

Istvan BORKELI, Sr.

Nickname: "BAGSI"

DOB: circa 1908

POB: Unknown

ADDRESS: Lived on 677th Street, Postkomlörism, Hungary.

**PERSONALIA:**

a) Physical Description

Height: 5'7"  
 Weight: 190 lbs.  
 Build: Slender  
 Features: Slightly stooped.  
 Hair: Light brown, thinning on top.

Other features: Hollow-cheeked and wore a thin sandy mustache.

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b) Life Span: He was a laborer all his life employed in the KLASIKY textile factory.

c) Family Status: Married to a peasant girl and had three children.

d) Language: Spoke only Hungarian.

e) Political Assessment: Was associated with the Arrow Crossists during World War II and was later induced into joining the Hungarian Workers' Party when the Communists came into power. He was not ideologically inclined and it was my impression that he was one of the opportunistic small fry who changed affiliations with the political situation. In fact, he abhorred political discussions and thought that politics was the bane of mankind. As of November 1957 he had not rejoined the reformed HSWP.

f) Psychological Assessment: Subject's sole interest in life appeared to be hunting. He would interrupt his household chores at the mere mention of going after wild game. He expressed anti-Soviet opinions when in the company of close friends. He was dubbed as the "golden grained interpreter," by his hunting colleagues because he once talked his way out of the grasp of Soviet soldiers while on a hunting trip after the Revolution. He referred to this incident as being "one step from hell."

g) Military Background: Subject had seen service as an infantryman in World War I.

h) Extra-curricular Activities: Other than his mute membership in the HSW, Subject was not the type to join social organizations.

i) Initial Contact: I met Subject in May 1956 through my association with his son, Istvan BORKELI, Jr. Our relationships were very informal and friendly through our common interest in hunting. Usually on hunting trips he would be the first to suggest that the group stop at a nearby saloon and partake of refreshments in spite of the fact that his tolerance for liquor was limited by a mild case of stomach ulcers.