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DISPATCH NO. **YDL-A-7233**

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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M DATE: 10 July 1951
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
 SPECIFIC: Maria Theresia BLASCHTOWITSCHEKA
REF : MDS-A-3547

1. Reference (not to FDM) suggests that Subject is or was associated with the Czech IS. Because she is in frequent contact with V-3597 and subordinates, and because, as the key intelligence figure within the PERLSKY organization, she looms large in the plans of V-3597, we passed some of the allegations on to him and requested that he check. The results are the following:

2. The first charge was that BLASCHTOWITSCHEKA had been arrested in Prague in 1947, had claimed at the time to be working for the Czech IS, and had been released after a telephone call to an intelligence installation. V-3597 makes the following reply:

a. BLASCHTOWITSCHEKA was living in Immelstetten, Landkreis Mindelheim, in 1946. She was in such acute financial distress that she had insufficient food and clothing. At the end of November 1946 she crossed illegally into the GFR (in the Furth i. Wald area). In the middle of December, having visited relatives during her two weeks absence, she returned with food and clothing to Germany. She was checked by German police in the area of Waldsassen, paid duty on the articles in her possession, and went on her way. At the end of January 1947 she again crossed illegally into the GFR, crossing via Hundsbach, Egerteich, Krasna Lipa, and Cheb. She again visited relatives for fourteen days; but this time she brought them gifts of food and other articles, chiefly cigarettes. She also made contact, while in the GFR, with a Dutch citizen, a friend of her family, named M. C. FORTER. The Dutchman, who lived in Amsterdam, enabled her to buy various blackmarket items which she brought back to Germany. Relatives also provided her with a false Czech identity card, under the name M. FUKORNA, at the time of this visit.

b. She made her third trip into the GFR in March 1947. The female relative with whom she customarily stayed was away on a trip and BLASCHTOWITSCHEKA was forced to go to a hotel, the "Gokolsky dum" in Prague III.

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Here she used her false identification. She was arrested in the hotel soon thereafter by secret police and brought to police headquarters in Prague II, Partolonejoka ulice 4. Here she was interrogated throughout the night. It was established that her identification was false, and she was accused of being an agent of a Western IG. She refused to tell who had given her the false identity card. She managed to get word to her brother, who informed a family friend, a man who was at that time an influential political figure. This friend, Dr. BATEK, then delegate of the Lidova strana (People's Party) in the narodni fronta in Prague. BATEK had once been rescued from a people's court by BLASCHKA-ITSCHEKA's husband and had in turn tried to save the life of the latter in 1945. He did succeed in effecting the release of subject after she had been under arrest for three days and accompanied her to Egypt. She crossed into Germany illegally. He made no attempt to recruit her for the Czech IG, nor was there any indication that he had such a tie himself. Subject has not told this story to CIC because she did not wish to disclose the identity of Mrs BATEK, for whom she has future plans.

3. The second charge was that Vladimir PERELSHY himself undertook an investigation of subject in 1949 because of persistent rumors that she was working as an agent for the Czech Ministry of the Interior. V-3597 answers that

This charge was made to PERELSHY by a female CIC source. PERELSHY, who is almost too correct, did not flatly deny the CIC charge. On the other hand, according to his own assertions, he has never entertained the slightest suspicions about Subject. In order to be sure, however, that he was not placed in the position of ignoring an American warning, he did search the correspondence and personal property of Subject without her knowledge. He found nothing suspicious. He reported the above to CIC in order to make it clear that BLASCHKA-ITSCHEKA was not suspect and to be free of the meddling of the CIC source.

4. This CI check of BLASCHKA-ITSCHEKA was run by V-21215 and V-21513, each working without the knowledge of the other. Both have known Subject for three years; both have been in close association with her; each is convinced that she is, from the point-of-view of the West, completely reliable. Further evidence of her attitude is that she is planning to use members of her immediate family, inside the CSR, for IS purposes. One such member, now travelling in Bulgaria, has already agreed to work.

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