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SUBJECT: Lt. Gen. Andre (Andre) ZARD alias Istvan KOVACS

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Lately the Deuxieme has come into close contact with Lieut. ^{(Andreas (Andra) @ Red movement - IACS)}
General ZAKO and the Fellowship/he organised. Though ZAKO is a Paris emigree, I cannot bypass him and his organisation. All the more so as I regard it as the only organisation capable of contriving underground activities in Hungary. It is quite possible that Lt.Gen.ZAKO is even to these days in contact with Hungary, in 1946-48 he kept up an un-interrupted scout service. Unfortunately he did not always choose adequate messengers, very often they were men compromised 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 FARKAS, a strong extreme-rightist, fell out and ZAKO took over the Fellowship movement. ^{bulk of the} The men however is still made up of former gendarmerie / nazi country police/ and extreme rightist army officers.

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 Nazism. ZAKO is more of a Conserv-

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A political evolution is ~~xxxxxxxx~~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 or easy procedure. I do not wish to diminish the merits of ZAKO yet strongly doubt that he ~~xxxx~~ is really a democrat.

General ZAKO is on excellent terms with the French but he doesn't 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 either. ZAKO is in close contact with the Hungarian National Committee of New York and considers Tiber ~~EGHARDT~~ his chief. 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~~ ^{put} great faith in these rumours. The French Intelligence in Salzburg ~~is~~ backed these rumours irresponsibly. In Paris ZAKO was informed of the nonexistence of any such plan. I believe ZAKO wasn't 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 French 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 ~~member~~ ^{representative} in Rome, Madrid, London and Paris. ~~xxxx~~

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