SECRET 8867-3/761354 NOFORN CONTINUED CONTROL Director of Special Investigations TO: Jilin 100 -2-82 Inspector General USAF Attention: Mr. Gilbert R. Levy TRON: Deputy Director, Plans SUBJECTS: Czechoslowakian Independent Weekly b. BIRDWOOD, M. V. O. (Lord) Tree Czechoslovak Information Service (PCI) ska Information Service of Free Crechoslovakia (ISPC) JOSTIN, J. 20( 2413 (JOSTEN, Jesef) true same STRIN, Josef alias "DUBNN" e. 'GILES, H. G. (Lieutenant Colouel) 1. Reference is made to the telephone requests dated 15 August 1960, of Captain Malene for information concerning Subjects. The files contain no pertinent identifiable inform tion concerning a/b listed above. Bata relating to c/e is set forth below. 2. Z Pres Cascheslevak Information Service (PC on Service of Pres Cascheslevakia (ISPC) (FCI) aka j: j: a. A letter of solicitation dated 19 February 1949, bearing the letterhead Information Service of Free Caecheelove **St Sedeliffe Lemars, Landon, B. W. 10", Enclosed** indicated that the INFC published a bulletin which, according to the wrider and editor of the publication, Josef JOSTEN, was a factual : report of events, drawn up by a professional TO ANYONE WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. 10 te Carolin it views stems and der ent Proply. Interforted CS COTY HE BAF.  $\mathcal{C}$ 31 augur SECRET 16.0-2-82 NOFORN CONTINUED CONTROL Vien lo المعاد ومعادية والماعة والمعادية والمعالية المتعاد والمتعاد والمعالية والمعادية والمعادية والمعادية والمعادية والمعاد والمعادية والمعادين والمعادية و DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIBENCE AGENCY STUTE METHODSEXEMPTION 3828 NATE 2006 E 2006 :: \*\*\*\*\*\* 1.... .

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Cnechoslevak journalist and his English wife, with the assistance of a wide network of correspondents on both sides of the Iron Curtain. It enjoyed the support of no single political party, but was morally supported by over one hundred farmer Caschoslevak diplemats, politicians, journalists, and civil servants of democratic conviction. Its aim was "a free Caschoslovakia in a free werld".

b. Under the letterhead of the Council of Free Cascheelovakia, 2061 Park Read, N.V., Washington, B.C., a letter signed by Dr. H. HAIK, Secretary, described the FCI as an independent news service in London, England. It published a weekly bulletin composed of news items on current ovents and situations relative to Cascheelovakia and the plight of its people. Accounts written by individuals who had escaped from Cascheelovakia and brought to the attention of its readers salient accurrences in the struggle of Guecheelovakia in exile for the restaration of democracy in their country. Operating under numerous technical difficultions, and with an extremely limited staff, FCI's main source of information, the letter indicated, was a network of individuals who, in Caecheelovakia, and at considerable personal risk, reported on the happenings in their country. The FCI's primary purpose was to supply news items to prove agencies, newspapers, and internated individuals.

c. For pessible additional information concerning the FCI, you are referred to:

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2. Department of State, Incoming Telegram No. 1725, dated 18 November 1949 from Prague (no additional documentation available).

3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation

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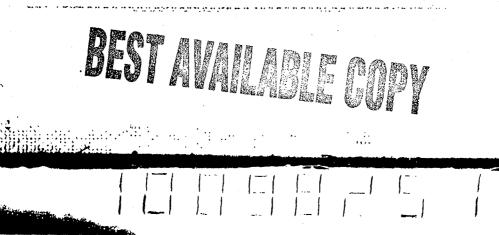
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a. A report dated 4 October 1951 from a reliable source indicated that during World War II Jesef JOBTEN / Dern 25 March 1913 in Prague, Cmecheslevakin/ received a temporary, war-time appointment to the Press Section of the Czechoslovak Himistry of Foreign Affairs in Lendon. Upon they termination of bestilites JOBTEN transferred from London to Endie Lumenburg where he worked an Cmecheslevak breadenets. At that time Radie Lumenburg was operated by the Allies on Bines similar to these of the Velce of America. He returned to Prague about 1946-1947, and obtained employment in the Press Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After the Coup he escaped from Czecheslovakia and preceded to England. Subsequently, in Lenden, JOETEN headed a publication and press agency. This enterprise was a private affair operated by him and his British-born wife. It had no direct relations with any crile erganisations, which, at times, were critical of JOETEN for publishing items that were sometimes uncomplimentary to /umspecified/ political lenders abroad. JOETEN enjoyed a good reputation, although he was, upon eccession, represended for being somewhat sensational and undiscriminating in his reporting.

