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COMMENT:

SALZER worked for the Jewish Emigration Agency and, to earn extra money on the side, informed the NKVD and the Political Section of the Hungarian State Police on the Jewish Emigration activities. On 26 March SALZER was arrested by the Hungarian State Police for assisting Nazis to escape from Hungary. To protect their security, neither the NKVD nor the Political Section intervened to save him, and he was beaten to death in the Hungarian State Police jail, after revealing the names of the men in the Jewish Agency. To continue controlling the Jewish Emigration Agency, the NKVD then took over the border control on the frontier between Austria and Hungary, where they now interrogate all men crossing the frontier.

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1. Gabor SALZER "died in the hospital from a heart stroke" last week. (Official police communique.) Actually he was beaten to death.

2. In order to be well considered by the Hungarian State Police and by the Russians, SALZER betrayed the names of all the Jewish Agency men in Budapest and in Vienna. He knew them from having had dealings with them. The main Jewish Agency man, known under the operational name of "YONAH" is now in jail. CONDUCTOR is confident that he will be able to get him out this week and bring him safely to Vienna,

3. "YONAH", as all CONDUCTOR's other men in Budapest, is a Jewish Agency agent who was dropped by parachute by the British in Yugoslavia during the war, in a combined Jewish Agency - British Intelligence operation.