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NOTE: At the beginning of January 1947, SARPEDON reported that Julius REVAY had been arrested by the American authorities in Aschaffenburg and was rumored to be given up to the Soviet authorities for repatriation as a war criminal. In view of the varying opinions of REVAY (he is suspected also of being a Soviet agent), SARPEDON and DAEDALUS were asked to prepare a report on him. REVAY was reported to have been released at Frankfurt am Main late in January 1947.

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1. Julius REVAY was formerly a minister-president of the independent Carpatho-Ukrainian republic. When the Soviet army occupied Czechoslovakia in 1945, he was arrested in Prague and was turned by the Russians. He was engaged as an agent for Major PETROV's political section of the RIS Baza III/C/M in Prague and was shortly afterwards transferred to the American zone of Germany.

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Field Comment: In MSC/RIR/025, REVAY was reported as a German collaborator who turned to personal use funds collected for the Ukrainian cause. The Prague Baza is discussed in MSC/RIR/273 and 274, and its functions are described as extending into the American zone of Germany.

- 2. As a Soviet agent, REVAY was given the following assignments:
 - a. To penetrate the Ukrainian DP centers in Germany and establish an influential position for himself.
 - b. To organize the Carpatho-Ukrainians, become their spokesman, and represent them politically, especially in America.
 - c. To organize or help to organize a Ukrainian Socialist party which would be recognized by the Western allies in Europe, thus both gaining wider personal influence and preventing the formation of a consolidated Ukrainian nationalist front.
 - d. To observe and if possible direct Ukrainian diplomatic relations with the Western allies along lines desired by the USSR.

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Source Comment: This is possibly REVAY's main assignment.

- e. To facilitate the sending of Soviet agents to the USA.
- f. Eventually to go to America himself.

3. REVAY now exercises a great deal of influence in Ukrainian DP circles, since most people do not suspect a former minister-president of an anti-Soviet republic of being a Soviet agent.

4. REVAY's work as a Russian agent keeps him in constant contact with one of the Czech liaison officers in Frankfurt, Lt. JANOVSEK. *ced*

Field Comment: In MSC/RIR/274, JANOVSEK is described as chief of the Frankfurt Bunka operating under the RIS Munich Bunker and thus under Baza III/C/M, Prague. His name does not occur on any USFET lists of accredited Allied personnel.

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5. REVAY's activities in Frankfurt were supervised by the Russians through an agent, Ivan PIRICH, who managed to become his secretary. PIRICH has been a Soviet agent since 1940, when he left the German-occupied Ukraine for Moscow to take a military training course. Later he was on several occasions used behind the German lines. He maintains an independent communication with the MGB Baza in Prague. PIRICH is about 32, of slight build, and sly and quick-thinking.

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6. Another agent of the Prague MGB Baza in contact with REVAY is Ivan HORVAT. He was recruited by MGB in the Carpatho-Ukraine and was first employed on financial investigations in Uzhorod (R49/A02). Since he had been active politically in Czechoslovakia before the war and thus knew many Czech political figures now in exile, he was sent to work among Czechs in Germany. HORVAT has now gone to Hamburg (REVAY facilitated his trip) in order to attempt to immigrate to England, where he plans to work among Czech emigres. He is about 35 years old, well-built, tall, with dark brown hair. *612*

Field Comment: This report, like previous "Bunker" reports (MSC/RIR/271, 272, 273, 274, 308, 309) makes positive assertions without presenting proof or revealing sources. DAEDALUS refused to divulge his sources because he wished to preserve the anonymity of his informers located in the three Carpatho-Ukrainian centers of Aschaffenburg, Bamberg, and Wittenwald. It is suggested that the REVAY case is a good means of investigating the veracity of the Bunker reports. If he can be located in Frankfurt, the cause of his arrest and release be determined, and a full account of his life and activity be obtained, it would then be possible to arrest and interrogate him thoroughly on the Bunker material.

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