

1 August 1946

TO:

Saint, Washington

FROM:

Saint, Paris &

SUBJECT:

Station Activities. Month of July 1946

### I. ORGANIZATION AND STRENGTH

A. Headquarters: total personnel - 13

Officers: Armstrong, Herbert E., Captain

Chadbourn, Philip H., Major (combined FSRO functions)

DiGiovanni, Grego ry A., Major Zuccardy, Charles A., Captain

Civilians: Grey, Charles

Balliet, Ellin Burrell, Jane Nygaard, June

Ogle, Carla

Runge, Dorothy Sullivan, Mary CLASSIFIC

Enlisted

Personnel: Cini. Walter T., M/Sgt.

Tierney, Herman F., Cpl. (to return to the States in the

near futur e)

B. Sub-stations (Marseille); total personnel - 1

Personnel: Mourguet, Andre G., T/5 (is transferring to the CIC in the

very near future)

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#### II. OPERATIONS

A. Number of Operations currently active: 7. all'illocated in the Paris area; one subsource. SIMON/YOUNGER, working in the Toulouse area. One case MEXIBEARM DATE (listed as No. 8) has been closed. CLASS, CHANGEO TO: TO: ( A. A. L.)

B. Principal Operations

1. Stella Polaris. Contact has been maintained with this group through Jand they have turned in some interesting information.

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At a meeting held here on 29 July 1916 it was proposed that Treturn to Stockholm to act as our line to the members of the STELLA group there and that Tremain here as our line to the group in France, both to be put on our payroll. As agreed to this and Treturn to Stockholm is under discussion. It is expected that ne will agree.

- 2. Baker. We are continuing to service BAKER and are forwarding his reports to DB/1. We have received no reports for this station from him during the past month.
- 3. Simon and Simon/Younger. SIMON has not been especially productive from a CE point of view this month. Report F-7805 on the "Alliance Anti-Paciste" is of interest in connection with visa applicant IV 7619 Samuel BEN-HAMOU who claims he is being sent to the United States as representative of this organization. Further investigation is being made.

One series of reports from SIMON/YOUNGER has been received. As yet we do not feel able to judge his possibilities. His reports still tend to beer on subjects of a political nature. Due to the difficulty of communicating with source during the periods between the delivery of reports, we cannot expect rapid results or exercise much control. For the same reason, with regard to the investigation into the similarity between reports S-1948 and F-7409, it has not as yet been possible to conclude whether SIMON/YOUNGER or his informants in Toulouse are furnishing information to the British or whether material is being distributed both ways somewhere else along the line.

- 4. <u>Kiwi</u>. On instructions from London. Georgina DE WINTER was located by agent KIWI and a report submitted. This is a part of the ROTE KAPELLE case and BG/ol9 is waiting for definite instructions from London before proceeding.
- 5. Pronto. Contacts are made at least twice weekly by BG/019. Source continues to run his network well and to turn in voluminous information. One of the PRONTO agents. was arrested in Munich by CIC. This necessitated a trip to Germany by BG/019 to arrange for his release and transport to France. Upon arrival he will be made to give a detailed account of his arrest and then will probably be dropped as "blown".
- 6. Pipsqueak. PIPSQUEAK has been contacted regularly and turns in information on Hungarians and the Balkans.
- 7. Prime Minister. This source has furnished useful information on the relations between the Soviet Government and the Orthodox Church in France as well as details concerning Russian interest in the Masonic Lodge. He has closely followed the reaction of emigre circles to the

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Soviet Ukase of 14 June 1946 which makes possible the reinstatement of former Russian subjects as Soviet citizens. He has also afforded valuable assistance in an advisory capacity on various reports in connection with Soviet activities. Source left for the United States on 30 July and will contact the Washington office during his visit there. He plans to return to Europe as soon as possible, and in view of his varied acquaintance his comments should continue to be useful.

8. Junder his new name of was taken from his hiding place at the Paris Detention Berracks, brieged and equipped by PLUTO and sent to Brazil by airplane on 14 July 1946. The FBI was informed of this action and the case is now closed at this station.

