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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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HAZINIERE (CASE IN) KNAPP

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The information set forth herein was furnished by an informant of unknown reliability who was familiar with conditions in Poland and the Polish Displaced Persons in Europe, and who is now in the United States.

Informant advised that on July 12, 1946 the American authorities authorized the organization of the Union or Association of Poles in Austria, which association or organization was formed in August, 1946, and will hereafter be referred to as the Union.

KNAPP was an officer in the Polish Army prior to 1939, was a prisoner of war in Hungary and married a Hungarian girl, name unknown. He LUCYK HUBICKI, who was at one time president of the Union, allegedly had information in his possession that KNAPP was cooperating with the Communist regime in Poland.

Further, Mr. PLOSZCZANSKI, Mayor of Warsaw, Poland, who at the present time is in Palestine, had himself appointed to the Repatriation Commission and sent to Austria. He came to Innsbruck, Austria where he requested asylum from the French which was granted and he issued a statement in the fall of 1948 to the effect that KNAPP was cooperating with the Polish Government Repatriation Commission and was receiving money for his cooperation.

The above allegedly was reduced to a written document and believed to be on file, in Innsbruck.

KNAPP at the time pointed out that he was cooperating with one Captain ANDRES, the latter being in the Army of Liberation. KNAPP endeavored to secure a following for himself and succeeded in being elected Treasurer of the Union in Austria at about the time that PLOSZCZANSKI reported KNAPP to be cooperating with the Repatriation Commission, and suggested that KNAPP be dropped from the Union.

Allegedly, instructions also came from the London Government that KNAPP should be dropped from the Union, but that the president was no longer HUBICKI, but ENICH ARNSKI'SKI. The latter appeared to be connected in some way with KNAPP and refused to drop him from the Union.

KNAPP appeared to be more or less of a roving delegate among groups of Poles in Austria and allegedly had the displaced persons come to

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his office and sign a questionnaire which the DP's were never permitted to take to their homes; however, on one occasion one ANNA ~~SOBIECHOWSKA~~ secured a questionnaire for her husband who was ill and KNAPP permitted her to take the application to her home for Mrs. KNAPP's husband to sign. Mrs. ~~SOBIECHOWSKA~~, prior to taking the questionnaire back to KNAPP's office, who at that time was the Secretary of the Union, showed the questionnaire to a third person, which questionnaire, in addition to requesting the name, address, birth data and so forth of the DP, also requested the information as to sums received to date for subsistence from outside sources.

Informant advised that if the DP answered that he had received sums for subsistence from some other country or source that all rights to appeal to the IRO and to seek asylum elsewhere were lost. It allegedly is a rule of the IRO that if a person had received funds from the country from which the person is fleeing the IRO can not assist this person and the person can be forced to return to the country from which he is fleeing.

Allegedly Mrs. ~~SOBIECHOWSKA~~ furnished an affidavit to the effect that KNAPP gave her the questionnaire and requested that it be filled out, which affidavit, along with a photostatic copy of the questionnaire, was furnished to the American authorities in Salzburg, Austria, through the cooperation of Captain P. ~~TRUBENKALD~~, Police Officer who was cooperating with the American authorities. Informant also has a copy of the questionnaire mentioned above.

Informant related that the present president of the Union is ~~EMIL~~ ~~SOBIECHOWSKI~~, the vice-president ~~EDWARD~~ ~~BRAN~~, who along with KNAPP continued operating in Austria, although according to the informant there are practically no Poles in Austria at the present time and that the Poles which are left in Austria are those who recognize German leadership.

It is informant's opinion that ~~EMIL~~ ~~BRAN~~, and ~~EMIL~~ ~~BRAN~~ are trying to perpetuate themselves and get the remaining Poles to cooperate with them. Further, according to the informant, ~~EMIL~~ ~~BRAN~~ associates with American officials and KNAPP is well acquainted with Austrian officials. According to the informant KNAPP is a very clever man and had hoped to come to the United States.

Informant recently saw a leaflet from London indicating that ~~CASIMIR~~ ~~F.~~ ~~KNAPP~~, 2 Maxglan, DP Camp, Salzburg, Austria, was the distributor for some book and believes the above person to be ~~EMIL~~ ~~BRAN~~. Informant emphasized that KNAPP was a clever and shrewd operator. Further, according to informant, ~~THOMAS~~ ~~WALTER~~ ~~CHU~~ ~~GA~~, who is presently in Canada, city unknown, and D. A. ~~POCYSKI~~, 4ger Terrace, Apartment 202, 2016 Glethorpe Street, West Hyattsville, Maryland, who was employed in a library in Washington, D. C., speaks fluent English, was a director in a DP camp and an officer in IRO, both would be able to furnish information in regard to KNAPP.

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In regard to WARSZYSKI, mentioned above, the informant could not truthfully state that he was a Communist but advised that WARSZYSKI did things which would more or less further the Communist cause. WARSZYSKI was against any program which promoted good morals among the DP's and in the selection of teachers would hide the background of undesirables. Further, WARSZYSKI slandered the persons distributing packages from American Relief for Poland, accusing the persons of stealing the packages and also organized a revolt among the DP's concerning the method of handling the distribution of packages as a result of which the whole matter was stopped. Further, according to the informant, a list of twenty-five persons, who were to go to Argentina at IIR expense, was requested and a list of the poorer DP's was drawn up to go to Argentina, but WARSZYSKI drew up a list of his own consisting of traitors and German Poles, which list was accepted by the official as the persons to go to Argentina.

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