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To: []
From: []
Subject: Contact with Grallspace 1, 7 July 1952
Contact Report #32

Opening of Meeting:

1. Case officer [] met agent Grallspace 1 at 1100 hours on 7 July 1953 in front of Cafe Corso. Social cover was employed for the meeting which was held on a park bench several blocks up the Salzach River. The meeting lasted about one hour.

Production:

2. None.

Operational Matters:

3. None.

Personal Matters:

4. The meeting began with a short discussion about current world affairs and the riots in East Germany. At a lull in the conversation, case officer said that for the sake of thoroughness it has been decided to ask agent for the little story which according to agent was a one hundred per cent personal matter. Agent blushed and said that this would be quite embarrassing. He went on to relate that he has been keeping company with the daughter of the owner at the Natur Freundehaus. (Please see contact report #18.) This girl was not really the daughter but actually the granddaughter of the landlady. The girl's parents are apparently dead. According to agent, this girl is badly abused by the old lady and agent feels very sorry for the young girl. Besides that, the girl sleeps with agent now and then. Grallspace 1 went on to relate that the girl had tried to run away several times but without success. Finally the girl asked the aid of agent. He told her that he had heard of a girls' home or some type of girls' school in Bad Reichenhall, Germany, and that he would go there to investigate the possibility of his girl friend's running away to this home. So at the beginning of June, agent completely cleared himself of all papers and documents and crossed the border into Germany black. Agent took great pains to explain that this crossing was effected at a point where thick brush and foliage protected him from view. Agent also elaborated that people often stray across the border at this point while making their usual Sunday hikes. Agent furthermore

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said that had he been caught on the Austrian side he would merely have given his name as under the TTD, which would be perfectly legitimate as he is registered with such at the Salzburg police. Had he been caught by Gorman police, he would have given his name as Schebalin and a quick phone call to Memmingen would confirm this. Also agent had nothing on his person which could have been construed as evidence of criminal intent. The crossing over and back took place without incident. Agent learned a few facts about the school, but not enough to warrant the girl's running away from home to the school. Agent answered that the plot was further complicated when on several occasions his present landlady had seen him in the company of the young girl and had reported it to agent's wife upon her arrival in Salzburg. This caused the argument as mentioned in contact reports 26 and 27. When asked how often he saw the young girl he answered once or twice a week, and that he was still seeing her.

5. Case officer told agent that this was a stupid thing to do. First of all, he could have been apprehended by either Austrian or German police and, although they could not charge him with a specific crime, they might have made an investigation of him which could have blown him completely. Secondly, agent was told that it was definitely bad taste to carouse with 16 year old girls. Considering the fact that the old landlady abused her grandchild so (according to agent), it is hard telling what trouble she might have caused had Grallspice 1 fathered a child by her granddaughter. Thirdly (and case officer trembles at this) is what agent's wife could have done in such a situation. Therefore, agent was told (a) the association between the girl and agent would cease immediately, (b) agent was to lead more than ever a life of complete boredom and inactivity consisting of such items as reading, writing, studying English, listening to the radio, and taking care of his family, and (c) agent is to hand in to case officer written weekly behavior reports on what agent did every day. These behavior reports can be used for cross examining agent on his behaviour and also to impress agent about the necessity for complete security.

6. Case officer expressed his disappointment at agent's conduct. Grallspice 1 was told that this episode must be reported to Washington and that case officer did not know what effect the report would have on agent's emigration or standing with our people at Headquarters. It was pointed out to agent that he had set a very good record with our organization and that it would be a shame to destroy it now by a few indiscreet acts. Agent begged that case officer not report the incident, or at least "in rossigem Licht." Agent was quite disturbed at the possibility of ruining his emigration chances and promised to behave himself completely in the future. Agent also added in the way of an apology that the reason he did these things was because he had nothing to do all day long and was quite bored.

7. In connection with the above, agent related how he had escaped in similar situations in the past. One time, shortly after the war, he was caught by the Russian Repatriation Service and questioned. It just so happened that agent had

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on his person an old Greek membership card for some kind of an organization. He produced that to his Russian interrogator, claiming that he was a Greek citizen of Russian extraction. By his quick talking and cool-headedness, agent bluffed the Russian officer and was released. On another occasion he was crossing the Austro-German border near Innsbruck with a knapsack full of anti-communist leaflets, when he was caught by the French troops. The French said they would have to turn him over to the Russians. Evidently knowing something of French psychology, agent bided his time until the right moment presented itself and then he offered to buy the French off with his wristwatch. The bargain was closed and agent, with his knapsack full of leaflets, departed. On another incident, according to agent, he was sitting in Vienna gasthaus when he noticed two men come into the locale, look around, and upon seeing agent one went to the main entrance while the other went to the telephone. Agent, sensing he was in danger, got up immediately and also tried to get to the telephone first. However, the other man succeeded. Meanwhile, agent stood directly outside the telephone booth until the other man was finished talking. Grallspice 1 then went to the booth and called his Vienna case officer to give him his location in case something happened. He then stayed in the booth for about ten minutes until finally the two men left.

Administrative Matters:

8. None.

Close of Meeting:

9. The meeting ended at 1200 hours. It was agreed to meet again on 13 June 1953 at 1600 in a park near the Maxglaner Kino.

Case Officer Comments:

10. Not much more can be said about Grallspice 1's crossing the border black than it is over and done with and he was not caught. There is no sense crying over spilled milk; we can only try to prevent a similar incident in the future.

11. Before judging the above episode, several points should be reemphasized about Grallspice 1's character. Grallspice 1 is a sharp, keen-minded person, who has gained considerable aggressiveness and initiative during his military and clandestine life. Agent does not seem to be rash or unduly bold; he is merely willing to take the proper chance at the right opportunity and has sufficient coolness and sharp-mindedness to put the operation across. Grallspice 1 has more or less been in a struggle for survival for about the last ten years. He fought with Russian infantry in World War II, fought his way out at Stalingrad, later joined the Vlassov Army, fought through both German and Russian troops to escape the fate of General Vlassov, lived black in Germany, worked for several

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years in clandestine operations and finally contributed his talents to Vienna operations. To be suddenly transplanted from this type of life to Salzburg and told to keep quiet until his emigration takes place would most certainly tax any personality of Grallspace 1's type. Therefore agent is not to be blamed too much for his indiscretions. Naturally he must be handled more stringently in the future. It was perhaps a mistake not to have demanded the episode from agent at the 12 June 1953 meeting.

12. Agent was visibly disturbed at having lost case officer's confidence and also at having possibly jeopardized his emigration at this late date. At any rate, it is expected that agent's morale will take another nosedive. Nevertheless, it would not seem wise to excuse agent of this incident too readily, lest he forget the seriousness of the whole affair. The next several meetings will have to be a mixture of sternness in memory of the incident and a gradual reconstruction of agent's morale.

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