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SPECIFIC - BAUMBACH Investigation of AECAPELIN

- References - A. EGMA-9353, 8 January 1954, APPROX W/1
- B. EGMA-9647, 28 January 1954, CANDID W/3

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1. Transmitted herewith is an AECAPELIN report, dated 1 February 1954, which indicates further Italian or Vatican interest in AECAPELIN. At this writing BAUMBACH's precise connections are not yet known. The VOLTOLINI in the enclosed report is Graf Voltolini Di ALLESANDRO who works for Die Katholische Presseagentur in Munich (paragraph 7, EGMA-9647). AECAPELIN described him as an old, unkempt rogue who maneuvers skillfully and with a long record of overt journalistic and covert intelligence experience in religious circles. AECAPELIN stated that a Greta ROMANYUK, a German girl who had married one of AECAPELIN's Ukrainian friends, (fnu) ROMANYUK, worked as VOLTOLINI's secretary for a time during World War II. Both ROMANYUKS, according to AECAPELIN, are now in the United States. He will attempt to get more precise information about them.

2. It appears that BAUMBACH's and MICELLINO's wires cross somewhere, as those of AECAPELIN and AECANDIOT meet in Munich. AECAPELIN stated that he feels it is best that he advise AECANDIOT to prepare for MICELLINO brief biographical material emphasizing AECAPELIN's OWN career, Abwehr history, anti-Allied (including anti-American) sentiments, and strong anti-Communism. AECAPELIN stated VOLTOLINI was pro-German during World War II and indicated some hostility to the Western democracies during their 31 January meeting. At that talk AECAPELIN mentioned Greta ROMANYUK, and VOLTOLINI admitted that she had worked for him.

Enclosure:
AECAPELIN Report

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ATTACHMENT TO EGMA-9928

Subject : BAUMBACH Investigation of AECAPKLIN

Date of Report : 1 February 1954

Source : AECAPKLIN

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1. More than half a month passed since BAUMBACH's initial talk with me. On 31 January 1954, however, I learned that Italian or Vatican intelligence circles are investigating my person.

2. On 31 January 1954 at 1330 hours, I was visited at my home by a gentleman who presented himself as Mr. VOLTOLINI, a representative of the Bundespresseamt ("Federal Press Office"). He stated that he came at the suggestion of a Mr. (fnu) GRIGORIADIS, a member of the Greek community in Frankfurt, Germany. GRIGORIADIS allegedly told VOLTOLINI that there lives in Munich a Ukrainian journalist, Mrs. AECAPKLIN, who is interested in Orthodox church affairs and who might be able to supply data on the Orthodox church in Germany and behind the Iron Curtain.

3. VOLTOLINI's introduction immediately betrayed that he appeared at the instructions of BAUMBACH. This is so because Mrs. AECAPKLIN never presented herself as a journalist to anyone except BAUMBACH. And BAUMBACH himself wrote in his notebook during our meeting that my wife is a journalist (after I had indicated that I personally should not like to become involved with Papal Intelligence). To accent before me that my wife could function in the liaison capacity, BAUMBACH wrote her down as a journalist in his book in my presence. In regard to GRIGORIADIS, such a person in fact resides in Frankfurt, where he is a leader in the Greek (Hellenic) religious community. I personally, however, do not know him, and he does not know me.

4. In order to put meaning into his approach, VOLTOLINI began to ask Mrs. AECAPKLIN about church problems, dwelling upon the coming appearance in Munich of the Greek Archbishop ATHENAGORAS. He asked whether I could arrange an interview between the archbishop and himself. I replied that I would gladly do so. VOLTOLINI then asked details about the activity of Archbishop BORIS, who represents the Moscow Patriarchate in Germany. VOLTOLINI also asked about the Orthodox church in Baden-Baden, which is under the jurisdiction of the Moscow Patriarchate and about which, VOLTOLINI stated, he had written in the press. VOLTOLINI stated that he is in contact with Reverend Petro HOLYNSKY, administrator of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic church in Germany, residing in Munich. VOLTOLINI also asked whether I know Reverend (fnu) AMMAN, an Austrian Jesuit interested in Orthodox affairs. I replied that I do not know AMMAN personally, that I have read his works on the Eastern Church, and that I consider him a genuine authority in that field. VOLTOLINI interspersed our talk on such topics with questions in no way connected with religious matters. He asked when I came to Germany, what I did in Poland, whether I have friends in Poland and correspond with them, etc. To me it was an obvious check on my person.

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4. Before departing, VOLTOLINI promised to telephone me on 6 February 1953 in order to learn whether I had arranged an interview with Archbishop ATHENAGORAS.

5. On 31 January 1954 at 2130 hours, AECANDIOT telephoned in regard to what he called an important matter. We met and he spoke as follows:- "Yesterday, 30 January, I had a meeting with MICELLINO in a Munich cafe. I gave him a report on the Russian emigration and its contacts with intelligence services. After looking over the reports, MICELLINO took a sheet of paper and wrote down two names, requesting that I write up detailed reports on each of them by 4 February 1954. Reading the names, I discovered that MICELLINO wants data on you and your wife. The paper read (here followed the true names and address of AERCAPELIN and his wife)..." AECANDIOT continued:- "MICELLINO stated AERCAPELIN is a Greek priest, his wife a journalist. He wants to know all about them:- a brief biography, present employment, whether they have any contacts with the GEHLEN group, or with American, British or French intelligence. I must have this report by 4 February. I have come to tell you about this. If you desire, I shall give MICELLINO nothing about you, stating that I was unable to find anything. If you want me to give him some data, write it yourself, whatever you consider desirable or proper. I asked MICELLINO why he was interested in these two people, but he gave no answer."

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