

Chief of Operations, Salzburg

5 January 1953

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 Rechatte Meeting with Grallspace 1
 on 30 December 1953 - CR #57

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

1. On 19 December 1953 at 1200 hours, case officer [] met agent Grallspace 1 in front of the main post office in Salzburg at which time Grallspace 1 reported that he and his family would like to go to Memmingen, Germany on 22 December 1953 (See SJM/305). It was agreed that case officer would meet agent and his family at the BV gas station on Alpenstrasse on 1000 hours on 22 December and escort them across the German border to Freilassing where they could take a train to Memmingen. It was also agreed that agent and family would return on 29 December 1953 and that case officer would pick up agent and his family on that date at 1900 hours in Freilassing. The escorting of agent across the border took place without incident both directions. On the return trip (29 December 1953) case officer and agent agreed to meet on 30 December 1953 at 1500 hours at the Grallspace safe house. The meeting lasted 30 minutes.

PERSONAL MATTERS

2. (C.O. Note: When case officer picked up agent at the Freilassing Bahnhof on 29 December in order to escort him back to Salzburg, agent somewhat bitterly complained that all of his 18 DP friends in the Memmingen area, who had applied for U. S. emigration the same time he did, have received their visas and had emigrated to the States. Case officer did not press for details at this meeting but noted agent's obvious displeasure with the present situation.) When case officer and agent met on 30 December, case officer asked agent again whether all 18 DP friends had emigrated and if they all went to the U. S. Agent, somewhat drily, replied that that was true. Case officer tried again to explain that our organization was doing everything possible to expedite agent's emigration. Agent then noted that he had been in Salzburg over 10 months with nothing to do and hinted that both he and his wife were anxious to move somewhere else or at least become a little more active. Case officer repeated to agent that we were doing all possible to expedite agent emigration and felt that the emigration would be soon forthcoming.

3. Agent reported that his daughter took sick while in Memmingen and hence she and agent's wife had to stay in Memmingen another week or two. Agent said that he thought they would return on 6 January 1954. Case officer said he would

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pick them up in Freilassing on that date. Agent said they would probably arrive in Freilassing at 1900 hours via train.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Agent was paid the following sums for which signed receipts were obtained:

- a. 370 DM part-salary for December 1953
- b. 2910 ANS balance salary for December 1953
- c. 1000 ANS subsistence for December 1953
- d. 1800 ANS rent for January 1954

COMMUNICATIONS

5. It was agreed to meet again on 5 January 1954 at 1400 hours at the Orallspice safe apartment.

CASE OFFICER COMMENTS

6. Case officer has been avoiding any discussion of emigration with agent for a long period simply because he had no real argument to explain the delay in agent's emigration nor has he had any encouragement as to possible emigration date which he could pass on to agent. Naturally, agent would have some serious misgivings about our efficiency when all 18 of his friends emigrate on normal quota (only because they maintained contact with the Tolstoy Foundation whereas agent has been able to maintain no such contact) and agent remains sitting while we negotiate for priority emigration. Case officer fears that KUBARK has lost considerable prestige in eyes of agent.

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