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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention: _____
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna

DATE: 3 July 1951

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
SPECIFIC— Kurt NUGENT, Israeli IS Agent
Reference: MAS-A-581

1. The following information on Kurt NUGENT was submitted by Inspector Wilhelm DIETRICH who met NUGENT in Bregenz in April 1951 and recruited him as an informant on the Israeli IS. DIETRICH made several small payments to NUGENT and hopes to maintain contact with him by mail. NUGENT is at present in Vienna.

- a. Kurt NUGENT, born 1 March 1926 in Bregenz, resident of Bregenz until August 1950. NUGENT served in the German Army during the last part of the war, allegedly in an air force unit. After the war, NUGENT made a living by blackmarket transactions which brought him into contact with Jewish DP's who played a prominent role in Vorarlberg blackmarket circles and specialized in the illegal import of goods from Switzerland.
- b. Kurt NUGENT was recruited into the Israeli IS in late 1947 and worked for that service in Austria, Munich and Berlin. He allegedly also worked for US intelligence in Berlin (he showed DIETRICH a pass authorizing him to enter US Military installations in the Berlin area). At the same time he continued with his blackmarket transactions and claims to have enjoyed the protection of a US general officer who had a Jewish wife. This officer later returned to the US.
- c. In August 1950 he went to Israel where he was used on intelligence missions against the Syrians. On one of these missions he was captured by Syrian counter-intelligence officers. He confessed, under torture, that he had been working for the Israeli IS and was subsequently recruited by the Syrians and sent back to Israel as a double agent. After he had completed several missions to the satisfaction of the Syrians, he was issued a Syrian passport in the name of QUARTER Norman, born 3 January 1924 in Dairaz-Zor, Syria. His superiors in the Syrian IS were a (Colonel) (fnu) QUATKA and a (Lt.) Abdullah KARIN, both in Damascus.
- d. With the Syrian passport, NUGENT returned to Austria in March 1951, via Turkey, where he reported to the Israeli Military Attache in Ankara. NUGENT was instructed by his superiors in the Israeli IS to report to a certain (fnu) QILBOHA at the Israeli Consulate in Vienna, who is in charge of the Israeli IS in Austria.

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2. When Jan GAJEWSKI met with DIETRICH for the last time in Salzburg (see attachment to NAS-A-561), he managed to slip DIETRICH a piece of paper, unbeknownst to the CIC agent who was with them. On this paper, which was shown to [] by DIETRICH, GAJEWSKI had written a request for background information on Kurt NUAGENT and a remark to the effect that this information was needed by him (GAJEWSKI) privately and not by CIC. DIETRICH is certain that GAJEWSKI passed the request on instructions from Simon WISSENTHAL who probably learned about NUAGENT through Israeli IS channels.
3. DIETRICH claimed to have inspected NUAGENT's Syrian passport which contained numerous visas, among them one for Bulgaria. NUAGENT commented that he intended to return to Israel eventually via the Balkans and Turkey. NUAGENT is also in possession of a valid Austrian passport.

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