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1. The following report is based on information with SALZBURG Security Office.
2. Josefine SCHUSTER (data already known), who was so far employed with SALZBURG CP Landesleitung teletype station, has now been appointed member of Landesleitung by Hermann LANGBEIN. Probably she belongs to the Communist 'cadre division', which has to superintend Communist Party members in Land Salzburg. For such purpose she collaborates with the internal CP intelligence.

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3. At VIENNA, a number of 14-day training courses for CP functionaries are being held from June 18 thru October 1e, 1951. At the end of July, the following SALZBURG functionaries were detached to such courses:

Matthias GRUBER, precision-tool maker, born September 30, 1922, at St. GILGEN, living at SALZBURG, 2, Kaiser Karlstrasse, AUSTRIA

Josef RÖSSLHUBER, data already known.

4. Hans BERGER, tactor, further data unknown, is regarded liaison man between CP Landesleitung and several cultural institutions at SALZBURG, especially the radio station. He collects intelligence on Salzburg cultural life. Allegedly he also tries to approach USFA personnel to elicit information from them. He frequently appears at SALZBURG CP Party Home to confer with Wilhelm BRANDECKER.

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5. Rudolf HACKEL, who was repeatedly reported on as USIA and CP intelligence agent,

born June 24, 1923, at BRATISLAVA, protestant, unmarried, Volksdeutscher from CSR, nationality undefined, living at VIENNA I., 6, Marc Aurelstrasse,

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a former actor, was active as salesman with several trade firms since 1945, when he came to VIENNA for the first time, because he could not find a job in his former profession. Since 1947, however, he occasionally took over small movie roles with 'Donau Film', 'Wien Film', 'Sascha Film' and others. Probably his activity for USIA and CP is not based on his personal political line, but on permanent want of money.

6. Both, Anna BUROVSKA, living at SALZBURG, further data unknown, and (fnu) RESKA, living at HALLEIN, further data unknown, have undergone a Party training in propaganda work and were charged with so far undefined special tasks.

7. Heinrich (Ernst?) MAIER, SALZBURG, 13/I, Getreidegasse, allegedly is doing photo work for Salzburg CP,

8. SALZBURG CP Landesleitung was informed by LINZ-Urfahr Landesleitung that confidential information on SALZBURG CP activities were passed on to CIC thru unknown channels. Such knowledge was brought to LINZ-Urfahr Landesleitung by a former woman teacher now employed with LINZ CIC (name unknown).

9. The Austrian Communist students use for propaganda purposes leaflets and booklets allegedly originating from 'Büro der Internationalen Studentenvereinigung' (International Students Association Bureau) at PRAGUE. One of the chairmen of such Association is Ernst WÖRTZ,

born October 11, 1930, at VIENNA, living at VIENNA XXI. 44, Konstanziagasse, student of political science, at Vienna University;

another activist with International Students Association is the young physician (Dr) Friedrich GANTZ, chairman of the Communist-controlled Medical Students Association ('Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Mediziner').

10. Karl ZAHRL,

occ waiter, born August 15, 1910, at SALZBURG, Austrian citizen, married, residing at SALZBURG, 22, Dr. Petterstrasse,

is believed to work for Soviet intelligence. A former officer with German Wehrmacht, ZAHRL was sentenced to death. He succeeded in fleeing, and, according to his own statement, became major with Yugoslavian partisans. About 3 weeks ago he made a trip to CSR, and will go to BUDAPEST in the near future. Purpose of these trips is unknown. He holds close connection with former Kriminalrevierinspektor Franz THALHAMMER, known as Communist.