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TELEKI, Bela

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RI File [] (WPPA-23P) is an official dispatch from [] to FEW concerning Hungarians in Austria, dated 9 October 1947. Source of the information is [] This report indicates that the French authorities very strongly support Hungarians in their zone, first of all rightist elements, and Count Bela TELEKI appears to have a first-class standing with French authorities. He appears to be troubled about the poor Hungarians and problems of the DP's. In the former regimes, TELEKI was very strongly on the Right. He stood up for collaboration with Germany and Hungary, thus taking an active part in the War.

RI File #6-8-1-24 (USFA-SBWR-73) is an extract from USFA Special Biweekly Report #73, dated 3 September 1948. It listed the officers of the exiled Hungarian Government, and Count Bela TELEKI was listed as the Deputy Minister of War under Tibor ECKHARDT.

RI File # [] (WFP-3506) is an intelligence report from [] dated 15 September 1948, concerning activities of Sulyok FARKAS. Source of the information was [] and was evaluated P-6. Count Bela TELEKI, who came from Innsbruck for a few days, had contact with FARKAS and followers. TELEKI is a very cool-headed and objective man who is rather on the right, but does not have a dangerous prejudice against people.

RI File #43-8-16-13y (Pira 1810) is an intelligence report from [] dated 19 August 1949, concerning the Hungarian survey for June-July 1949. The report is evaluated B-3. It reflects that Count Bela TELEKI paid a visit to Paris in June and contacted Baron BAKACH-BESSENYEI, the Catholic Party leaders, and Yugoslav emigrant Eugen JOCIC. Subject's visit aimed to prepare the admission of the members of the 1939 Parliament to the National Committee in collaboration with Count Jozsef PALFFY who is sponsoring this idea. These Paris talks were without success as neither of the political groups is patronizing this idea, fearing leftist reaction.

RI File #29-8-8-66y (WPPA-3737) is an official dispatch from [] to Chief, FEW, dated 16 December 1949, concerning Count Bela TELEKI. According to the records of the Visa Section, nonimmigration visa #3397 was issued in Paris on 6 December 1949 to Count Bela TELEKI, born 16 May 1899 at Kolozsvar, Hungary, and residing at 92 Avenue de Verdun, Romainville (Seine). Subject,

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who is bearer of French Travel and Identity Certificate #49-AE-03891/07541 issued in Paris on 26 November 1949, is travelling to the United States for a period of one month to visit Joseph EMOEDY, Jesuit House, 259 Fingerboard Street, Staten Island, New York. According to French records, Subject came to France from Austria in August 1948 "to prepare emigration plans for certain groups of Hungarian refugees."

RI File #6-6-2-1521 (MAVA-4252) is an official dispatch from Chief of Station, Vienna, to Chief, Foreign Division M, dated 8 December 1949, concerning miscellaneous Hungarian activities. This document reflects that Bela TELEKI, BENCZOS, MARIAPFY and Ivan VAGY are the main representatives of an anti-American Hungarian group seeking alliance with the French only. This group, however, is steadily decreasing with resettlement abroad of most of the Hungarians from the French Zone. General ZAKO's and TELEKI's groups are seriously considering establishing contact with Marshall TITO and offering him the services of their groups against the present Hungarian Government. They are taking no such action until they sound out French reaction to such a plan.

RI File #200-7-33-45y (PIR-6189) is an intelligence report, from Italy, dated 26 March 1950, concerning [] Hungarian survey for the period January-February 1950. The report reflects that Count Bela TELEKI went to New York in December 1949 to contact National Council circles and to suggest reorganization of the Council. Council circles let it be known to TELEKI that the U.S. Government wanted no change in the constitution of the Hungarian National Council.

RI File #6-8-1-98 (MAVA-6276) is a USFA Intelligence Report sent from Chief of Station, Vienna, to Chief, FDM, dated 25 July 1950, concerning ZAKAR, Cedoen, Hungarian Intelligence Agent, in Austria, and evaluated F-4. Early in 1949, ZAKAR contacted Count Bela TELEKI, Head of the Hungarian Welfare Office in Innsbruck. TELEKI is a leading figure in Hungarian emigre circles. ZAKAR gave the following three reasons for contacting Subject:

- a. To investigate two Hungarians whom he believed were forwarding derogatory information on refugees to Hungary.
- b. To attempt emigration to France.
- c. To take up residence in a DP camp in Pregens.

RI File #200-7-33-7C (MAV-2289) is an official digest of the minutes of the Meeting of Hungarian Welfare Representatives on 27 October 1950, forwarded from Vienna, Austria, on 8 December 1950.

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The source of information was GROSCHN and the report evaluation is C-2. From the French Zone, Bela TELEKI, former member of parliament, attended. The subject of the meeting was the problems of Hungarian refugees in Austria, and indicates the difference in conception of welfare work between the Innsbruck and Salzburg offices.

RI File #6-8-1-186 (Q7-6) contains QZ-33 of 13 February 1950 which dealt with activities of Count E. TELEKI, the Hungarian emigre in the French zone of Austria. Subject's group established the "Hungarian Union" during the past year as a non-political party organization. The "Union" seeks to cooperate with the Hungarian National Committee, but wants the Committee to be enlarged both to the Right and to the Left. TELEKI reportedly is planning on emigrating to the United States as a DP.

