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SUBJECT: NKGB Recruiting of Jewish Agents for Palestine x 4 1 5

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1. From various sources, some of them somewhat biased, we have received information on the above subject, information whose precision and exactness makes one believe that the basis at least is correct.

2. Soviet Jewish agents coming from the different regions of Soviet-occupied Poland are directed by the NKGB (Narodnyj Komissariat Gosudarstwiennoj Bezopasnosti) toward Palestine, with the object of carrying out propaganda there on behalf of the Soviet Government.

3. These agents are first of all sent via Bratislava into the British and American zones of Germany. From there they are directed to Vienna.

4. A Jewish organization established in Vienna then sends these Soviet agent Jews to MAUTHAUSEN (American Zone) where they are provided with false papers stating that they were in concentration camps in Germany and that after their liberation they intended to return to Palestine.

5. From MAUTHAUSEN, these agents go to WELS (American Zone), to the camp reserved for Jews who were formerly prisoners in Germany. From there, they go to Salzburg, then via Gnadewaid to Innsbruck, from whence they go across the Brenner to Milan.

6. In Milan, facilities of all kinds are made available to them, so that they may obtain the necessary papers for the trip to southern Italy, from whence they proceed to Palestine, posing as former inmates of German concentration camps.

7. All along the way on their trip these agents stop at relay stations prepared for them, where they receive all the information and papers which they might need. Some of the relay stations are listed below:

Vienna XIII Bezirk - Wolfertgasse 2, Apartment No. 3. This is an intermediary relay station used in the trip from the Soviet-occupied zone to Germany.

Innsbruck 10 Pichlerplatz - headquarters of an organization which provides false papers to

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those agents who are allegedly Jewish emigrants to Palestine. It is at Innsbruck that they receive false Ausweis, certificates, etc., for the trip across the Brenner.

In Innsbruck, these hotels are used as meeting places: "SPORTS", "POST", "Zum WILDENMANN."

NOTE: This is 2nd floor Continental numbering, therefore American 3rd floor. One NIKOLAYEWSKI, living at 40 Renwegstrasse (2nd floor) exchanges German marks into Italian occupation money for those who are going to Italy.

Salzburg No. 4 Maiburggasse. A Jewish establishment assists these agents by furnishing them information on everything pertinent to that zone of occupation, as well providing them with tickets for lodging and official formalities (?)

Munich. At No. 24 Seudlinger Tor Platz and No. 12 Seudlinger Strasse there are certain individuals whom the agents coming from the Wels camp are told to contact.

Wels At No. 35 Temperstrasse, there is a camp (?) for Jews of which the agents in question take advantage and where they are provided with lodging, rations, etc. The camp is directed by one WEISSAND, Mosche, who is also in charge of the Lichteneck Barraken camp.

Milan Upon their arrival in Italy, these agents report to VAAD ALIJAH, located at No. 5 Via Uniona, Milan, where they pass either as former inmates of German concentration camps or as Jews wishing to go to Palestine. It is at this address in Milan that they are provided with certain facilities for their trip to southern Italy.

8. These agents also state that they do not want to return to Poland for fear of the anti-semitic feeling and that for that reason they are very anxious to reach Palestine. It is by this method that they hope to persuade the Allied authorities to allow them to reach Palestine by way of Italy rather than directly from Poland.

9. The mission given to these agents could be

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summarized as the following:

(1) Spread hatred for the English among the Jews in Palestine by making continual reference to the White Paper preventing Jewish immigration.

(2) Arouse the Jews to revolt against the British authorities and the Arab population.

(3) Spread the rumor that the British unjustly support the Arabs, to the detriment of the Jewish cause.

(4) Emphasize to all the Jews that Russia upholds the cause of the Jews in Palestine. Finally, these agents are warned that they must work in close collaboration with the Jewish Communist Party.

10. In addition, two Jews named Rosenheim and Greschl make frequent trips from Kattovice and Cracovie to Salzburg and Linz, with the object of obtaining (American) dollars and pounds sterling.

11. In Salzburg, these two men are in touch with a Polish Jew named KORDISCH and in Linz with another Jew whose name is not known. It is believed that this small group has similar contacts in Graz.

12. Also, two Soviet officers, of the rank of captain, are frequently seen in Linz. They say that they are engineers and that they belong to the Soviet Air Force. They seem to evince a great interest in all that concerns Austrian Politics.

13. These two Russian officers, trailed by the Americans in Vienna, go one or two times a week to Linz where they go under the names of Engineer "Peter" and Engineer "Michael." "Peter's" real name is "Kornstein-Gerassimov." He is thought to be a Polish Jew, in close contact with a Jewish organization known as the "Juedischer Bund."

14. This Bund exists not only in Austria but in other countries as well and is a Jewish Communist organization apparently hostile to the Zionists. The head of this organization is a certain ZRBOVEL, a Polish Jew, who is thought to be in Kattovice at the present time. All during the war, ZRBOVEL was in Moscow, where he was head of the section of the Ministry of the Interior which dealt with immigrant Jews in Russia.

15. Those Jews who succeeded in reaching Russia were offered Soviet citizenship by the Soviet Government; by the trickery of ZRBOVEL, those who declined this offer were put in labor camps and considered politically unreliable.

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16. The head of the Austrian network of the BUND is a certain HAMMANN (or AMMANN) former reporter for the NEUES WIENER JOURNAL.

17. Recently, the Austrian organization has concerned itself particularly with the purchase of gold, of Swiss francs, of (American) dollars, and of pounds sterling. This Austrian organization also has contacts in UNRRA, which facilitates for them legal and illegal trips to Italy.

18. A certain GRUENSTEIN and one ROSEL have been pointed out to us as being couriers between AMMANN (HAMMANN) on the one hand and "Peter" and "Michael" on the other. GRUENSTEIN and ROSEL, who had been in a labor company in Khark are Polish Jews who seem to have become Soviet citizens after having been liberated in Kharkov by Russian troops.

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