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Management Reply - Istvan SZURKI et al

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1. FCS, CIC/D-2 files revealed no traces on either the name Istvan (Stephen) SZURKI or Antal SZURI.

2. Traces on Zoltan MAKRA are as follows:

a. On 9 June 1952 CIC received a letter from the Association of the Free Press which was signed by the association's vice-president, Dr. Zoltan MAKRA. The letter, dated 5 June 1952, mentioned that Sandor MAROTI and Matyas MANKO were professional journalists and indicated that CIC and other organizations were hindering or had hindered in the past, the journalistic activities of MAROTI and MANKO. Dr. MAKRA requested CIC support of MAROTI and MANKO in their activities as journalists.

b. In a 10 November 1952 CIC investigation of Janos ALMASSY, possible CIC agent, it was discovered that he corresponded regularly with Zoltan MAKRA, editor of the newspaper "HUNGARIA" and was in hopes that MAKRA could aid him in immigrating to the United States.

c. A 29 May 1953 CIC report concerns the interception of a letter dated 22 September 1952 to Dr. Zoltan MAKRA from George LAKY. In the letter LAKY writes that he and "RADSO" settled as many things as possible, that he (LAKY) intends to refrain from RFE (RFEI) and he refers to an evaluation slip and an apparent duplication of information. LAKY requested copies of the program broadcast by VOA and RFE (RFI) on 7 August and promised to return them immediately.

d. An SCB file check revealed a 10 December 1953 report from a contact agent by which he submitted a mimeographed letter mailed from Munich to high-ranking MDEK officers. The letter, he believed, was written by Antal BAYLINSKY and requested all the letter receivers to insist upon the investigation of the funds allotted to the Zoltan Janos MAKRA and Miklos LEVTOCZY owned "Hungaria" newspaper. The letter inferred that a share of the money donated to the MDEK by its members is donated in turn to the newspaper by General ZADO which constitutes a misuse of MDEK funds. The letter is signed "Opposition of the MDEK's Central Staff".

e. On 16 June 1954, Irene RAD nee SZABO volunteered information to the CIC. She stated she had worked for the MDEK while in Hungary. After her release from MIB, she was completely debriefed by Sandor MAROTI, who then put her in contact with Zoltan MAKRA. Later she learned that MAROTI was in reality only a stooge for MAKRA and that she was being used by the MDEK. MAROTI threatened her that if she did not cooperate, the safety of her child in Hungary would be endangered. In April 1953 on orders from MAKRA she put Istvan SZENTMIHALYI (possible AVH agent) in direct contact with the MDEK.

3. Following are traces on Istvan HAJDU:

a. SCB revealed no identifiable traces on the name Istvan HAJDU.

b. In the CIC la[illegible] progress report of Antal [illegible], [illegible] HAJDU is [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible]ant, assigned to Sub-section [illegible] as an interrogator. He is single [illegible] sides at Frankfurt, [illegible] height about 27. He is about 26 years old, about 165 cm tall,