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KORPONAY, Miklos

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1. During the war one Miklos KORPONAY, former Captain on the Hungarian General Staff, was head of the Hungarian segment of the "Jagdverband Sud Ost". He had been the right hand man of executed war criminal Ferenc SZALASY, Chief of the Hungarian government from 15 October 1944 until the arrival of the Russians. Subject was in direct contact with Major Franz BERNES, Chief of the "Jagdverband Sud Ost" in Niederoesterreich, receiving orders from SS Obersturmbannfuhrer Otto BJORZSKY through SS Hauptsturmfuhrer STANZIG, head of the Vienna Gestapo.

2. KORPONAY founded a pro-fascist organization in the DF Camp Pfeffernitz near Villach, Carinthia, shortly after his arrival there in August 1946 and was in touch with the HORTHY group in Bari, Italy.

3. In April 1946, Subject met STANZIG who allegedly has connections with former leading Nazis living in Switzerland.

4. Subject appears in "Further Interrogation Report, Intelligence Organization (AG/A(B)), dated 21 February 1946, on Julius TORONYI, as one of the "triumvirate SZUGYI-KORPONAY-TORONYI" which is apparently heading resistance movements to combat the current Hungarian regime. TORONYI was attempting to set up a Hungarian anti-Communist committee in Bologna or Verona, Italy, and was in touch with Hungarian DPs in Salzburg and Braunau. As TORONYI's partner, KORPONAY specialised in sabotage. The report indicates he had been interrogated by the British authorities.

5. Shortly after the end of the war, in May 1945, a group of anti-German, anti-Communist Hungarians known as the Central Hungarian Intelligence Organization, located in Millstatt, Carinthia, and the OPJAS organization under the leadership of ZAKO merged to continue their activity, which had as a common aim opposition to the existing government of Hungary. KORPONAY was singled out as the member of the merged group to contact the Americans and was given instructions to appear as the dominating figure.

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6. By the summer of 1947, Subject had had several meetings with CIC in Austria and proposed that they set up an intelligend~~s~~ net to operate for the Americans in Austria and Hungary. The setting up of the net never materialized. However, over a period of several months, considerable worthwhile information was received through KORPONAY.

7. As far as CIC could determine, the leaders of the KOPJAS organization were anti-Communist in their political philosophy but were pro-fascist. The fact that the CHIC organization was idealistically Democratic and the KOPJAS pro-fascist led to their "split" in November 1947.

8. A CIC report dated 13 January 1949, evaluated B-3, states that a new Hungarian organization "Comradeship Community of Hungarian Warriors" was founded and is being led by General ZAKO. KORPONAY reportedly is aiding ZAKO in the organizational work. This organization appears to be merely a legitimate front for KOPJAS activity.

9. A CIC report dated 13 October 1949 evaluated B-2 states KORPONAY is one of the actual leaders of the KOPJAS organization holding the position of "operations officer".

10. A Vienna report of 22 June 1949 states that Lajos Nadas, ex-colonel of the Hungarian General Staff is in contact with General ZAKO and Subject, with the expectation of eventually heading a Hungarian emigre Army. KORPONAY, who actually held the rank of Captain in the Hungarian Army, maintains that he is a Colonel.

11. A Salzburg report of June 1948 reports that Subject is the right-hand man of ZAKO. Born in 1912 in Memotujvar, Hungary, and is an old and close friend of ZAKO. He assisted ZAKO in forming the KOPJAS resistance group in 1944. Currently he debriefs refugees fleeing Hungary and tries to peddle the information to French, British and American intelligence agencies. One of his contact men in the Salzburg area is Gyorgy KOLENYI.

12. Additional info is contained in ISBA-2084, dated 29 July 1949 and MAV-2992 of 3 June 1949. Copies were forwarded to your base.

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