b. A report which appeared to be a compilation of data gleaned from emigre circles, dated 30 June 1964, from a source of undetermined reliability indicated that /during World War II/ Joe STEIN alias JOSTER worked in the Czechoslovak Section

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c. According to a report dated 7 January 1955 from an official intelligence service connected with a friendly western power, at some time after 1945, J. JOSTNN, whose true name is Josef STRIN, served in the Czechoslovak Propaganda Ministry in Prague under a certain EOPECRT. He subsequently went to Lendon and became editor of the publications <u>Cesheelevak</u> and <u>Information</u> <u>Service</u>. In <u>Leadon sewspaper circles</u> JOSTNN had a reputation for having good information abut Czechoslevakia; he allegedly claimed that his connections reached the antoroom of Antonin EAPOTOCKY, President of the Czechoslovak Presidium.

d. Information received in a report dated 6 July 1955 from an official West German service, indicated that Josef JOSTEN, journalist and publisher of the newspaper Cecheelevak, was assigned by one Major HEMELAY to set up an information organization in West Germany. Source believed that the organization in question was to be a journalistic information bureau.

e. The mass of one Jonsef Israel STEIN, who may possibly be identifiable, with Josef JOBTEN, appeared on a list of persons who were considered unreliable and/or of individuals engaged in Communist activities

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in 1919 or later. This list was compiled during the period 1941-1943 by the them anticommunist and right-wing Rungarian Government from unknown sources for the guidance of the Hungarian comsular staffs in the issuance of visas and passports. STRIN, who was been at Prague in 1913, was described as a Czechoslovakian Jew and a journalist. Prior to his expulsion in 1939, STRIN bad served as a police captain in Braskujvari /Rove-Zanky/, Hungary.

f. For additional information concerning Josef JOSTEN it is suggested that you refer to the following:

1. Department of the Army memorandum, dated 23 March 1948, from Headquarters, Region V, Regensburg, CIC, subject: Josef JOSTEN; Re: Filegal Border Crossing.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. GILES, H. G. (Lieutenant Colonel)

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For information concerning one Lioutenant Colonel GILES who might possibly be identifinble with Subject, you are referred to:

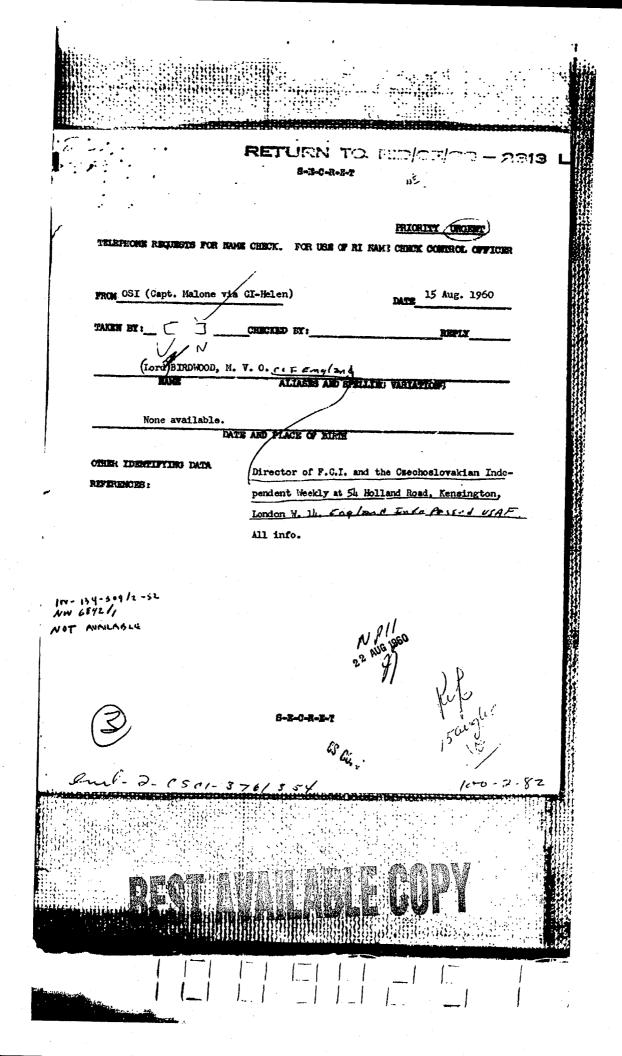
Department of the Army, CIC:Case No. 112-L-6, dated 28-1-1943, subject: GILES (Lioutenant Celemel) - Mupicnage, Beirut.

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