

Erno Karoly HEBENSTREIT

(formerly HEBERSTREIT)

MAVA 7332 Simply lists him as contact of Usage (now Grossbahn)
6-6-1-1042 Identifies him as XX 61
Filed Grossbahn,

MGLA 9574 Picture and fingerprints ---in Alphabetical file
32-6-6-4000

XOR 2634 30 Jan 52 []/Vajda George. Subject: Otto SATTLER -
6-6-6-100Y3 Possible Recruitment Target: b. of same report.....

In the fall of 1950, Sattler met a certain Erno HEBENSTREIT, a student, born in 1928 in Mosonmagyaróvár and an old friend of VAJDA and SATTLER. He presently resides at Vienna IV. Both SATTLER and HEBENSTREIT were members of the KMSZ (Kulfoldi Magyar Diak Szövetés) a Vatican supported Catholic Students Club within the framework of the Azione Cattolica. HEBENSTREIT is an Austrian citizen. Later in the fall of 1950 HEBENSTREIT who claimed to have just returned from Innsbruck recruited SATTLER for a "Vatican and Catholic espionage group". He gave him 400 schillings which he stated he had procured from a certain Dr. KIRCHER who allegedly also worked for the Americans. HEBENSTREIT stated that KIRCHER's cover address for mail is Salzburg Poston I, Postrach 18 and his home address is Salzburg, Neufahrstrasse 19/a. HEBENSTREIT brought SATTLER three letters in January and February 1951 for mailing inside Hungary. SATTLER had VAJDA mail these through his contacts in Hungary. On 24 Feb 51 H allegedly returned from Salz and gave SATTLER the sum of 60 green dollars and 300 forints. He asked S to trade these dollars for forints. S went to the Cafe "Colossom", Vienna IX, a well known blackmarket for currency, on 1 Mar 51. He was caught by the Austrian "Bevisespolizei" who took him to their office at Vienn I, Stubenring, and interrogated him. S stated that he had rec'd the money from an American but refused to give further details. The police confiscated the dollars and sentenced him to pay it in 10 monthly installments ending 14 Jan 52. They told him that if the money were not paid by that date he wd be jailed for 6 mths. S reported this to H who subsequently promised him the KIRCHER would pay the fine and see that the investigation was squelched. H, in June 51, gave S the sum of 500 schillings "from his own pocket" and told S that he shd not bother him any more because he had no further contact with K. S has now paid most of the fine.

In early 51 S rec'd an Austrian ID card from H (allegedly from K) in the name of HUBER, Walter N^o 72749/50 which is attach'd as exhibit A (not attach'd)

MAVA 7510 26 Jan 51. [] was asked by [] to recount his contact with HEBERSTREIT. There was only one meeting and on that occasion [] used the name Ing. DIESEL. USAGE has severed all contact with H and since we have long thought of him as possible link in our own Hungarians operations.....we would like to know why USAGE dropped him.

MGLA 5743 21 March 51. XX 61 not cut off (Heberstreit). He receives monthly salary.

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