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Subject: Contact with Grallspice 1 on 2 March 1953: Contact Report #6

1. Meeting Arrangements:

Case officer [ ] met agent Grallspice 1 in the latter's room at the Stein Hotel on Monday 2 March 1953 at 1500 hours. Meeting lasted until 1630 hours.

2. Production:

Please see attached report on subject's cover and target considerations. (withheld for base files.)

3. Operational Matters:

a. The meeting was opened with case officer's asking agent if he had seen Nikolai Vassiljev lately. Agent replied that he hadn't seen him since the meeting the week before. Case officer explained that in view of this chance meeting it has been decided to lay low on further activities and that it may be necessary for agent to change his name and also his cover. Therefore case officer asked agent to give him a list of all names and covers that he has used since 1945. Agent looked somewhat surprised at the question and answered, "Aber ich habe doch das alles geschrieben." [ ] was forced to admit that he hadn't received this portion of the agent's file. Grallspice 1, rather belabored, explained in detail his history of names beginning with 1944 when he was known as Rastilaw ANTONOFF. When Grallspice 1 left Vlassoff's army and crossed into the American section of Germany, a chance acquaintance gave him a fake document under the name of Sergei FROELICH. Subject proceeded to Kempton in search of his wife and while there he adopted the name Serge SCHEBALIN (that being his mother's maiden name), a name which he has continued to use ever since. While in Kempton agent maintained all three identities (through the aid of friends) and held ration cards and identity documents for all. To this date agent feels that the authorities in Kempton don't know that three persons were really one. However, in 1946 agent destroyed all documents under the names of Froehlich and Antonoff and ever since maintained the identity of Shebalin. In 1952 while on a mission for KUBARK, agent used the name of CHZIMEK in Salzburg. Also in 1952 he used the name of SLASHA while in Vienna for a KUBARK mission and for which he has used the [ ] As a backstop subject had printed a letter stating that he was [ ]. Also while in Vienna agent used the name briefly of Alfred Dellinger. Grallspice 1 had temporary travel permits for all the three names he used while working for KUBARK, but the two documents under the names of CHZIMEK and SLASHA were turned in to [ ]. Agent felt that the name of SLASHA could again be used in Salzburg, the only objection

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being that he had registered with Vienna police under this name as a foreign national. (Case officer note: Vienna may have objections to agent's reverting to the name of BLASNA.) Grallspace 1 then submitted his recommendations for possible change in cover (see attached report.) Agent stated he has never used any other cover than that of Lindex.

b. Agent and case officer then briefly discussed possible targets in Salzburg area. Agent felt that best would be to watch with whom American officers and personnel who are in sensitive positions associated in effort to determine who are local enemy agents. Case officer pointed out that his was primarily a CE target and that we would have to create espionage targets first before we could think in terms of CE. We must be able to walk before we can run. It was therefore suggested that blackmarket and smuggling contacts would probably lead to Soviet targets. This also would fit into agent's past experience. Grallspace 1 questioned how we would reach such personnel to which the answer was given by spotting and making acquaintances in such circles. Agent felt that such information would be easily accessible in police files and we could get it from there. Case officer answered that granted it would be much easier, but that it would be far too time-consuming. Also there was no sense in bringing any more people into the operation than necessary, especially since police and other non-cleared personnel would know in whom we are interested. Agent replied it would be easy merely to ask for whole lists of such personnel and then pick only one or two. To this it was pointed out that such information would have to be obtained through channels and that it would take months to get it. [ ] reaffirmed the theory at this point that spotting and recruiting people from blackmarket circles would perhaps be best. Agent and case officer both agreed that such persons as smugglers and blackmarketeers are very unreliable and few of them want to work against the Soviets, such work being too dangerous. Americans treat a person with more kindness, even if he is a criminal.

c. Agent reported that at present he has only one document, a German temporary travel permit which needs to be renewed by the 15th of March. Case officer promised that this would be taken care of.

d. Case officer requested Grallspace 1 to submit to him a list of books agent would like and he would see to it that they were ordered from Vienna. It was however explained that we would retain the books after agent's departure for future use and that we would like his criticism of each one.

e. Case officer told agent to wait with his driver's license application until the arrangements concerning his name and cover have been determined. It was agreed that he should have a driver's license, as this would be one more document with which to establish his identity.

f. [ ] asked Grallspace 1 what he intended to do with his car when it came time to emigrate. Agent replied, "Simply sell it," to which

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case officer asked if agent would have anything against selling the car now and buying a new one in Austria. Agent replied in the negative, except that cars cost twice as much here as in Germany. (Case officer note: It is recommended that agent be told to leave his car in Germany until departure for States, when he can sell. Case officer feels there would be too much bother and complications in getting the car over border. Agent does not feel it is absolutely necessary to have the car here. Inasmuch as he has to sell the car sometime it might as well be now.)

4. Personal Matters:

None

5. Administrative Matters:

a. Case officer paid agent his salary for the month of February. Agent looked somewhat surprised and answered he didn't want the money. He wanted it all sent to his wife. Case officer explained that he had understood that agent wanted all his wife's allotment to go to her, instead of half to agent as has been the case in the past. Agent said it didn't matter, and no great mistake had been made. (Case officer note: In view of this misunderstanding with  case officer suggests that the matter rest as is. Thus Grallspace and wife have received normal salary as was the case in the past.)

b. Agent requested whether it would be possible for him to go to Memmingen to pay his German income tax. This is due 20 March. Case officer replied that he felt sure something could be arranged.

6. Close of Meeting:

Meeting ended about 1630 hours. Arrangements had already been made at beginning of meeting to meet next on Friday 6 March at 1000 hours in agent's room at Stein Hotel.

7. Case officer Comments:

a. Grallspace 1 is definitely a very capable person who undoubtedly knows his way around. However, he tends to be quite impatient and rash, wishing to leap ahead in a speedy effort to "get the show on the road." Agent is also at the present time somewhat bored with his lot in Salzburg and obviously feels he has not enough to keep him busy. Agent commented at close of meeting in response to case officer's comments that it was a hard life, "Ein langweiliges auch."

b. Case officer has been considerably hampered by the absence of agent's file. Not knowing the slightest of agent's background, case officer

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has been forced to ask some rather obvious questions which have caused some embarrassment to case officer. [ ] do-s not feel that an agent of Grallspice's type can be kept "sweet" without having anything to keep him occupied. The combination of the absence of agent's file and the case officer's effort to touch on future operational matters in an effort to keep agent "sweet" and occupied has caused some confusion and embarrassment. Therefore, it is suggested that no further operational matters of any type be discussed with agent until agent's file has arrived, a policy has been set as to where, against what kind of targets, and how the agent is to operate. Case officer will do his best to satiate agent with performing personal and administrative favors for him. However, it must be pointed out that such will not satisfy agent's strong desire to accomplish further services for us before his departure for the USA. The discontinuation of discussing operational matters can be excused by pointing to possible repercussions of agent's chance meeting with Vassiljev.

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