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SUBJECT: Father Marcel van Cuttsem

TO: Chief, TPADITAL

ATTN: []

1. Father van Cuttsem is a Jesuit priest of Belgian birth who has been active in welfare work among Soviet and other DP's in Western Austria. We believe he may be connected with the Caritas organization. As one of his activities he has been assisting in publication of a Russian-language news bulletin entitled "LUCH" which is distributed among Russian DP's.

2. He has approached ^{the} DYMARCOON for aid in carrying on his activities, particularly the publication of the news bulletin, and the matter has filtered down to us as a possibly useful project. It would surely be on the fringe of DYCLAVER's charter, yet any slight fanning of the anti-Soviet spark among the refugees is a justifiable activity and one which has been sanctioned, for example, in Germany. In other words, we would be prepared to offer some slight support for Father van Cuttsem's work provided it is really accomplishing something and providing further that he personally is of good character and repute.

3. Not the least of the questions we would like answered is why a Catholic priest should be active among the Orthodox Russians. It may be that he works mostly with the Ukrainians and Baltic nationalities; and that he publishes in Russian as the one language understood by all. *Vatican Policy*

4. [] believes that Identity A was formerly financing van Cuttsem on a small scale, very likely out of confidential funds. With the arrival of the new CG it may be that Identity A can no longer continue this support. This is, of course, only a surmise, but it would explain why van Cuttsem is again approaching DYMARCOON. *Chambers*

5. [] requests that you make discreet inquiry of DYMAGULE and KMOCKY in order to dig up any available information on Father van Cuttsem. The discretion is particularly necessary since Identity A may consider this his own little baby and may resent anyone *W. R. C. 3*
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else moving in. DYCLEMATIS is also querying their Salzburg base for anything in their files, so you might clew up with them to avoid any duplicate approach to an outside agency.

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6. This is addressed to [] as well as [] in view of []'s liaison contacts with DYMAGPIE.

APPROVED:

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Enclosure:
Identity A, Separate Cover

Col. Mike Marshall

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