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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
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DATE: 18 October 1950

FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna *HLV*

SUBJECT: ~~GENERAL~~ — Operational

~~SECRET~~ — Meeting with Greengrocer 1 on 11 October

1. At 2200 hours, Greengrocer 1 left a dinner party with Viennese friends to attend a meeting at Dagenbina's residence, and brought along this piece de resistance: Dr. Kurt SEIDLER, Chief of Abteilung 4, Ministry of the Interior, reported to Greengrocer 1 a few days ago that his cousin had spoken with Ernst FISCHER concerning the sale of FISCHER'S residence located in the American Sector. FISCHER remarked that he was anxious to sell the home because it was too big for his family. Surprisingly, he stipulated that any prospective purchaser would have to provide him with a two or three-room apartment which "was not located in the Soviet Sector", as part of the payment. FISCHER'S proviso was interpreted by Greengrocer 1 as an indication that the Communist leader is wary of establishing his permanent residence in a Soviet sector and by extension that FISCHER may have made this stipulation in order to insure the maintenance of an open door to the West if his position in the KPOs became irrevocably precarious. FISCHER was recently under fire from a segment of the KPO Central Committee for bungling the Stockholm peace petition program in Austria. There is also a die-hard contra-FISCHER faction in the Central Committee which derides him for representing the intelligentsia and which seeks to place the reins of the Central Committee in plottian hands.

2. Greengrocer 1 relayed this tip with unusual relish expressing the opinion that FISCHER might be ripe for an approach now and could at least be soured out on this score by an American who gained entree via the ruse of interest in purchasing FISCHER'S real estate. Greengrocer 1 expressed the belief that FISCHER would be wary of an Austrian's approach because of the agent provocateur angle. He affirmed that this was an exclusive scoop which hadn't been passed to State Secretary Ferdinand GRAF or the British. The former would have treated it as a choice political morsel thereby dissipating its potential and the latter "apparently don't have funds" to follow up a lead of this sort.

3. The problem of procuring an apartment and subsequently tapping FISCHER'S phone and wiring the premises was discussed, and Greengrocer 1 asserted that he could handle the telephone tap through a good friend, an official in the Austrian telephone administration, who rendered invaluable service to the Austrian Police by performing similar work during the recent Communist demonstrations.

4. There are two URBANs of intelligence interest currently in Austria. One is Josef, the ex-Gestapo officer, and the other is URBAN (Gau), ex-Sturmabfuhrer der Waffen-SS. The latter is affiliated with Dr. Adolf

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SLAVIC and is known to visit Soviet installations in Baden. Recently, it was rumored that Josef URSAN had SLAVIC-Soviet connections but this concept has been dispelled through the discovery of the second URSAN'S existence. In his commentary on this matter, Greengrocer 1 mentioned that Josef URSAN had been a State Police source who reported to Dr. Oswald PETERLINGER through a cut-out during 1949. (COMMENT: It can be assumed that he is still doing so.)

5. Recent information received by Greengrocer 1 has convinced him that Georgina BUEZI (See MVA-6630) and her cut-out are fabricating a large portion of their reports. Both were formerly KPO members. The cut-out was ousted from the party for embezzling funds. Greengrocer 1 considers it unworthy to continue with the BUEZI operation and will instruct his principal agent to discontinue payment to the cut-out. He opined that some of the information reported heretofore was genuine, probably drawn from data which the pair had collected while they were KPO members in good standing. He doesn't feel that it is worthwhile to sift their reports for bona fide kernels in view of the preponderance of fabrication. Neither does he think that BUEZI or her cut-out are functioning as Soviet or Communist-controlled fabricators.

6. Greengrocer 1 thinks that the Communists called off their strike last week at the behest of the Soviets who recognized the futility of the endeavor. By and large, the Soviets maintained a policy of passive cooperation vis-a-vis the KPOs, frequently failing to lend support when it could have been strategically significant and at other times bluntly and conspicuously interfering when they could have tendered support surreptitiously. We will receive a copy of Greengrocer 1's report to Minister Oskar HELMER on the subject of Soviet intervention during the demonstrations. Greengrocer 1 will also give us abstracts of his analysis on the demonstration-strike complex which was also prepared for Minister HELMER. He refused to give us the verbatim report as it depicted numerous strictly Austrian Government matters, i.e. evaluation of provincial Security Director's performance, comments on the efficiency of Vienna police personalities, etc.

7. To a large extent, the strike was broken by an overwhelming majority of the nation's non-Communist workers who failed to support it because of their strong opposition to Communist and Soviet doctrine and not because they were in favor of the new wage-price agreement. This pact is viewed with disfavor by the bulk of the non-Communist workers.

8. Greengrocer 1 has had no information on the KPO's analysis of the recent unrest. He feels that Central Committee members are now in the process of preparing reports on the subject. There have been some rumors circulating regarding future plans for KPO-inspired strikes and demonstrations but none of these rumors have been substantiated. One of the most persistent mentions that the turmoil will start again in December when the Soviets have

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control of the 1st Bezirk. Greengrocer 1 is disinclined to credit this echo as the record shows that the 1st Bezirk is always quietest during the Soviet month.

9. A Catholic Action body exists in Austria, but it is not conspicuous politically. It functions primarily as a moral-building factor for the population. The Catholic Action's political views are frequently contained in CoVP directives, but the Catholic Action has by no means thrown in its lot unreservedly with the CoVP. Occasionally, it expresses views diametrically opposed to those of the CoVP. MAUER (fm), is one of the Catholic Action's leading activists in Vienna.

10. Greengrocer 1 transmitted a score of typewritten reports most of which originated with the Verarlberg unit. Time did not permit us to review their contents and, therefore, this will be done at the next session. It is of interest to note that in a brief commentary, Greengrocer 1 heartily proposed that we refer to his principal agent as "our man" (rather than as the Verarlberg unit) and that he stated "these (reports) are what you are paying for". Further, that two reports evidently originated with the Security Directorate for Carinthia and that one came from Steyr in the Upper Austrian Security Director's province.

11. Greengrocer 1 is substituting for State Secretary GRAF as the leader for a pilgrimage of approximately 500 employees of the police, Gendarmerie, and customs who are departing for Rome on a Holy Year visit to the Pope. At the last minute, GRAF had to cancel his plans to lead the delegation because Minister Earl GRUBER is in Washington and Chancellor Leopold FIGL will be absent on a trip to the Scandinavian countries. GRAF requested Greengrocer 1 to act in his stead and to present his regrets to Italian Minister of the Interior Mario SCALFA, to the Pope, and to other officials who were to have received GRAF. GRAF also cautioned Greengrocer 1 to keep the group out of the limelight since Minister HELMER and other Socialist leaders took a dim view of the visit and had expressed the opinion that the trip should not be construed by the Italian authorities as an official Austrian representation. The group will entrain on Saturday evening and will remain in Italy for one week.

12. In Greengrocer 1's absence, routine affairs will be handled with his reports officer, Dr. Carl THEITZMAN, and emergency matters of significance will be called to the attention of his deputy, Dr. Franz WÄHR, as has been done in the past when Greengrocer 1 was not on the local scene.

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