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Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY's Presence in Munich

1. [] official report M-450 dated 15 November 52 noted that he was informed on 6 November by [] in Wells that subject was in Munich. Further investigation by [] revealed that this report was true, and that DURCANSKY was living at Pension Excelsior, Kalbachstr. 85, Tel. 360113. We therefore contacted POB officials who confirmed the report and stated that on 1 December DURCANSKY moved to a new address in the outskirts of Munich. Info copy of a POB cable on this subject was apparently routed to MOB but cannot be located here.

2. [] informed us that DURCANSKY's entry into Germany, and German visa, if any, was arranged by ZIPPER personnel, but that he did not know what action the Combined Travel Board had taken on the matter, or whether it had been consulted. We therefore investigated confidentially through []

- 3. It appears that:
 - a. DURCANSKY is on the proscribed list of persons forbidden by the Occupation Powers to enter West Germany;
 - b. the Combined Travel Board never approved the issuance of a German visa to DURCANSKY; and
 - c. in the past the Germans have scrupulously observed the CTB proscribed list in issuing visas.

A previous visa application by DURCANSKY from Argentina was refused by German authorities on this ground. It therefore seems clear, and [] states, that DURCANSKY is in Germany either with no visa, a visa illegally issued, or issued on the basis of a false identity. A further question is whether official German circles knowingly issued a visa in violation of the agreement with CTB, or whether some German procured a visa without the knowledge of the authorities officially charged with such responsibility.

4. Based on a lengthy recent conversation with [] it appears that all parties concerned - ZIPPER, POB, and ourselves - agree that DURCANSKY's

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present intelligence potential is virtually nil, and that his future prospects are problematical. We are informed that the German interest in him is frankly political. Although we foresee no immediate substantial interference by DURCANSKY in Grolig's U.S.-controlled intelligence activities, we believe that any improvement in DURCANSKY's political position is contrary to the best interests of U.S. influence in Slovakia and among the Slovak emigration, however much it may serve German circles with whom DURCANSKY collaborated during World War II.

5. Since it is well known that no one can enter the Federal Republic of Germany in the face of CTB objections DURCANSKY's presence here indicates to emigre politicians that he now has some U.S. blessing. Otherwise he ostensibly could not be here. Many months ago Anton Maly, DURCANSKY's representative in Austria, claimed in emigre circles that DURCANSKY would get a German visa, because the German intelligence service would clear it with the Americans by whom they were supported. DURCANSKY's presence here gives the appearance of substantiating this claim.

6. Dr. Ctibor Pokorny, DURCANSKY representative in Germany, has been negotiating for time on the Hamburg and Stuttgart radios. Germany already sponsors the Sudeten irredentists, and through DURCANSKY, will take over by U.S. default the leadership of the Slovaks, despite the fact that the Slovak people look to the U.S., not Germany, for leadership. (The reason for this is apparent when one considers that there are 1,000,000 Slovak-Americans in the U.S. to 3,000,000 in Slovakia, and that there have been a negligible number of Slovaks in Germany).

7. In view of all the foregoing, we would like to inquire if any U.S. interest is served by permitting DURCANSKY to remain in Germany in violation of our own CTB proscribed list and in violation of Bonn's own representations to the Allies, particularly when DURCANSKY's present intelligence potential is agreed to be minimal.

DURCANSKY's presence here is now known in emigre circles. Dr. Matus Cernak's newspapers openly publishes such fact - or publicity is given in some other manner by rival emigres or others - U.S. authorities as well as Bonn will be placed in an embarrassing position. In the meanwhile the U.S. is condoning the growth of a movement specifically contrary to traditional U.S. policy.

On the other hand, if a CTB note to German authorities forced them to expel DURCANSKY, the expulsion would be a blow to his prestige and to those Slovak circles who follow the German, as opposed to U.S., line. This could not be blamed by ZIPPER, since they could argue that DURCANSKY's presence in Munich became known to CTB and that they obviously could not intervene in open contradiction of the official U.S. proscribed list, in short that DURCANSKY had blown himself and therefore could not be backed up.

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