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TO : [Room 1058 L Bldg.] OSO
FROM : Chief, Contact Division, O/O
SUBJECT: CS-281 (Case 7021)

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1. The enclosed information which was received from Ferenc Koszorus is in response to your requirements contained in CS-281. If you do not object we should like to disseminate this information in OO-B form.

2. There is also enclosed a copy of a letter from Koszorus to General Andras Zako. With your permission we should like to disseminate a translation of this letter also. Please return enclosure (B) to this Division if you have no objection to its dissemination.

3. May we have your comments regarding the enclosures as soon as possible.

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Enclosure (A) and (B): As indicated

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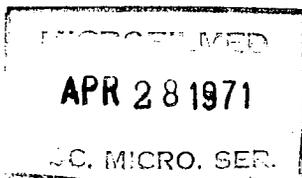
Hungarian national ex-Colonel in the Hungarian Army General Staff Corps. Was instrumental in saving the ~~US officials~~ Hungary. Has had considerable experience fighting Soviet troops during World War II. Is anti-Nazi and anti-Communist. Escaped from Hungary in 1945 and lived in the US Zone of Germany until January 1951, when he entered the US as a DP. While in Germany he acted as leader for Germany of the Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Közösége (MHBK), an organization of exiled Hungarians founded by General Andras Zako for the purpose of opposing Bolshevism. Source has severed connections with the MHBK as a result of differences of opinion with Zako over personnel and policy matters. ~~Since~~ 23 Feb 51 he has been employed as a hired hand by a western US farmer. The following information was obtained under language difficulties which make it probable that some of the facts may be garbled and some important facts may not be reported. Please note that the attached copy of source's letter to Zako ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~given~~ ~~preferred~~ ~~credence~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ body of the report.

1. On 22 Apr 51, I addressed a letter to General Andras Zako [see 00-B-29596] in which I repeated my arguments against the present leadership trends in the Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Közösége (MHBK), and explained why I had decided to leave the organization. [A copy of this letter is attached]. I registered my letter and requested a return receipt, which duly showed that Zako himself received it.
2. By letter dated 8 May 51, Zako answered with two short sentences. He noted my arguments, and stated that he approved of them. I found this answer surprising in the first instance, but thought about it a great deal and have concluded that Zako knows I spoke the truth and cannot counter it, and also Zako finds that his leadership of the MHBK has such powerful protection that it does not matter what I say. I do not know the nature of this protection, but please note that Zako has spent much time in London, Rome, Madrid and Paris. He also probably gets money from the French for his operations. Further, I understand that Zako has seen General Dwight D Eisenhower since the latter's arrival in Europe to take over the NATO Army. Also, Zako, who is a "Legitimist," gets support from Otto von Hapsburg, whom he has seen a great deal in Paris. In July 1950 Otto visited Munich during the top level MHBK meetings, and although he did not appear at the formal meetings, he did speak to the leading group at luncheon recess. I also find it very interesting that Tibor Eckhardt is now a member of the MHBK. Especially since Eckhardt joined the MHBK in November 1950, Zako has not listened to me.

