is awaiting a reply from the "Croatian Clandestine Command" in whose name Subsource pretends to deal. If desirable, this clandestine organization could be linked with the information center of the Croatian resistance forces in order to afford liaison with the resistance movement through two land routes, one through Austria and one through Fiume.
13. In outlining the project above, Subsource foresees the following objections which might be raised:
- a. the plan is incomplete;
  - b. only the aliases of those who are currently abroad;
  - c. no guarantees as to the veracity of statements made have been given, i.e. details through which these statements could be checked have been furnished.

14. Subsource states that he has not made a fuller report because he does not know whether the plan will be of any interest. Subsource has used aliases instead of true names because, he states, of a feeling of moral obligation to the men who have fought loyally for the Croatian nationalist cause. As for sub-paragraph "e" above, Subsource states that he has furnished sufficient guarantee of veracity by admitting his contact with the SS, in stating that he can reestablish that contact; by admitting contact with fascists; by pointing out that he was a member of the sabotage organization, and thus could be qualified as a terrorist and an enemy of the United Nations.
15. Subsource believes in the sufficiency of this guarantee, and declares that it could be made only by a man inspired by patriotic and idealistic motives, by a man convinced that proper exploitation of his knowledge would be useful to the Croatian nationalist cause and to the interests of the United States in the Balkans.

Comments:

16. The present report, delayed in processing owing to backlog secretarial work and translating, in point of chronological order should have been submitted previous to the one quoted as Reference. The status of present relations with Subsource as concerns the plan which he presents above, then, is as outlined in PIRA-74. Further investigation of the possibilities presented in Subsource's plan will be taken up if his future contribution through JK22 undeniably indicates his qualifications and good will.
17. The local station holds no traces on personalities mentioned under the aliases furnished by Subsource.

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