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DISPATCH NO. OBBA-7824

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TO : Chief, WE

DATE: 19 April 1957

FROM : []

Info: Chief, EE
Vienna

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/PARSIMONY/HIWAY

SPECIFIC— Operation VENUS

Ref: OBBW-4609, 11 April 1957

ACTION REQUIRED: Cabled Permission to Show Hqs. and Vienna Photos to "Peter"

1. Headquarters' prompt response to OBBA-7616 is very much appreciated, particularly inasmuch as we can imagine that Headquarters personnel are swamped with requests for traces in the Hungarian field.

2. We must point out, however, that the whole exercise will have been to no avail if we are not permitted to show to "Peter" the photographs which accompanied OBBW-4609 and which [] presumably will receive from Vienna. We can see that the "third agency rule" could in theory be applied to cases such as this but we suggest that the circumstances are different. Here we are interested in merely showing to an agent on a one-time basis (or more if future developments require) photographs the origin of which cannot be immediately determined by the agent. While he may be surprised that a service such as [B] has acquired the photographs, he could not determine from whence they came or what service desired to make the identifications. In passing the photographs to "Peter", we would of course excise all English language or other identifying marks which could give him a hint as to their origin. In view of the foregoing and the probability that SMOTH will steal our thunder by showing their own photographs to the [B], we request permission by cable to lend to the [B] those which we have received under OBBW-4609 and those which we may receive from Vienna.

3. [] believes that he has previously reported that the [B] really have no PRQ form or anything comparable on "Peter". However, [] as asked [] to suggest to "Peter"'s case officer that a photograph, preferably full length, would help us to aid [B] in identifying "Peter"'s contacts. We shall forward copies to interested stations on receipts.

*OBBA-92
has a familiar
PRQ photo on Peter.*

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