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SUBJECT: Alexis SUNKO (or SUNKO)

1. The following information was received from Father Marcel van GUTSEN on 13 March 1951.

2. Alexis SUNKO during the second World War was a medic with the Soviet Army, whether as former PW or as refugee he remained in the West after the end of the war.

SUNKO was closely connected with alleged Soviet agent Josef KARPO, who until March or April 1950 - he was then approximately 26 years old, and originated from Leningrad - lived as a DP in Western Austria. KARPO, according to information received by Father van GUTSEN from FIB members, was in permanent contact until his repatriation to the Soviet Union with the Soviet Repatriation Commission in Salzburg. KARPO was considered very intelligent. Also after his repatriation SUNKO remained in contact with KARPO, but no material evidence could be established so far.

3. In summer 1949, Alexis SUNKO approached Father van GUTSEN, pretending that he wanted to become a priest. For a period of approximately 6 months he worked with Father van GUTSEN on caritative affairs, but Father van GUTSEN never trusted him. When derogatory signs increased Father van GUTSEN parted from SUNKO.

SUNKO now became affiliated with Alexander KENNEDY-Prince LIEVEN, a representative of Church World-Service,

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ZUBKO also approached a number of Orthodox priests slandering Father van CUTSEM by stating that Father van CUTSEM endeavored to convert Orthodox members by force and bribe. ZUBKO succeeded in creating a tense feeling between certain Orthodox (non-unified) priests towards Father van CUTSEM, although nobody honestly believed ZUBKO's murder story.

As a next step ZUBKO - it is still unknown, whether directly or thru middle-men - denounced Father van CUTSEM both with CIC and Austrian police.

Only some days ago Father van CUTSEM, when at DP camp Hellbrunn, was openly accosted by ZUBKO.

4. Father van CUTSEM was informed by CIC Salzburg that it would be wise to avoid meeting ZUBKO, who might plan something against him.

5. Since Father van CUTSEM is regarded a powerful enemy by the Soviets, and since it does not seem improbable that ZUBKO works under Soviet orders, it would seem advisable to investigate ZUBKO under two possible aspects

- a- either ZUBKO is mentally insane, in which case he would better be taken care of at a lunatic asylum, or
- b- ZUBKO acts as a Soviet agent, in which case it is possible that he is ordered primarily to slander or even to make an attempt on Father van CUTSEM. In such case ZUBKO must be regarded a dangerous threat.

6. May your assistance be called for. A reply would greatly oblige.