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To: []
From: []
Subject: Contact with Grallspice 1, 17 July 1953
Contact Report #34

Opening of Meeting:

1. Case officer [] met agent Grallspice 1 at 1100 hours in front of the Hotel Meran on 17 July 1953. Case officer asked agent if he would mind going with him to buy a brief case. They went to a leather goods store across the street from the Mirabell Park, where they purchased the brief case and then went across the street to an isolated park bench in the Mirabell Park where the meeting was held. The meeting was held under social cover. It lasted about 1 1/4 hours.

Production:

2. Agent submitted his weekly behavior reports. Agent was briefly cross-examined on them and they seemed to be pretty much in order.

Operational Matters:

3. Agent reported that the telephone will be installed in his apartment shortly.

4. Agent gave case officer three "operational" letters which case officer will have mailed from various towns in Austria. Case officer reported that two letters had already been sent and that others would follow shortly. Agent was asked to write a series of letters for the month of August. It was suggested that only two or three letters per week be mailed.

5. Agent also reported that he had been to the Fremdenverkehrsamt and had been informed that he should present to this Amt a letter from his employer stating that he is a bona fide businessman in Austria. On the basis of this letter agent will not have to pay the tourist tax. Also, inasmuch as agent is in Salzburg under the cover of a businessman, it would not be wise now to say that he is a tourist just for the sake of settling the matter the least painful way, i.e., merely paying the tourist fee and be done with the problem. Therefore agent said that Fred in Vienna [] had some letter forms with the Lindex Company letterhead and thought that these would suffice for the Fremdenverkehrsamt. Case officer said he would try to get some of these letters as soon as possible.

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Personal Matters:

6. Agent gave a book to case officer which he asked to be sent to []
] The book, Max and Morris, will be pouched to []

7. Agent requested permission for himself and his wife to go to dancing school. Permission was granted providing that agent went with his wife, that neither she nor he become too acquainted with the other pupils, and that the name of the school and the owner be submitted for a security clearance. Agent agreed to all stipulations.

8. The greater portion of meeting was devoted to English and Russian lessons. Case officer spoke Russian and agent answered in English. Agent, who arrived in Salzburg with a bare knowledge of English, can already carry on simple conversations which more or less proves that he does spend considerable time on studying his English. His accent and pronunciation are quite good.

Administrative Matters:

9. Agent submitted a bill for 305 schillings as payment for the installation of the telephone.

Close of Meeting:

10. The meeting ended at 1215 hours. It was agreed to meet again on 23 July 1953 at 1600 hours in front of the Hotel Meran.

Case Officer Comments:

11. Agent's morale seemed to be on the up-sweep again although he hasn't forgotten the reproach he received for running around with the 16-year old girl. It is not intended that agent be excused or reprieved from this reproach. The meeting was held in a very cordial and amiable air. However, the feeling was present that case officer didn't fully trust agent and agent was not fully satisfied with his present lot.

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