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Lately the Deuxième has come into close contact with Liest.

General ZAKO and the Fellowship/he organized. Though ZAKO isnt a Paris émigree, I cannot bypass him and his organization. All the more so as I regard it as the only erganization capable of contriving underrigound activities in Hungary. It is quite possibly that Lt.Gen.ZAKO is even to these days in contact with Hungary, in 1946-48 he kept up an uninterrupted scout service. Unfortunately he did not always choose adequate messengers, very often they were men compremised by their previous Nazi attitude. This of course led to their being considered with some hostility by the people in Hungary. In 1946-47 the Fellowship was better known as General Ferenc FARKAS's organisation but it underwent a change in 1948, ZAKO and PARKAS, a strong extreme-rightist, bulk of the fell out and ZAKO took over the Fellowship movement. The/men however is still made up of former gendarmerie / nazi country police/ and extreme rightist ammy efficers.

ZAKO had been commander of an unit which left the country with the retreating German army. I havent met him personally but I believe I am not mistaken when saying that ZAKO is one of those strongly extreme-right Hungarian officers who had always admired the German military force but not the German Maximm. ZAKO is more of a Conserv-

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Conservativ than a Pascist. Already before 1943 he had been member of a secret society called Magyar Közösség / Hungarian Unison/. ZAKO is Practically all the officers of ZAKO's a fervent anti-Communist. Examinational pullations in the conficers of the second of thought.

A great number of these efficers were of the Bungarian military secret service.

The Fellowship organisation disposes of two positive advantages: it is well acquainted with and an expert in underground activities and it can resort to a great number of undawnted men well-trained and drilled formerly in the army. These officers had been living since several years in Austria, unemployed and without means, when finally in 1947 they fell in with ZAKO's Fellowship organisation. Ever since the beginning, ZAKO has been sending regular couriers to Hungary. This Fellowship Union is the only serious military erganisation capable of setting up resistance units and of getting men through to Hungary. Notwithstanding all that stands to the merit of Surenal ZAKO, I wish to point out that the General's political education is equal to naught. The Fellewship Union could prove most efficient in direct actions but considered as a political movement suppessed to imspire confidence to the people of Hungary, it is completely good for mething. ZARO's net predicely Nazi, yet outspekenly Conservativ-rightist attitude and the utter political shortsightedness of the Pollowship members renders them wholly unfit to be the basis of an eventual flungarian resistance. ZAKO and his to llowers could be excellent underground organisers but they would never be able to build up the moral or political structure of a resistance movement. In the eyes of the Hungarian people ZAKO and the Fellowship represent a world they dislike just as much as they dislike Communism. At present ZAEO keeps on declaring that he is a true democrat. **B** 

A political evolution is summerally not inconceivable, nevertheless a complete transformation of the mentality of Hungarian officers who during the war supported the German cause blindly, is not a short of easy precedure. I do not wish to diminuish the merits of ZAKO yet strongly doubt that he hask is really a democrat.

General ZAKO is on excellent terms with the French but he doesnt work for them. At present he is trying to discover which of the powers could aid him the most but at the same time he does not wish to be under obligation to gither. ZAKO is in close contact with the dungarian National Committee of New York and considers Tibor ECEHARDY his chwief. ZAKO is supposed to be going to AMerica soon. About 6 weeks ago he had conversations in Paris with the French Intelligence. The French have been playing since long with the idea of supporting a fraction of the Hungarian emigration in Europe. The Hungarians in Austria had great faith in these rumours. The French Intelligence in Salsburg Ex backed these rumours irresponsibly. In Paris ZAKO was informed of the nonexistance of any such plan. I believe ZARO wasnt contemplating an understanding with the French he merely wanted to know exactly where he stood with them. The Fellowship organisation swallows up large sums. The Prench were not disposed to make great financial sacrifices . Up till now ZAKO's organisation spent large sums on publications, papers etc. and on having a Fellowship manham/in Rome, Madrid, London and Paris. Thank

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