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Schwend said that more force was needed in anticommunist activity in Peru.

Schwend said that "Mariaca" was a good friend of his.

Schwend said he was well known as an anticommunist, and that he had been involved in work against the Communists for many years. He said there was a book out on one operation he had run, OPERATION BERNARDO, which had involved the wartime purchase of weapons and services with counterfeit money.

Schwend claimed to have worked for an organization known as Special Intelligence Service, whose offices were in Munich, Germany, for eleven months during 1945 - 1946. This work allegedly involved getting medicine, food, and other supplies to anticommunists in Russia and Yugoslavia. The supplies were delivered through his underground contacts. His operational name at this time was Vencezlao Turi.

Schwend claimed he had excellent contacts in Peru and elsewhere in South America (this was repeated several times). He went on to identify one, Alberto Taborga, a Bolivian Air Force major who was formerly a Minister. Taborga, who is staunchly anticommunist sometimes travels under an assumed name, Manuel Segura, and he has a passport made out in this alias. The passport is from another country, which Schwend declined to name (This was the only time during the meeting that Schwend showed the slightest reluctance to withhold any information). Taborga is also working with twelve people trained in Russia (Apparently a penetration operation).

Schwend removed a slip of paper from his desk on which was written the name Luis Hornigias Sanchez Perez, San Pedro 137, Chorrillos, whom Schwend alleges is a communist who heads a labor union. Schwend stated that Sanchez is engaged in trying to get immigrants into the United States.

Schwend turned to the subject of weapons being smuggled into Peru from Bolivia. He said that a Czech SMG could be purchased for \$1000 in the towns near the border, and that a sizeable number is coming into the country.

EVALUATION: Considerable caution should be exercised with this man. He imparts apparently sensitive information too readily; he obviously wants to be very active in a conspiratorial way, yet despite his claimed background he shows no sense of security.

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