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TO : Chief, Cover Division/PLANS/OSO DATE: 22 July 1952

FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT: Czechs with Possible Information on Underground News

1. A Czech immigrant to the US whose reliability has not been determined informed this office that the following individuals may have information concerning Czech underground networks:

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(a) Milos Heral, a young Czech, about 25 years of age, who has immigrated to Canada in March or April 1952 and is under contract with De Havilland as an aviation technician, allegedly made 14 trips across the Bavarian-Czech border in 1949 and 1950. According to our source, Heral was in touch with the CIC in Bayreuth (Savaria), but had the feeling that the CIC official to whom he reported had no way of utilizing the information furnished him. Heral was on his last mission during the winter of 1950-1951. Thereafter, he moved to Luxembourg and worked on a farm.

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(b) Vladimir Pekelsky, Valleystrasse, 45/0, Munich 25, Germany: This individual may be considered controversial from the viewpoint of the State Department, according to source, because of his political activity among fellow refugees. At one time he leaned to the Prehala group. He is also described as a Federalist. In any case, he has a clear anti-Socialist and anti-Communist record. He has been writing anti-Communist articles for German newspapers and received an invitation to broadcast over RIAS in Berlin. Source describes him as the only Czech refugee-politician who in recent months has managed to send anti-Communist pamphlets into Czechoslovakia through personal chains. One proclamation circulated in Czechoslovakia by Pekelsky's men was so successful that it reportedly was traded on the black market. Although Pekelsky is undoubtedly known to US authorities in Germany, his underground contacts in Czechoslovakia are presumably a well-guarded secret on his part.

(c) Vladimir Kocab, Berlin: Source learned about this man from a Czech refugee who appealed to him from West Germany and who related that he had fled from Prague on foot to the Soviet Zone of Germany and West Berlin with the help of Kocab's organization. Source admits that he has never met

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Kocab in person, but he has talked to him by telephone when Kocab was in the Western Zone of Germany. Kocab indicated that there was no one in Berlin (this included German and Western officials) whom he would trust. Source has the impression that Kocab's chain could be utilized for escorting escapees, but he emphasizes that he is in no position to evaluate Kocab's reliability.

2. Source believes that none of the three individuals mentioned above are now effectively utilized by the West. The only one who had been in touch with an American intelligence group is Heral. To the best of source's knowledge, all three would refuse to work with British, French, the new German, and low-level US intelligence agents.

3. For further information phone Mr. Leskowski, Ext. 2775.

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