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Date 27 August 1956

UJDROLLERY number 306

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Agent's name Janos SZANTO

Nationality Hungarian

Date and place of birth 15 August 1928 in Szekesfehervar, Hungary

Agent's UPSWING alias V-14911

Cell # REVANCHE

UPSWING case officer:

Name Erich KUTSCHKE

Alias @KUTSBACH

V number

Agent Handler: Istvan (or Jenö) ADREANSKY - V-14910 (Possibly. This was agent hand when Szanto came to office in UJ DROLLERY 382)

Opposition case officer:

Name @FRANK

Nationality Hungarian

Intell service HIS (AVH)

Green listed? No Green list number Out off. date By initials

Last reporting VIEN 8195 Date 21 Aug 56 doc number

Are there RAPOK, RYRAF or IS docs? Yes

Carded on EE/G/Yes, verif. 27 Aug 56 by WDP date initials

Retired to RI (if applicable) by date initials

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

This CE case involves an agent formerly involved with the Yugoslav IS in UJDROLLERY-382. Agent was contacted by AVH and spent almost 18 months establishing his bona fides with them. During this time UPSWING also attempted to determine the value of the operation. Speilmaterial was exchanged and the only significant development was the spotting of the AVH case officer, FRANK, coming out of an apartment building by the agent who was on a bus at the time. The apartment building has since proven to be a rats nest of HIS types and the principle interest at this time is an attempt to sort them out.

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CASE NAME: "REVANCHE"

AGENT NAME: Janos SZANTO V-14911

GIS C/O: Hq: Erich KUTSCHKE @KUTSBACH
This case is being handled by Dnst. 2; GIS C/O at this level is not identified.

CIA C/O: [] Name used with GIS:

OPPOSITION C/O: @FRANK

OPPOSITION Service: HIS (AVH)

OPPOSITION Target: Military targets, particularly American Forces and Hungarian emigre groups

OPPOSITION Contact: Personal meetings in agent's apartment in Salzburg and in cafes and the railroad station in Vienna.

SUMMARY: SZANTO, the agent, was originally the central figure in Fall "OST", a D/A operation against the Yugoslav IS which was suspended in 1953 because of lack of production on the part of SZANTO. Shortly after the suspension of the "OST" operation SZANTO began an exchange of letters with a cousin of his still in Hungary and by early summer 1954 the letters from Hungary began to intimate that a recruitment pitch would be forthcoming from the HIS. In July 1954 a member of the HIS appeared at SZANTO's apartment in Salzburg and made a recruitment pitch which included money plus a veiled threat against SZANTO's family and friends in Hungary should he refuse to co-operate. In November 1954 SZANTO finally agreed to work for the HIS with the full knowledge of the GIS and began to feed spielmaterial to the HIS case officer who was known only as "FRANK" but who inadvertently revealed that he worked for the AVH. No significant developments occurred until November 1955 when SZANTO, who was riding on a bus, observed "FRANK" coming out of a building at 24 Alpenstrasse in Salzburg. GIS investigation of the address revealed several names long known in the intelligence field plus the existence of a shoe factory which may prove to be a long range deep cover for the AVH. As of August 1956 "FRANK" had not been identified and the building and occupants at 24 Alpenstrasse had not been fully investigated, but it appears that this case continues to have much to offer to both the GIS and the CIA.

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