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DATE 24 Aug 1956

TO Chief, EE
ATTENTION:
FROM Chief of Station, Vienna

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/GROOVY
 { SPECIFIC Progress Report for Period 29 March - 1 July 1956

Headquarters Action Requested:

1. Request Headquarters traces on the following personalities:

a. Karl JEZEK: born 23 May 1909 in Czechoslovakia; U.S. citizen; owner of "Cafe 21" in Salzburg, which he allegedly uses to meet U.S. intelligence agents; resides Salzburg, Schwarzstrasse 21; close friend of Salzburg Krim. Oberinspektor Ludwig/NESSL; former U.S. Army Major; now (according to Salzburg Stapo) colonel in U.S. intelligence. (For pertinent reference see paragraph 5 b (6) of attached VIM/16643.)

b. Sonja NEUWERTH, nee REDLICH: born 20 August 1922 in Vienna; married; resides Vienna XX, Karl-Maiselstrasse 1/5; former residence Vienna III, Erbergerstrasse 36/Tuer 22; after 13 December 1946 employed in Interior Ministry Office of Censorship; 7 January 1948 transferred to Soviet censorship; dark hair; thin; fluent English, Russian; 1948 attended KPOe Parteischule Vienna; strongly suspected of former and current RIS affiliation. (For pertinent reference see paragraph 5 a of attached VIM/16717.)

Developments:

2. MI Assignment: On or about 1 July Subject reported to Linz-Ebelsberg for a four-weeks' officer indoctrination course, at the conclusion of which he will be granted an Austrian army commission in company grade. By mid-August agent hopes to receive his first assignment, probably as CI officer at battalion level in one of the provinces. His ultimate assignment to the Nachrichten-Evidenzbuero in Vienna should occur in early fall. Subject has promised to report to Vienna before leaving for his initial post. Results of this meeting (especially agent's reading of his own immediate future) will be reported to the Desk immediately.

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Contact Report

TO: OOPS, OOS, Case Officer

FROM:

1. MEETINGS: 23 April 56, 1800 - 1900, Hotel Fuchs Mariahilferstrasse.
24 April 56, 0930 - 0945, track 2, Westbahnhof
25 April 56, 2000 - 2045, ops discussion during walk in vicinity of Postamt No. 121.

2. NEXT MEETING: In view of subject's uncertain plans for the immediate future (see below) no next meeting was scheduled. If agent's call to active duty occurs before 15 May, he will not come to Vienna until after the completion of his 4-wk. military indoctrination course. Otherwise he will make one more trip to this city and contact by calling the VOB cutout telephone. In any event, contact for the next meeting will be made in front of the Espresso on the ground floor of the Mariahilferstrasse building housing the Austrian soccer association.

Should our telephone number change before the next meeting, will write to Subject's St. Johann Pongau address. Each digit for the new number mentioned in this letter will be one higher than the actual digit.

3. ADMINISTRATION: Subject was paid his AS 2,000 salary for May 1956 and 468.20 for current travel expenses. Signed receipts under alias were obtained. Agent claimed that in recent months Ray, Insp. ^{has paid} ANGERER a monthly average of AS 250 for various KPOe reports. ANGERER is of the opinion that this money comes from covert ~~SPOe~~ funds. Subject's query: Would we cover these expenses for the one or two months that he remains in Salzburg. approved this request under condition that (a) monthly payments not exceed AS 300 and (b) separate receipts be prepared.

4. PRODUCTION: 17 reports of no intel interest and destroyed by OO. 1 item worked into info report for RO; 1 each forwarded to and all others summarized below.

5. OPERATIONAL:

a. Salzburg Stapo Ops Leads:

- (1) ^{also} Sonja NEUWERTH, aka Sonja REDLICH: born 20 August 1922 in Vienna; married; resides Vienna XI, Karl-Maiselstrasse 1/5; former residence Vienna III, Erdbergerstrasse 36/Tuer 22. After 13 December 46 employed in Zensurstelle of Interior Ministry; 7 Jan 48 transferred to Soviet censorship; dark hair; thin; fluent English, Russian; 1948 attended KPOe Parteischule Vienna; strongly suspected of former and current RIS affiliation.

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GRIFFIGY/1 CONTACT REPORT

TO: COFS, Case officer

11 June 1956

FROM:

1. MEETINGS: 28 May, 2000 - 2015 hours, Hotel Mariahilf.
29 May, 0930 - 1000 hours, Fussballverband Espresso.
29 May, 2000 - 2100 hours, Restaurant Glockenstueberl, Vienna VII.
2. NEXT MEETING: 1400 hours, 2 June, restaurant Pitterkeller near Salzburg main railroad station.
3. ADMINISTRATION: Agent was paid AS 2,000 salary for June 1956 and AS 500 to cover April and May payments to Salzburg informant Ray. Insp. T. NAME ANGERER. Ostensible source for the latter payment is the Austrian Trade Union Federation (see previous contact report).
4. PRODUCTION: 12 reports passed by agent during the 20 May meeting were returned to him on the following day. 4 were found to be of no intel interest and have been destroyed by the case officer. All others are summarized below.
5. OPERATIONAL:
 - a. Military Induction: During a 29 May 56 conversation with Dr. STEFANIE of the Evidenzbuero, Subject was informed officially that his application for an Austrian army commission had been approved and that he can expect his call to active duty in early July. Agent will have to complete a 4-wks officers' indoctrination course in the greater Linz area before his starting grade and initial assignment are decided upon. He was again prepared for a probable 3-mo tour of duty as CI officer at battalion level before his ultimate assignment to the Dominikanerbastei installation.
 - b. Effect of Elections on Evidenzbuero: Dr. STEFANIE expressed considerable disappointment over the results of the recent parliamentary elections. He readily admitted that his party's leadership had expected a much better showing but does not anticipate that the OeVP plurality will have considerable effect on the future of the Evidenzbuero. STEFANIE suggested that agent not pay too much attention to current rumors that Colonel LINSBAUER is about to resume his former duties at the Dominikanerbastei.
 - c. Krim. Ray. Insp. Franz PRIEWASSER: Subject referred to PRIEWASSER's 23 May suicide and reported that he himself had inadvertently become involved in the post-suicide investigation as follows: On 2 May, shortly after it became known that PRIEWASSER was to be tried on charges of violating Austrian passport regulations, , in his function as works council representative for the Gewerkschaft der oeffentlich Bediensteten, contacted PRIEWASSER to arrange for the customary trade union legal assistance.

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