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Vladimir LEZAK-BORIN

LAUSMAN, Bohumil

1. The attached Agent Report, Region V, File V-11089, dated 6 January 1950, Subject as above, although dated, is forwarded for your possible interest.

2. It may be of assistance in evaluating Bohumil LAUSMAN who is the source of this information that Subject is a Communist and has been since 1945. LAUSMAN further states that Subject is, in some manner, aligned with General Lev PRCHALA, which data is also mentioned in the BENEŠ memoirs.

3. Karl files contain the following trace on BORIN:

Described by the New Yorkské Listy as one of a little group of Czech slovakians in England who have started instigation against Senes government. BORIN described as an adventurer. In the same league as PRIDAVOK and Francis SCHWARZ."

4. The above trace is from a photostat of a "Reference Card", dated 12/3/42. Source and evaluation of the card is unknown in this office.

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SUBJECT: LEZAK-BORIN

6 January 1950
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Bohumil LAUSMAN, former Czech Minister of Industry in the President Eduard BENES cabinet prior to the Communist coup d'etat in February 1948, stated on 2 January 1950 that SUBJECT had been a Communist since 1945 and is considered to be a dangerous person. LAUSMAN stated that he believed SUBJECT to be aligned with General Lev PRCHALA in some manner, but could not enlarge on this at the present time. One of the reasons for LAUSMAN's reticence in divulging the information he did (see AR, Region V, dated 3 January 1950, Subject: LAUSMAN, Bohumil, File: V-11045) was his fear that some of this information might reach LONDON where the Czech Communist government has their counter intelligence agents who, according to LAUSMAN, pass information back to PRAGUE (051/L78). F-6)

AGENT'S NOTES:

a. The foregoing might already be known to higher headquarters, but it is brought to attention herein for the reason that LAUSMAN should be interrogated in greater detail regarding his knowledge of LEZAK-BORIN and the people who surround him. At present LAUSMAN is being exploited by DAD, having been taken from REGENSBURG (M50/U15) on 3 January 1950.

b. This information would no doubt be of greater value when viewed in the light of activities of the PRCHALA adherents, one of whom is Vladimir PEKELSKY. Should LAUSMAN's statements be correct then it can be seen that a PEKELSKY-PRCHALA-LEZAK channelling of information could be very harmful to United States intelligence agencies.

c. In the 1 November 1949 issue of Cesky Boj (The Czech Struggle), a newspaper published monthly by the Czech National Committee in LONDON, which was brought to this office by Vladimir PEKELSKY on 21 December 1949, there appears an article by Vladimir LEZAK-BORIN. This appears to be anti-Soviet. Whether such is intended as chameleon writing to cover other motives or actual activities cannot be judged at this level, just as LAUSMAN's statement cannot be properly evaluated.

d. In the same issue is an article by Lev PRCHALA which states his position with regard to BENES.

e. In Eduard BENES' memoirs (page 174 of the Czech issue published in 1947 in PRAGUE), it is stated that Borin LEZAK was one of several persons who, during World War II, constituted a dissident group against the then Czech exile government in LONDON. This group was headed up by Dr. Milan HODZA and others were Engineer Francis SCHWARZ, General PRCHALA, Dr. Karel LOCHER (at present editor of the paper referred to in paragraph c above), and Petr FRIEDAVEK, the later a Slovak.

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