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1. The article submitted with reference is quite similar to information received from Gramulf/1 in February 1954. According to this information, the AVH, due to its unpopularity with the people of Hungary, is being replaced by KATPOL and even its agents in Austria were supposedly being recalled. One (Col.) ~~Endre SZOELYENI~~ had been appointed the chief of KATPOL. The report then went on to mention the KATPOL school at Budapest-Naros, which participants attended for a period of six months, training as police, agents and journalists. At the end of the course the participants became officers of the Hungarian Army, but remained in civilian clothes and were sent abroad under cover of journalists. Up to the date of the report supposedly 160-180 individuals had attended this school. Cited as such journalists in Vienna were ~~Kalman AFI~~ and ~~Thomas SZASZ~~, who had been billeted at the Imperial Hotel (sic) and were working as KATPOL agents. They were accredited as journalists of the WGB and as per international agreement were allowed to travel without restriction in the Western Zones of Austria.

2. As can be quickly noted, the two reports are essentially the same. Since much of it is believed to be unlikely, it is quite possible that the source is in each instance the same. For instance, there is no record of a Col. Endre SZOELYENI, nor of either AFI and SZASZ other than the above. It is also doubted that KATPOL has or is replacing the AVH, and that KATPOL agents are billeted at the Hotel Imperial.

3. We should be interested in learning what has been uncovered about ~~Dr. Zoltan MAKRA~~, as well as the nature of the new CN case, UJ-DROLLERY #305. All of the information concerning MAKRA has been made available to you as a result of your name-check request concerning him (EOLA-10182, 10 August 1954). This data is contained in RAYA-8472, 1 October 1954.

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4. The following report concerning HUNGARIA, a copy of which was forwarded to Munich (EAVA-4689, 20 October 1953), has been located in the [] material:

"1. [] read an article entitled "Uj Martirek Bortonokben" (The New Martyrs Who Were Imprisoned) in the October 2nd (1953) issue of HUNGARIA. The author of the article was described as a recent escapee from the VAC Prison.

"2. [] commented first that he finds it very difficult to believe that anyone could escape from the VAC Prison. Pursuing this vein of thought [] was reminded of an operation which was just being mounted when he defected. Lt. Col. Vladimir FARKAS, Chief of Division VIII, AVK, and Arpad HORVATH, Chief of Division VIII/4 were using the Division VIII/3 safe apartment on Budacseri ut. Budapest. The apartment was the same one used by [] during the TORROEK Case. (Note: nowhere in the [] material concerning the TORROEK Case have we been able to locate the apartment address.) [] believes that FARKAS and HORVATH were training an agent who was to "escape" to the West and that the operation was in a fairly advanced stage.

"3. [] hazarded the guess that the author of the HUNGARIA article and recent escapee from the VAC Prison might be the agent with whom FARKAS and HORVATH were working."

5. It is also noted that WJDROLLERY #304 was trained at Budacseri ut (number 28) in Budapest.

6. The information contained in this dispatch is for the use of POB officials only.

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