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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: ESZENII, Leslie Laszlo
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1. A report dated 29 October 1948 from a source of unknown reliability indicated that one Laszlo ESZENII was MAGY's (no further identification) deputy in charge of intelligence in Europe. ESZENII was reported by Source to have connections with a "German intelligence organization" in Munich, Germany.

2. According to a later report dated 15 September 1948, a refugee source considered reliable submitted basically the same information as that in paragraph 1 above. Source stated that one Ladislaws ESZENII, former Hungarian general staff captain, member of the World War II resistance, and a refugee in Munich, Germany, was in charge of intelligence for the Address ZARD resistance and intelligence organization.

3. Information contained in a report dated 20 July 1949 from the same source as in paragraph 2 above indicated that one Captain Ladislaws ESZENII, a former member of the General Staff of the Hungarian Army, was a member of the executive committee of the Address ZARD intelligence organization located in Munich, Germany.

4. A report dated 3 January 1949 from the same source as in paragraphs 2 and 3 above gave further information on the ZARD intelligence operation. Source stated that a network of contacts in Hungary maintained by one Ladislaws ESZENII and Andor EDVACS had been wiped out. In a comment on the information contained in this report, a reliable source indicated that the ZARD organization was allegedly working for the French Intelligence Service as well as actually working for the German Intelligence Service.

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5. A predecessor organization of the present West German Intelligence Service reported on 12 January 1950 that one Ladislaus ESZENYI, born 4 May 1912 in Temesvar, Hungary, had been dropped without prejudice by the predecessor organization. ESZENYI was dropped by the organization because of his immigration to the United States.

6. Among refugee groups, denunciations of one faction by another are common. This situation occurred in the case of Laszlo ESZENYI. A Hungarian refugee, whose reliability is unknown, stated on 14 April 1950 that ESZENYI, former captain of the General Staff of the Hungarian Army and propoganda chief for the Nazi orientated Minister of War, SZALASI, was considered by Source to be one of the "subversive elements" in the Hungarian National Council.

7. Another such denunciation was made in a report dated 9 November 1951 by another Hungarian refugee, whose reliability cannot be judged. Source stated that Laszlo ESZENYI, former General Staff captain in the Hungarian Army, fled Hungary in 1945 and appeared in Munich, Germany, in 1946 as a co-worker of one Dezso STERN, the semi-official representative of the post-war Hungarian Communist Government. Source further stated that ESZENYI had failed in an attempt to immigrate to the United States in 1948 because of a denunciation which alleged Communist intelligence activities by ESZENYI.

8. According to information contained in a report dated 7 September 1949 from a reliable source, Subject was a member of a predecessor organization of the present West German Intelligence Service, but he resigned on 20 July 1949 because he was soon to go to the United States under International Refugee Organization sponsorship. Subject was considered by the predecessor organization of the West German Intelligence Service to be anti-Communist. However, according to Source, Subject was once considered suspect because, up to January 1947, he was in touch with the Hungarian Restitution Committee in Germany. Subject dropped these contacts when he became convinced that Hungarian property reclaimed in Germany did not go for the national interests of the Hungarian State, but that it went instead to the credit of the current (Communist) Hungarian regime.

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