RI File () (Q7-18) is a copy of a memorandum of a conversation with Dr. Tibor HAM, the Hungarian Peasant Party man in France, on 19 December 1950. HAM warned of the existence of certain political groups trying to establish an opposition National Committee. He stated that the role of Bela TELEKI in Innsbruck is obscure, although Subject is definitely anti-National Committee and probably sponsored by the French.

P File #200-7-33-61 is a Department of State report from Paris, dated 28 December 1950, concerning the political aspects of the Hungarian migration in France. The Union of Hungarian Deputies was recently established by Count Bela TELEKI with headquarters in the French zone of Austria, as another step in the campaign of certain former Hungarian Parliamentary deputies who have been excluded from membership of the Hungarian National Committee to achieve membership in the Council and its Executive Committee. It is this group's contention that the Hungarian National Council is not sufficiently representative of the Hungarian emigration and that the criteria for membership in the Council have given too much weight to leftist elements and to "Communist collaborators."

RI File #38-7-0-10242 (PIR-6395) is an intelligence report from Italy, dated 17 January 1951, concerning Hungarian activities for the months of May through December 1950. In Section V, Hungarian Activities in Austria, the document reflects the monthly bulletin of the Parliamentary Group, since June 1 is published under the title: "Unio" (Union). Chief editors are Baron Janos BORNEMISSZA (ex Foreign Broadcast Chief of Hungarian Radio) and

Gyula FATHURECZYI (Transylvanian Party, personal friend of Count Bela TELEKI), address Kaiser Franz Josef Strasse 1, Innsbruck.

RY File #200-7-33-97 (NYN-2496) is an intelligence report from Italy, dated 17 August 1951, concerning the Hungarian National Council in the USA and the immigration of HNC members. Source of information is [] and report is evaluated B-O. Count Bela TELEKI, chairman of the "Unio" Group (Transylvanian Party) member of the 1939 Parliament, recently arrived in the United States by virtue of the DP bill.

RY File #200-7-71-67 (Pub D, AK-123) contains notes from The Foreign Language Press, Hungarian, dated 15-27 March 1952. The celebration of the American Hungarian Federation, on 16 March in New York's Yorkville Casino, featured Count Bela TELEKI, leader of the conservative UNIO group and member of the Hungarian National Council.

The liberal weekly Aszpar (March 15) expressed dissatisfaction of the selection of TELEKI, and called him a "Count on the Extreme Right", "well known of his anti-democratic principles," who had never been elected to the Hungarian Parliament, but had been "invited" into that body of which he was still a member after October 1944, when the Nazi Szalasi came to power. (Count TELEKI's speech was anything but "extreme Rightist," but showed rather a moderate, right-of-center tenor).

RY File #100-8-15-50 (NYN-2568) is an intelligence report from Italy, dated 13 January 1952, concerning Hungarian Activities in the USA. Information was received from [] and evaluated B-3. Count Bela TELEKI, Chief of the Conservative Group, published an article recently in the Hungaria and the Party Bulletin, entitled "How Long?", wherein he asked the HNC how long it would delay solving the most urgent problems of emigration. For example, unity; organization of youth and ex-servicemen; and cultural and propaganda work. TELEKI works in New York in close contact with Tibor ECKHARDT.

RY File #20-6-26-120 (INS 31982) is a Department of State Airgram Circular, dated 26 January 1953, concerning sources of spurious intelligence information in Western Europe. Aurel LISSAY who is selling spurious information to intelligence agencies in Austria and Western Europe is believed to contact Bela TELEKI, Innsbruck, who would be involved to some extent in the sale of this fabricated information.

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RI File #32-6-7-3992 (EGLA-710) is an official dispatch from Chief, EE, to Chief of Mission, Frankfurt, dated 12 April 1954, concerning "Unio" - Hungarian Emigre Monarchist Organization. This dispatch reflects that Bela TELEKI and Lajos MARIAPPY are mentioned in numerous reports on Hungarian emigre activities. They are listed in WAVA-4252, dated 8 December 1948, as among the main representatives of an anti-American group seeking alliance with the French only.

RI File () (DFB-36492) is an FBI Internal Security-HE report, dated 29 June 1954, concerning Alexander NYIRTESY, was. He admitted that he often meets Bela TELEKI in connection with his work at the Hungarian National Council.

RI File () (DFB-32083) is an FBI Internal Security-HE report, dated 23 December 1953, concerning Alexander NYIRTESY, was. This report reflects that TELEKI stems from an aristocratic Hungarian family, but of a different branch from that of the late Prime Minister of Hungary, Paul TELEKI. Subject was the leader of an extreme right-wing political faction in Austria. He appears to have a great deal of money and it is rumored that this money was allegedly obtained from right-wing elements in France. The thinking of this TELEKI group is that Hungarian politics should take up where they left off in 1912.

RI File #32-6-7-3747y (EGLA-7192) is an air dispatch from Chief of Base, Fallach, to Chief, EE, dated 21 January 1954, concerning "Unio," Hungarian Emigre Monarchist Organization. This document reflects that "Unio" is an organization of Hungarian emigres dedicated to the reestablishment of the Danubian Monarchy under Otto von HABSBURG, which organization was organized by the French in Innsbruck in 1948 under the leadership of Count Bela TELEKI, who still is at least the nominal leader of the group.

Otherwise, no pertinent identifiable information.

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