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Title: () ANDRE BELA LOUIS BAK

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Synopsis: PAUL HODOSY-STROBL, former Head of Hungarian Police, advised on 7/11/66, he met Subject in Germany in about 1948-1949, and again in the United States in 1964. He had no knowledge that Subject had ever worked for French intelligence.

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DETAILS:

On July 11, 1966, PAUL HODOSY-STROBL, Ten Acre Ranch, Kinney Road, Walnut Creek, California, advised SA KEITH G. TEETER that his wife is housekeeper at this residence and that he does general cleaning and odd jobs about the premises.

HODOSY-STROBL served in the Hungarian Army for 23 years. His last assignment was the organization and administration of the Hungarian National Police. In December, 1944, he went to Germany as the Hungarian war effort fell apart and remained there until he emigrated to South America. He entered the United States from South America in April, 1964. For three and one-half years following World War II, HODOSY-STROBL was employed by the United States Army at Munich, Germany as an expert in Hungarian matters. Although he may have met BAK in connection with his Army duties during World War II, he did not believe that he had done so but definitely met BAK on about three occasions in Munich in about 1948 or 1949 when he interviewed BAK for information concerning Hungarian matters in France and within Hungary at the time. At this time, BAK was the Head of Magyar Harcosok sajtarisi Kozossege (MHBK), a Hungarian Veterans organization in Paris, France. HODOSY-STROBL advised that the founder and leader

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of this group has always been General ANDREAS ZAKO, who has lived in Munich, Germany since World War II. HODOSY-STROBL advised that he is a member of WABK but has never held any high office in the organization.

When HODOSY-STROBL entered the United States in 1964, he again met BAK who was then living in San Diego, California, and working for an engineering firm. He had had no further direct contact with BAK since that time and had no details concerning his activities.

He had learned through conversations with BAK that the latter had served as a Captain on the General Staff of the Hungarian Army during World War II. He stated that BAK never worked under his direction at any time.

HODOSY-STROBL advised he did not know the exact nature of BAK's employment while the latter resided in France, although it appeared that he had held a rather responsible position. He did not know if BAK ever had any connection with French intelligence service, although he considered it likely that BAK had at least been interviewed by representatives of this service in connection with its interest in counterintelligence activities. HODOSY-STROBL did not know if BAK might presently be connected with intelligence service of France or any other country. He believed that in his conversations with BAK in Munich in 1948 or 1949, that he had probably asked BAK about any connections he had with French intelligence and it was his recollection that BAK had denied that he had any such affiliations at that time.