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3. Although I feel he has ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~official~~ ^{official} ~~policy~~ ^{policy} protection to disregard me and the MHLA leadership in more or less pro-Nazi hands, I recently heard from a friend of mine whom I consider an uncontrolled source, that at the end of April 1951 Colonel Lajos Nadas moved from Germany to Spain with some or all of the MHBK "archives" [files]. If this is true, it was done for two reasons: a) to keep the files in a safer place in the event of a Soviet attack over Germany, and b) to get those papers which link Nadas and his group too closely with the Nazis, out of a Western democracy controlled area. I believe that Nadas may have expected me to tell the US authorities that the MHBK leaders are largely Nazi sympathizers, especially since I am now in the US.
4. For your information, I do not believe that Zako really will approve of my arguments. For the past two and one-half years Zako has done nothing to get rid of the pro-Nazi leaders around him, and therefore there is no reason to expect him to do so now. In his letter to me he is merely repeating a previous unkept promise.
5. In further proof of the trends in the top level of the MHBK, I note the attempts by the MHBK to keep "correct" [sic] Hungarians from coming to the US. At the end of 1949, Captain Laslo Eszenyi, who is now in Washington, DC, working at the Hungarian Reformed Church headquarters, was reported to US immigration authorities to be a Nazi by the Nadas group. This was while Eszenyi was still in Germany. Later, when Eszenyi arrived in the US, the same group initiated a report to the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he was a Communist. I know that he is neither, but is a "correct" man. Evidently the same group has managed to get the immigration proceedings stopped in the case of one Dr Olsvay Kazmer, Munich, Mittermayer St 18.1 bei Fischer, US Zone. Kazmer worked with me in the Munich IRO warehouse. He is about 60 years of age, and was prior to World War II an official in the Hungarian government. In spite of the report, Kazmer is not and never has been a Nazi or Nazi sympathizer. However, I believe that the top MHBK men will go to any lengths to keep their [anti-Nazi] foes out of the US. The latest case is that of Major Tasmadi Kovacs, who was mis-reported a Nazi while being processed by I&NS at Munich in April 1951.
6. I do not have any definite proof of any contact between the Nadas group and the Nazi underground movement in Germany, since I was kept pretty much in the dark by the top MHBK leaders who were only interested in using my name for their purposes. I have heard, however, that Hodossy Strobl is in contact with the Nazis.
7. I do not know how the MHBK collects and disseminates intelligence information, as I was never told anything about this. I did, however, pick up a few items along this line. In the first two years, 1947-48, and possibly later, the MHLA sent some young Hungarian Army officers through Vienna back to Hungary to collect information. None of them returned, all being executed by the Russians. I feel this is fairly authentic since I was told by an old friend that a young lieutenant whom I liked very much had been caught and executed on his second trip. I feel fairly sure that information which the MHBK receives from Hungary is given directly to the French. In 1950 I was told by Captain Lazlo Eszenyi that the MHBK had some agents operating in Germany who traveled about interrogating newly arrived refugees from Hungary. Since Germany was my territory, and I had not been informed of this officially, I complained to Zako. Zako told Strobl to give me an orientation. Strobl, however, denied there were such agents, and then stated that he, Strobl, was merely an advisor to Zako on control of refugees and their exploitation. However, I believe that Strobl is in reality in charge of such a group, which I believe has two or three agents who travel around all over West Germany interrogating refugees. I felt assured of this after Zako told Strobl to orient me--Zako would have been more discreet to deny it himself.
8. For your incidental interest, I heard that some German agents are being sent to Hungary for information. I cannot expand on this point. I have also heard that there are currently three underground movements in Germany; one works for the US, one for the Nazis, and one for the West. I do not know their names or any

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9. The following are top HUNG leaders in Austria at Germany:

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General Andras Zako

Colonel Lajos Nadas - Nazi collaborator

Major (Gen Staff) Albin Kapitanyi - ex-German who worked well with the Nazis.

Major (Gen Staff) Francis Adonyi - worked well with Nazis during World War II.

Capt (Gen Staff) Miklos Korponai - not exactly Nazi sympathizer, but did not disapprove of them.

Munich

Hodossy Strobl - ex-German, worked for Nazis as top policeman, is pro-Nazi minor official type. Not as close to Zako as Nadas, but still very close advisor.

Capt (Gen Staff) (fnu) Radnocy - same viewpoint on Nazis as Korponai.

Capt Paul Barnei - same viewpoint on Nazis as Korponai.

US Zone Leader

Colonel Bela Almai - naive but good intentions. Works in Munich. I sent a copy of my letter to Zako. Almai is not a graduate of the Gen Staff School; before World War II worked in a government ministry.

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