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ICGUTTS: Examinations of V-14411 and V-14450

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1. Doubtless addressees (except SAC PWH C) have received copies of first and second references, reports on ICGUTTS examinations of V-14411 and V-14450 respectively, which we incidentally regard as outstanding examples of ICGUTTS tests). The results, although something of a surprise, are regarded by both [ ] and me to be accurate. In brief, V-14411 has not willingly been party to fabrication nor indulged in operational dishonesty; and V-14450 has been (as U/N maintained - to his credit) the victim of slander plot of immense proportions. V-14450 was specifically tested on every incident of fabrication or double-dealing we knew him to have been charged with, and must be pronounced innocent.

2. This test was the first occasion, I believe, that any PWH staff member has met either V-14411 and V-14450. My impression of V-14411 is extremely positive. I consider him to be honest and forthright in his dealings with U/N and me (something of a rarity among his nationality), and to be sincerely dedicated to the production of the best intelligence on Hungary he possibly can. As I stated in FOIA-1595, I do not believe V-14411 to be associated with ZAKO, and I am informed that he takes personal pride in detecting fabrications, and regularly lectures his Hungarians on the necessity for absolute operational honesty. As for V-14450, I was awfully surprised to find him an exceedingly rational and sober individual. Whatever else he may be, he is not a fool, which fact in itself is a powerful refutation of the charges which have been made against him.

3. Most of the charges against V-14450 have never been reported. In a general way, they were that he had embezzled money given him while employed by PWH to pay the former V-14675 and associates for their radio monitoring efforts; that he wrote several scurrilous letters shortly after he was fired by PWH, anonymously, advising newly-arrived Hungarian refugees to have nothing to do with PWH but rather to deal with him, his friend and roommate Emil LUDWIG, or with V-14454, who acted as his tipper in Camp 4802A. V-14450 was also charged with selling information in Switzerland in August 1951, when he visited that country with LUDWIG, and with selling to Jenoc DeGlova copies of the reports he prepared on the basis of interrogation of refugees. It is perhaps

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significant to mention that the summary of this case, prior to testing, caused [ ] to remark that it certainly appeared to be an open and shut case, and the KONTIK test lasted over four hours after it appeared the charges were false, during which time [ ] convinced himself that these charges were false, and had been perpetrated by V-14450's enemies, probably V-14675 above all. It is also interesting to note that Fritz HILL, Chief, HF GAA, (supervisor of the G74, F station) expressed the belief to the undersigned last November that the former V-14675 had probably written the letters to get V-14450 into trouble. V-14450 states that he never really had a chance to defend himself against these charges with "F", as he was summarily fired. It is also worth noting that V-14450 reported many months ago that his successor in HF GAA, László [ ] was passing copies of HF debriefings to the French, which at the time was regarded as a revenge act on the part of V-14450, but proved to be completely accurate, and [ ] was fired late last year. Incredible though it may seem, what we actually appear to have on our hands in the person of V-14450 is a man who is not engaged in espionage activities in GAA, who is not working simultaneously for the French, G74, and others (though he is utilized by the British from time to time as an interpreter, and as a source of CI information on Hungarian refugees, as his KONTIK test developed), and who refuses to cooperate with the G74 historians so notified. As a result, he is being slandered by them, as he hurts their business.

4. These two KONTIK tests, I fear, have done nothing but remove the "perpetrator" from G74-252, and we must request the retractions you offered in ELI 3:737. It is especially important to us that V-14450 be rehabilitated here about now, as he has returned to G74 and his former spotter activities, and we must advise both the FSC and the Austrians that he is still a bona fide US intelligence operative, despite rumors to the contrary. But I am also extremely anxious that you disassociate V-14450 from the windings with which he was linked in the past, as I will be utterly unable to deal with Hiss and V/1) if he ever learns of this gratulator's turning.

Approved by:

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