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ABM, known as "Carlo"
ABR Reg 3700; Background Investigation
Vienna, Austria

E-3701
26 January 1955
AB 003507-65 (S)

INFORMANT, INFO:

Subject ABM, born 30 December 1921 in Budapest, Hungary; Hungarian citizen (formerly SUBJECT's citizenship status is unknown); journalist; - [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] Roma Catholic; single; parents: Georg and Maria von Treil (not further identified); presently residing in the Catholic seminary located at Vienna II, Boltzmannstrasse 14. SUBJECT has been registered as residing at the above address since 2 April 1949. However, since 9 December 1953, SUBJECT has also been registered as a sub-tenant of one Helene Wagner, Vienna III (District), Habsburgerstrasse 21/1.

[REDACTED]
During his residence in Vienna, SUBJECT has resided with his brother, [REDACTED], a Hungarian Catholic, initially at the Boltzmannstrasse address. SUBJECT has resided as a permanent resident of Vienna since 1949. He is presently employed as journalist with the American FBI office in Vienna. However, he is not recognized as an accredited correspondent by the Austria Press Service. According to reliable interviewed sources, SUBJECT's character and general way of life are to be considered commendable. He lives a very modest and quiet life and no derogatory information was volunteered concerning his moral outlook.

It is generally known that SUBJECT suppresses the identity of his present position and it is believed that he fears contact with satellite personalities in Vienna. SUBJECT's status as a former Hungarian citizen residing in Vienna can be assumed to be the reason for this anxiety. SUBJECT's political orientation and/or convictions is unknown; however, it is not believed that he participates actively in Austrian politics. He is presently the possessor of an Austrian permanent residence permit and is in the process of obtaining Austrian citizenship.

On 9 January 1955, SUBJECT was interrogated by this Region. SUBJECT corroborated all of the personal background data concerning himself, previously known to this Region and, in addition, stated the following:

SUBJECT reported that he has never been in contact with or passed any information to the French Intelligence Service (FIS) in Vienna. He was then informed that it was alleged that he was associated with FIS members. In this SUBJECT explained that he had at one time two neighbors, both of whom were stationed with the French Army in Vienna. He identified these personnel as a Captain [REDACTED] and a Captain [REDACTED], both of whom were considered by SUBJECT to be FIS agents. Information data concerning these two individuals was not forthcoming. This friendship was explained as being of a casual social nature only and did in no way affect SUBJECT's position with FIS. SUBJECT avowed that he has never volunteered or been requested to furnish these FIS contacts with FIS information or material. He stated further that these contacts have both departed Vienna. Concerning Captain [REDACTED], SUBJECT

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Believed him to be presently stationed in Indonesia; however, he could not volunteer any information concerning Captain Bernard's present duty station. He was questioned as to whether any other ABD personnel (specifically Robert Jacobson) were in contact with either of these two agents. Subject replied in the negative. Subject was then questioned concerning any other ABD contacts of ABD personnel, again with negative results.

The interrogation then continued as to Subject's knowledge of Robert Jacobson, former ABD, Vienna, employee abducted by the Soviets in August 1954. Subject was asked if he had ever visited Kripolacy in his Kripolacy's apartment. He replied that he had not. It was then pointed out to Subject that during the 40 Interrogation administered to him on 27 September 1954, he had been asked the same question and deception had been indicated. Regarding this, Subject explained that while he had never visited Kripolacy, he had gone to Kripolacy's apartment shortly after his disappearance with Mr. James and Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Vienna, to pick up some of Kripolacy's personal effects. He elaborated further that Kripolacy had been known to him only as a fellow office employee and that he never associated with him during off-duty hours. Kripolacy's loose morale and his well known liaisons with numerous women were set to Subject's liking, and he gave these as his main reasons for his failure to associate with him. Subject denied ever giving or selling ABD information or material to Kripolacy, and added that information concerning Kripolacy's extra-curricular procurement and dissemination of ABD information outside of the ABD office was unknown to him. However, there were rumors to the effect that Kripolacy did supply outside agencies with ABD material for financial gain, but Subject could not identify the source of such allegations. He was then questioned concerning Robert Jacobson's possible collaboration with Kripolacy in this scheme of ABD information. Subject could volunteer no information concerning this point.

