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TO: Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Attention: Mr. R. F. Farrell

FROM: Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Francis FERENC DE KISSBARNAK

1. Reference is made to your telephone request of 28 May 1952, Immigration file number V-1601632.

2. The files of OSC/CIA reveal the following information on subject, who is listed in our records as Ferenc FERENC or Franz Kissbarnaki FERENC: Subject was born in Kiszartan, Hungary in 1892. He was a graduate of the Ludovica Military Academy and the General Staff School. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. in 1912; 1st Lt. in 1914; Capt. in 1917; Major in 1928; Lt. Col. in 1933; Col. in 1936; Brig. General in 1940; Major General in 1943 and culminated his military career with the rank of Colonel General in 1945. From 1938 through 1943 he was Commanding Officer of the Hungarian Military Academy. Subject was appointed Governor Commissioner for Evacuation in 1944 by SZALASI, who had been appointed Premier by the Germans. His non-military activities included organizing the Eucharistic Congress in Budapest in 1938 and the office of Chief Scout of Hungarian Boy Scout Movement. He speaks German well, French fairly well and English moderately.

3. Subject was known to be very pro-Nazi, an ardent supporter of SZALASI and the Arrow Cross Party. He opposed the Horthy regime, particularly its move to break off relations with Germany and conclude a separate armistice with the Allied powers. Subject was awarded the Iron Cross for bravery by Hitler in 1944 for leading the struggle in the Carpathian foot-hills as the commander of the Debrecan Army Corps.

4. Several reliable reports indicate that subject was a member of a military court which ordered the execution of a number of anti-Nazi officers and civilians at the end of 1944. A 1948 report stated that the Cominform pointed out to the

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Hungarians that the US authorities were aiding Hungarian Nazi conspirators and used Fiksel as an example in that he should have been returned to Hungary for trial or at least tried by allied courts as a war criminal.

5. In August 1947 subject started the Anti-Bolshevist Hungarian Liberation Movement, a group with extreme nationalist, anti-Semitic, pro-German, anti-Communist, anti-Slav leanings. Subject was described in this report as being vain, politically ambitious and intensely disliked by some members of other Hungarian resistance movements. Subject, while considered an able soldier, is reported to be an almost morbidly ambitious man who regards himself as the born savior of his nation.

6. It is suggested that the Department of State and the Department of the Army be queried for further information regarding subject.

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