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#### III. SERVICES RENDERED OTHER AGENCIES

A. Clearances: During the month of July the American Embassy in Paris requested approximately 2500 checks, including all applicants for visitor's or immigration visas and investigations of foreign firms who had requested permission to negotiate with American firms. There has been a marked increase in the number of immigration visas required and a decrease in the number of visitor visa applicants. Of the 2500 checks requested, approximately 200 warranted further investigation by this office and of this number approximately one-third revealed derogatory information of the person or firm concerned. Approximately 250 checks were made for the American Consulate in Marseille, 50 for the American Consulate in Bordeaux and several for the American Consulate in Brussels.

Special Cases: Marcel BESNARD, recent visa applic ant, was reported by the French authorities to have had a criminal record and to have been a member during the Occupation of the Rassemblement National Populaire, a rpo-Nazi, pro-LAVAL and anti-Allied group.

Two sisters; Pauline WIAZEMSKY and Lydia OBOLENSKY, recent visa applic ants, were reported by the French authorities to be of Russian origin and to have been on the French suspect list in 1919 as being dangerous to French security. They were further suspected of being Russian agents in 1926 and 1933. Subjects travel considerably although their only apparent source of income is 5000 francs received from an aunt every two months. They are in constant relationship with the R ussian colony in Paris.

B. Safehaven Duties: Major DiGiovanni is still maintaining relations with the Embassy Safehaven officer from whom there have been a few requests.

C. Other Services: The gr anting of permits to journalists entering Occupied Germeny has now been turned over to the Press Attache of the Embassy. A security check is required before such a permit may be issued and these are handled by our Vetting and Tracing Section. Three to four

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such requests are received weekly.

as our own and the SSU offices.

We are co-operating with the Embassy Legal Attache and with CID in an effort to control demobilised American soldiers who are in France and who are engaged in illegal activities. It has been agreed that we shall interrogate any soldiers who are apprehended. The Embassy plans to stamp all passports of such soldiers as good only for return to the United States and the French authorities are going to refuse to issue them with carte d'identite. They will thus be without legal papers for remaining in France.

The photo laboratory is continuing to service the Embassy as well

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IV. RELATIONS WITH INDIGENOUS AUTHORITIES AND FOREIGN AG ENCIES

A request for information concerning an arms dump discovered at



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the orphanage of the Oeuvre Polonaise d'Entreaide Juive, Toulouse, was received from the British mission. The arms, according to Captain Kahn of the office of Colonel Aholt, WBS, ACof S, G-2, were delivered to the orphanage by men dressed so me in American and some in British uniform and claiming to be UNPRA personnel. The arms were for the most part captured German small arms with some British and American arms among them.

The arms were delivered in cases and the "UNFRA" people informed the director of the orphanage that the cases were UNFRA supp lies and were not to be opened until they returned with more. The director, however, opened the cases and on discovering that they contained arms, turned them over to the BST Toulouse who still hold them.

The British are greatly concerned because they believe that the supposed UNRPA personnel are members of the Jewish Brigade and that the arms were from the British Zone in Germany and were to be sent to Palestine by the Jewish Agency. The British have asked to send a British Armourer Sergeant to examine the arms.

Captain Kahn is writing a report on the affair, a copy of which we will receive. It is believed that this case will be of growing interest.

Liaison between the Tracing Office and the French services remains close and co-operation is excellent.

#### V. DIFFICULTIES

A. Operational; see II B, 5 above.

B. Administrative: The Marseille sub-station is in the process of being closed. Mourguet, Andre G., T/5 is transferring to the CIC in the very near future.

Jane Burrell arrived 11 July.

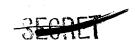
Tierney, Herman, Cpl. will be released and return to the United States in the very near future.

The physical split-up of the Paris Station between the Embassy and the rue Scribe continues to cause great administrative difficulties.

C. Supply: We are awaiting cases from Washington which we believe contain operational supplies. We have no difficulties in obtaining office supplies either from the Embassy or from rue Scribe.

Distribution:

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