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TO : 25.50
FROM : 25.50/RO

DATE: 16 October 1953

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
SPECIFIC— V-3597

1. During the past week while V-3597 has been staying at my apartment he has made a very definite effort to gain my confidence. He has tried to impress upon me the importance of an honest relationship between ZIPPER and the Americans. He has stated that several of ZIPPER's top dogs do not share his opinion along these lines, and he thinks that this is a deplorable situation in view of the fact that without American aid the Organization could not function at all. He prides himself on the excellent personal relations that he currently maintains with 25.50C and his friendship with the former 25.50C. He hopes that in the future he may enjoy the same kind of relationship with 25.50/RO.

2. This morning he told me that in his day to day business he runs across many leads which are of little value to himself or ZIPPER. These leads are mainly on illegal East-West trade into and out of Vienna. In the future he intends to give me personally all these leads and not report them to ZIPPER. He thinks that if I get these leads here I can personally hand them over to the interested American agency, and this will help the entire effort.

3. In VFO #20 I reported V-3597's discussion with me on the latest developments in the SANITZER case. Today he told me that he had the following possibilities on the fire, which if they ever materialize he will turn over to me:

a. He claims to be on the verge of contacting an as yet unidentified Czech who lives in Vienna's III district and who handles all leather transactions for the Czech Embassy here. This man, according to V-3597, also runs the Czech courier system in Vienna. V-3597 says that he will give me this person's name in the next couple of days.

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b. He claims that he is going to meet a high official in the "Austrian Trade Commission" whose job it is to pass on all import and export licenses granted to satellite firms. He says that this will enable us to know weeks in advance whenever a contract is to be issued.

c. In addition he claims to know that in the past week "CIC" interviewed one Father Imre DANIS at the Bristol Hotel. He knows this because Father DANIS lives in the same house with V-21698. V-3597 is not personally interested in DANIS but would be only too glad to arrange another meeting between DANIS and the interested American element. He claims that Father DANIS is a good man but does maintain some sort of contact with the French. The alleged approach of DANIS is not known here at VOB.

4. As stated in VFO #20 the information given me by V-3597 on SANITZER interested VOB very much. They have asked me if it would be possible to obtain from V-3597 the entire list of persons who CSW thinks might be in touch with SANITZER and also the list of all good friends of SANITZER's known to CSW. I thought this might be a good way to test V-3597's good faith which to date has only been promises. I shall not do anything until I confer with 25.50/B this coming week.

5. I have also received V-3597's personal impressions of 25.40/Si which I shall relate personally on my next visit to FOB. I am glad I am somewhat familiar with UJDREADFUL.

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