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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention: C
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna HP0/mmm

DATE: 15 November 1951

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational
SPECIFIC— Josef MUELLER - MHBK (?) Operative in Vienna

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Reference: MAVA-8450, 8561; VIEN 5867

1. On the evening of 22 October 1951 C had an accidental meeting with Subject, who jumped from a moving trolley when he recognized C driving along the street at the time. Subject informed C that with short interruptions he has been in Vienna for the last three months in the service of the Munich-based Hungarian Refugee Organization described in references. He stated that he works with Laszlo SARVARY, Subject of MAVA-9611. After a five-minute chat in C car the two parted making an appointment for 23 October 1951 in the Cafe Hochschule, Billrothstrasse, American sector.

2. At the 23 October meeting Subject related the following account of the Russian attempt to arrest SARVARY, which was widely reported in the Austrian press in mid-October. Pal DWORZAK, a Hungarian of Czech origin, was an assistant of SARVARY and had previously attempted to bring about SARVARY'S removal as Vienna chief of the Hungarian network by denouncing SARVARY to higher authorities in Munich. DWORZAK'S intention in this matter was to take over SARVARY'S position. Failing in his attempts to have SARVARY removed, DWORZAK arranged a meeting with SARVARY on the evening of 12 October at Vienna I, Heldenplatz, near the Russian officers' club in the Hofburg. Three Russians appeared and attempted to arrest SARVARY, but SARVARY, who is an athletic man, began to struggle and managed to escape in spite of the combined efforts of DWORZAK and the three Russians to detain him. DWORZAK left the scene in a Russian vehicle which was waiting nearby. SARVARY, anxious to receive assistance and protection, contacted the British authorities and as of 23 October was still being held by them. Subject believed that the British would squeeze SARVARY dry of information and then release him. Subject also stated that SARVARY'S apartment at Vienna VI, Richtergasse 3, was closely watched by Russian agents for three days after the above incident.

3. C did not state how the subject of Stefan FOJTIK came up for discussion. MUELLER indicated that he knew FOJTIK very well under the alias URBAN (he gave no indication that he knew FOJTIK'S real name). However, he described FOJTIK perfectly. According

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to Subject, FOJTIK was in Czechoslovakia as of the date of this meeting and was to return within a week. FOJTIK was allegedly accompanied on this trip to the CSR by a certain *SIPKA, fnu.* FOJTIK allegedly lives at the Hotel Gersthof, Vienna XVIII. According to Subject, FOJTIK is presently employed by (Ing.) PICHLER.** See [redacted]

4. MUELLER requested that [redacted] furnish him with an Austrian identity card or with an Austrian identity card for stateless persons. He claims to be afraid to use his old identity card, which he received through his own organization, which gives his name as MUENSTER, Josef. He also requested hand grenades. Subject promised [redacted] full cooperation if [redacted] could procure him an identity card.

5. Subject lives in Vienna VIII, Langegasse, exact address unknown. He may be reached by telephone in the morning and in mid-day. The telephone number is A 29 1 51 U.

6. Subject described his present job as that of recruiting, training, and dispatch of agents into Hungary, and the supervision of certain agent operations in Hungary. At present, according to Subject's statement, he has two men in Hungary on a trip and allegedly two more couriers are to leave next week. Subject claims to be well paid and to receive large sums in advance for which he has to account. He intimated that although he does not cross the border himself at present, he would have no hesitation in so doing alone. However, he dislikes crossing the border with other less trained individuals.

7. [redacted] made no promises on the provision of an identity card, and he said he would have to consider the matter.

8. Subject called [redacted] on 30 October, asking for an urgent meeting, and indicated that he had some important news. However, the real reason for the meeting was apparently Subject's wish to persuade [redacted] to provide him with an Austrian identity card. As bait to [redacted], Subject offered the following operational leads.

a. Subject allegedly knows an Austrian woman who is employed at the Hungarian Information Center in the OeVP house, Kaerntnerstrasse, Vienna I. This woman allegedly can travel legally to Hungary to visit her father and her fourteen year old son. Subject believes that he could cultivate her by making amorous advances.

b. Subject promised to provide [redacted] with statistics on the Hungarian Trade Ministry and a map of Budapest in return for the identity card.

c. Subject stated that there is a group of Communist Hungarian agents in Vienna which meets in the Cafe Pax, Vienna I, Bauernmarkt. The members known to Subject are ~~fnv~~ FUCHS, SZABO, MARTI, and SCHWARZ. The group seems to have plenty of funds at its disposal. Subject intimated an extreme reluctance to gain further information on the group or attempt to infiltrate their activities due to the claim that the group liquidates its enemies.

d. Subject again claimed that he had almost constantly one or two couriers crossing into Hungary, implying that these couriers might be able to do certain tasks for Grabysm 1 if the latter were interested. He also stated that as an aid to border crossing, one could easily purchase mine detectors for "several hundred schillings."

Subject also stated that he was changing his address and that his new telephone number as of 1 November 1951 would be A 11 1 16 U. We shall attempt to learn his present residence through checking this number with Gradation.

9. It is apparent that Subject is continuing his operational activity on behalf of the group referred to in references. We still believe that the group involved is ZAKO. For the present we shall attempt to maintain the contact and siphon off as much information on the operations of the group as possible.

10. It does not as yet appear worth while to give Subject an Austrian identity card, although the gift of such a document might be considered in the future as a means of insuring Subject's cooperation and enducing him to talk more freely to Grabysm 1. Subject might be amenable to a subsequent proposal that he provide us with full information on the activities of the ZAKO group in Vienna in return for financial or other assistance.

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* SIPKA, fnu, is undoubtedly Tidivar SIPKA, mentioned in the attachment to MAVA-9725, and we believe in the attachment to MAVA-9081 (although this attachment cannot at present be located). Certainly, according to all reports, Tidivar SIPKA is a legman and courier for

** PRICHLER, whose real name is believed to be Bartolomas SZENDROI (see MGLA-7040, MAVA-9081 and others). Although GRUESOME Operation CHESTER (Gedeon TAKACS in Linz and Ing. PICHLER (PRICHLER) and associates in Vienna) has been dropped the group still seems to have some funds, although they are at present threshing about in an attempt to find support.

Although we have not as yet had a chance to compare the information given by subject on SARVARY with recent information received from the GRAGLETS, he is telling the truth about FOJTIK who, by his own admission (to be forwarded shortly) and according to Geza SALAMON, is employed by PICHLER as stated.

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