

S U M M A R Y

10 April 1961

SUBJECT: DARMOPIL, Johann (U)
DOB: 20 December 1908
POB: Tischowitz, CSSR

IE-331941

The Central Registry, this headquarters, contains the following information regarding SUBJECT:

1. (C) Background, recruitment and meetings: Information from the Police Department Munich, KD 2, dated 21 June and 21 July 1959, showed SUBJECT was employed in the capacity of Inspector of the Judiciary Service, Munich. He is married to Wilhelmina Darmopil nee Rybnikar, born 21 May 1909 in Brunn, CSSR. They have one daughter by the marriage, Eva Darmopil, born 28 January 1932 at Tischowitz. The daughter remained in CSSR and married veterinarian Novotny. SUBJECT wrote several petitions to 13 different agencies in an attempt to help his daughter emigrate from CSSR and resettle in West Germany. He was finally referred to Jaroslav Urban (DPOB: 18 February 1922; Hrdloresy, CSSR) at the Association of CSSR Trade Companies in Frankfurt/Main and volunteered to do anything necessary to help his daughter. Urban so notified the Czech Consulate in Vienna. Two weeks later, sometime in early 1954, a man called Schoenyeh visited SUBJECT in Munich and gave him a letter from a person called Pospishil who said he had been informed of the case on SUBJECT's daughter and requested SUBJECT to come to Vienna. Subsequently, SUBJECT visited the Vienna Consulate, where he was amiably received by a person called Pospishil. Pospishil assisted SUBJECT in the preparation of a new petition aimed at expatriating the daughter from CSSR. The next day Pospishil met SUBJECT alone in a cafe and informed SUBJECT that he would be required to perform certain acts in return for the help given him. SUBJECT was given the cover name of "Doersberg", several initial assignments, and was required to sign a statement that he would work for CIS. DARMOPIL and his wife, to the best of his recollection, attended a total of 25 meetings at Vienna, Lins, Amstetten, Zurich, Rheinfelden, Frauenfeld, Winterthur, Geneva and St Gallen. On the occasion of each and every rendezvous he received a sum of money ranging from 250 to 350 DM. DARMOPIL earned 700 DM per month with the Judiciary Service. It is almost certain that DARMOPIL's daughter received payments from the CIS as she not only knew about her father's activities, but "her address would have been instrumental in arranging out-of-turn rendezvous". On

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the 6th or 7th meeting SUBJECT and his wife were permitted to see their daughter, but not in privacy. On 1 September 1957, their departure from Munich for 28 days and indicated pressure could no longer be maintained. The rendezvous point was changed from Austria to Switzerland. Immediately the 15th meeting, when DARMOPIL, in an attempt to locate either Pospishil or his alternate handling agent, Mirek (no further identifying data available), went to the apartment where one of the initial meetings had taken place and inquired for them. He was later admonished for this action and was told further meetings would take place in Switzerland because it was safer. All travel to Switzerland was made in SUBJECT's auto. Meetings which took place in Switzerland are indicated below:

16th meeting - Zurich, at a small square, in October 1956.
SUBJECT spent the night at Winterthur because Zurich was too expensive.

17th meeting - Rheinfelden, in December 1956 at 1900 hours, at a tavern.

18th meeting - Frauenfeld, at 1900 hours in the tavern "Zum Kreuz", March 1957.

19th meeting - Winterthur, in front of railway station at 1900 hours in June 1957.

20th meeting - Zurich, in front of railway station at 1900 hours in August 1957.

21st meeting - Geneva, in front of railway station at 1900 hours in November or December 1957.

22nd meeting - St Gallen, at railway station at 1900 hours in January or February 1958.

23rd meeting - St Gallen, at railway station at 1900 hours in March or April 1958.

24th meeting - St Gallen, railway station at 1900 hours in January 1959. SUBJECT was met by a stranger who called DARMOPIL by name and said he recognized SUBJECT from a picture. The stranger was knowledgeable regarding SUBJECT's activities for CIS; he also went by the name of Pospishil. Starting from the 22nd meeting SUBJECT asked to be released from his duties with CIS and gave as a reason, poor health and suspicions of being surveilled.

25th meeting - Zurich, at Cafe Eduard near the station, on 25 April 1959.

2. (G) Missions: From the beginning, SUBJECT received assignments concerning Czech emigrants. If he did not know them he established contact with them, or he had other emigrants tell him about them, so he was able to characterize them in his reports and to relate their habits. He prepared a diagram of the RFE buildings in Munich, reported on whether the RFE receptionist carried a gun, and found out almost all names of RFE employees and their places of residence. He made three reports on his own activities at the office of the District Attorney. He was told to obtain recent identifications (sic) from files of the District Attorney; however, unable to do this he did obtain a Certificate of Baptism, a Death Certificate, and two Birth Certificates from the District Attorney files and passed them to his CIS handling agent. He was instructed to determine which persons in Munich handled intelligence cases for the Police, the District Attorney, and the courts. He had the mission of locating two taverns at New-Ulm which would be suitable for rendezvous. He was also to contact a police officer who worked for CIS in New-Ulm, but claims he did not attempt to do either of the last two mentioned assignments. SUBJECT's wife was aware of her husband having been recruited by CIS, and also knew his missions. She was present when he carried out part of his missions and attended meetings with SUBJECT and his CIS handling agent on many occasions.

3. (U) Compromise of the CIS operation: Munich Police received information from an undisclosed source and from the investigation of Ulrich Kodet, a confessed operative for CIS, that SUBJECT had been maintaining contact with CIS. He was arrested on 23 June 1959.