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FROM: Saint, Paris

SUBJECT: Soviet Propaganda Agents sent to Palestine.

1. Attached herewith a translation by Saint, Paris of a report passed to us by local J-1. At this writing the report has not yet been disseminated.

2. The following data is pertinent to this report:

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3. All stations concerned are requested to investigate relevant material in this report and to keep Saint, Paris informed.

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Reports from various sources, some of which are quite biased, have been coming to us on the above subject. Their preciseness and general agreement, however, have brought us to the conclusion that they have some basis.

Jewish Soviet agents, who come from various sections of Soviet-occupied Poland, are being directed by the NKGB (NARODNYJ KOMISSARIAT GOSUDARSTVENNOJ BEZOPASNOSTI) towards Palestine for propaganda work on behalf of the Soviet Government.

First they are sent by way of Bratislava and Vienna to the British and American zones of Germany.

A Jewish organization in Vienna sends these Jewish Soviet agents to Mauthausen (American Zone) where they are supplied with false papers, declaring that they were in concentration camps in Germany, and that they intend to return to Palestine after being liberated.

From Mauthausen these agents go to Weis (American Zone), to the camp reserved for Jews who were former German prisoners. From there they go to Salzburg and then through Gnadewald to Innsbruck, whence they make their way to Milan by way of the Brenner Pass.

At Milan all kinds of facilities are made available to them in order that they may obtain the necessary papers for their trip to Southern Italy, from which area they proceed to Palestine in the guise of former internees of German concentration camps.

All along their route these agents have certain designated stopping places where they receive all the instructions and papers they may need. Among these stops are:

- VIENNA: XIII Section - Walfergasse 2, apt. #3 - This is an intermediate stop used during their trip from Soviet controlled territory in the East to Germany.
- INNSBRUCK - 10 Pichlerplatz - HQ of an organization which furnishes false papers to these agents pretending to be Jewish emigrants to Palestine. It is here that they receive false identification papers, certificates, etc. for their trip over the Brenner Pass.

The Hotels "Sport", "Post", and "Wildemann" at Innsbruck are used by them as meeting-places.

A Certain Nikol Yewski (may be NIKOLAYEVSKI) who lives at 40 Renwegstrasse, 2nd floor, exchanges German marks for Italian occupation money for those who are going to Italy.

- SALZBURG: #4 Maiburggasse. A Jewish establishment helps them by furnishing them information on everything in this zone of occupation, as well as billets and official passes.

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- **MUNICH:** #21 Southlichstauerplatz and #12 Sielingstrasse. Here are certain individuals to whom agents coming from the camps at Weis are directed.
- **WELS:** #25 Tempelstrasse. Here there is a Jewish camp of which the agents in question may avail themselves and where they are supplied with lodgings, rations, etc. This camp is directed by a certain WEISSMAN, Mosche who also controls the camp of Lichtenack Barraken.
- **MILAN:** Arriving in Italy, these agents report at No. 5 Via Unione in Milan at a place which is called YASH ALIYAH. Here they pass for former prisoners in German concentration camps; in other words, for Jews wishing to go to Palestine. Here certain facilities are made available to them for their trip to Southern Italy.

These agents add that they do not wish to return to Poland, fearing antisemitism, and that they are very anxious for this reason to get to Palestine. By these means they hope to persuade the Allied authorities to permit them to reach Palestine through Italy instead of directly from Poland.

The mission entrusted to these agents may be summed up as follows:

- I. - To spread hatred of the English among the Jews of Palestine by publishing the White Paper which curbs Jewish emigration.
- II. - To incite the Jews into a revolt against the British authorities and Arab population.
- III. - To spread the rumor that the English support the Arabs unfairly to the detriment of the Jewish cause.
- IV. - To emphasize to all the Jews that Russia supports the Jewish cause in Palestine.

Finally, these agents are warned to work in close cooperation with the Jewish Communist party.

Additional data: Two Jews named ROSENBERG and GREENGL make frequent trips from Katowice and Cracovie to Salzburg and Linz in order to get dollars and pounds sterling.

Both are in contact with a Polish Jew named KORZENIK at Salzburg and with another Jew, whose name is not yet known, at Linz. It is believed that this little group has similar contacts at Graz.

Moreover, there are two Soviet officers with the rank of Captain who are frequently seen at Linz. They claim to be engineers and to belong to the Soviet Air Force. They seem to show a great interest in everything which concerns Austrian politics.

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These two Russian officers, tracked by the Americans in Vienna, (meaning not clear - ed.note) come once or twice a week to Lima where they go under the names of Ing. "PETER" and Ing. "MICHAEL".

"PETER's" real name is "KORNSTEIN-GERASIMOV". He is believed to be a Polish Jew, in close contact with a Jewish organization known as the "JUEDISCHER BUND".

This BUND exists not only in Austria but also in other countries and is a Jewish Communist organization apparently hostile to the Zionists. The chief of this organization is a certain ZHOVEL, a Polish Jew who is now believed to be in Katowice.

ZHOVEL spent the war at Moscow where he was chief of the Section for Jewish emigrants to Russia at the Ministry of the Interior.

The Jews who succeeded in arriving in Russia were offered the title of Soviet Citizens by the Soviet Government, through ZHOVEL. Those who declined the offer were put in labor camps and considered politically unreliable.

The chief of the Austrian branch of the Bund is a certain HANMANN (or ABMANN), a former journalist of the Neues Wiener Journal.

The Austrian organization has lately been occupied mainly with the purchase of gold, Swiss francs, dollars and pounds sterling. This Austrian organization also has contacts in VENICE which facilitate legal and illegal trips into Italy.

A certain GRUNSTEIN and one ROSEL have been pointed out to us as messengers between HANMANN (ABMANN) on one hand and "PETER" and "MICHAEL" on the other.

GRUNSTEIN and ROSEL are both Polish Jews who appear to have become Russian citizens after having been liberated by Russian troops at Budapest where they were in a labor battalion.