At this time Subject was shown a photograph of Joseph Urban, an ABD officer (Abduction of James, Urquhart, and Gold). Subject stated that this person is his photograph and unknown to him and when asked, he could not associate him as being a friend or contact of any of the ABD personnel. Intermittently during the interrogation, Urban's true name and aliases were given to Subject for possible identification without prior identification with Urban's photographs. Subject failed to recognize any recognition of these names. He was then questioned concerning one Miles Prentiss, known aide and associate of Urban, but this line of questioning also net with negative results.

Subject was then shown a group of photographs, among which were photographs of the Poles and the Czechs who abducts mission.

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Intelligence Service (AB) personnel operating in Vienna. SUBJECT failed to recognize any of the photographs shown to him. Repeated efforts to induce SUBJECT to elaborate regarding any of the photographs failed to elicit any further information. Questioning regarding SUBJECT's contact with or knowledge of Walter Karpfowicz, wife of the Soviet cultural attache in Vienna, also produced negative answers. Regarding their continued on late SUBJECT's knowledge of the AB's possible penetration of the AB's Vienna office and AB personnel. To this, SUBJECT answered very carefully and with a certain amount of hesitancy that neither he, nor, to the best of his knowledge, any of the other AB employees, have ever been approached or are presently in the employ of the AB. He reiterated very firmly his own certain knowledge of any such recruitment attempt and was of the opinion also, that all of the AB personnel would, as himself, resist any AB recruitment effort.

SUBJECT was then questioned at length concerning his possible contact with members of the Czech Intelligence Service (CIS) during his employment period with AB. He stated that he has never been, nor is he presently, in contact or working with the CIS. When confronted with his attempt at deception concerning the same question during his AB Inspector examination, SUBJECT explained that his refutes should be attributed to his extreme nationalistic feelings against the German nation. He added that being Hungarian he resented the Czech acquisition of a part of the Hungarian fatherland.

When questioned concerning Friedrich Wahl, AB employee, Vienna, SUBJECT stated that his only association with Wahl was in the office of AB. He elaborated that because of Wahl's proclamations personal life he did not consider his colleague as a friend, consequently he never associated with him even from the office nor was he aware of any of Wahl's friends or associates. Concerning Robert Asenall, SUBJECT asserted that, as with Wahl, his association with Asenall was of an official nature only. He went on to explain that while he did not dislike Asenall, he considered him a difficult person to be close friendly with, and had never attempted to do so. SUBJECT also stated that he knew none of Asenall's close friends and/or associates.

Turning to, SUBJECT stated that he enjoys his work with AB and has great respect for Mr. MacColl Hill, his American superior at AB, and as a consequence would never wish to jeopardize his position with AB. He vehemently denied and criticized any administrative allegations that contend that he has worked against the best interests of AB and stated further that he aware of no information which would indicate that any other AB employee has been selling AB information or material to an outside agency.

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Agent's Note: It should be noted that SUBJECT's acceptance of the interrogation was with a cooperative appearance if, however, with some restraint, and that in contrast with the interrogation of LACOBIL, there appeared to be an honest endeavor on SUBJECT's part to assist in the investigation. His true crevive regarding some of the questions put to him, particularly as in regard to his US contacts. However, constant hammering on this point failed to change his story.

Files of Major "G" (Vienna), charged concerning SUBJECT and all other personalities mentioned in this report, revealed only the following information not previously reported in this case dossier:

Personnel questionnaire, dated 17 November 1949, Subject: "Captain Jeanne Mico, French Army, AIR 09407", wherein Mico's duties are listed as the advisor to the Chief Travel Control Officer during the Military Control Conference in Berlin, which was for the purpose of coordination of travel between US Headquarters and the French Forces, Austria.

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List of US and Foreign Delegations personnel processed and/or accredited to, Headquarters, CIC, dated November 1949 to 1 March 1950, lists one Captain Jeanne Mico, born 26 March 1905; male; height 5'5"; weight 140 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes; medium build. Mico was last reported in Austria on 29 December 1949, as a member of the Maltese Mission sponsored by the Director of Intelligence, USAI, Travel Control (CIC).

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Joint Report S-1280, dated 26 February 1952, Subject: JACQUES, JEANNE, alias JACQUES, JACOB, Count; suspected intelligence "activity", which reports on Mico's association with one Captain Marcel Mico alias "Mico", a French Army officer formerly with the French security organization "Sécurité militaire", and a former French Travel Control officer in Vienna.

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