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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: MAKRA, Zoltan

1. The files of this office reflect the following information concerning the subject of your request.
2. On 3 May 1949 it was reported that Zoltan MAKRA had recently escaped from Hungary where he allegedly held the position of Ministerial Secretary in the Hungarian Ministry of War from October 1945 to February 1949. In May 1949 Subject was in the U.S. Zone of Germany.
3. A usually reliable source reported on 2 August 1950 that the Hungarian newspaper Hungaria, published in Bad Worishofen, Bavaria, had reported, in the several months previous to August 1950, articles of intelligence interest (transfers in Hungarian Intelligence personnel, arrests, order of battle, etc.) Inquiry revealed that Subject was the source of this information and that he claimed to have a clandestine channel into and from Hungary. It was reported that the information Subject published was hazy and exaggerated. Subject was suspected of serving as publicity agent for the alleged intelligence network of the anti-Communist Hungarian emigrant group known as the League of Hungarian Veterans (Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Közössége - MHBK), headed by General Andras ZAKO.
4. A usually reliable source reported on 14 November 1950 that Subject was assisting in the recruiting of agents for the MHBK among the Hungarian refugees in Austria. The attempt to recruit these agents was carried out under the pretense of gathering information for the newspaper Hungaria which published some of the information thus obtained.
5. In March 1951 it was reported that Subject was the editor of the allegedly independent liberal publication Hungaria, founded in 1948 and published at Bad Worishofen, Bavaria, Germany.
6. Additional information concerning Subject, as reported by a source of unknown reliability on 3 April 1941, indicated that Subject, a Doctor of Political Science, served as Secretary to Minister CSAIAY in the Hungarian Ministry of Defense before and during World War II. After the war he reportedly was dismissed from the Ministry because he refused to join the Communist Party. Source stated that Subject's estate was taken from him by the Communists and that in April 1951 he was unemployed.

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