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DATE: 17 January 1949

Attention:

TO : Chief, Foreign Branch M  
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna  
SUBJECT: General: Operational  
          Specific: Barna STERNY  
REF : VMM/SLK/1207 (attached)

*Chief of Staff*  
HEBERSTREIT, ERNO

1. For your information.
2. The SDC-717 here referred to is being forwarded as MAY-817.

Attachment

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO : [ ] Attention: [ ] DATE: 13 January 1949  
FROM : [ ] [ ] V.P.  
SUBJECT : SBG-717 - Barna GYORFFY  
REF :

1. The report mentions Barna GYORFFY as chief of an experimental station of the Laboratory of Bacteriology of the National Institute of Chemistry at Budakeszi. As an interesting coincidence, it happens that he is the same man about whom I spoke with you on my last trip to Vienna, stating that he could be approached and used in our work.

I know Barna GYORFFY personally, as well as his father and two sisters, one of whom is currently living in the United States at Deer Lodge, Montana, the other is still in Salzburg waiting for her U. S. visa. The latter is also a chemical engineer, and she keeps me up-to-date in general terms with the activities of her brother Barna. I have known the family for several years and am convinced that they are strongly anti-communists. Barna was advised by me personally to return to Hungary in 1945. He is particularly apt to give the appearance of a shy, unassuming, modest ivory tower<sup>scientist</sup> with no political interest, although he indicated to me as early as 1945 his intense hatred for Communism.

Last year he was sent to Sweden on a scientific mission. From Sweden he wrote a letter to his sister Sara, living in the United States, indicating that he would not remain in Hungary and would be on the lookout for

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an opportunity to escape with his family. At that time he also agreed with her on a code of correspondence, which is at present not known to me. Upon questioning Professor VILLAX and his son on Subject, they said that they had no derogatory information on Barna GYORFFY, other than the fact he accepted this new post.

to send  
2. I intend to send him through his sister Suzanne, currently in Salzburg, a note merely indicating that "the God-father of his sister is extremely happy to learn about his appointment and is greatly interested in his progress in his work." Barna GYORFFY knew that my work was connected in 1945 with intelligence, and in his answer he will probably indicate whether he understands the message or not. If his answer is positive, I will attempt to learn in the meantime more about the code Barna and Sara agreed upon, using his sister in Salzburg as a contact. Later I hope to establish facilities of communication whereby we could get hold of the material Barna GYORFFY could furnish.

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