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Suspected Soviet Agent - SCHUETTLER, Guenther

1. ZIPPER has received the following information regarding Subject's alleged apprehension by the Soviets and subsequent activity on behalf of the SRIS from Jager URBAN who, in turn, received it from a member of the Austrian State Police whose identity URBAN will not reveal.

a. Subject, who is known to be a member of the Nationale Liga and also of the political information service "Freikorps Donauland", was, according to statements he made to Austrian police authorities, apprehended on 17 July at about 1700 hours in the Vienna IX District by two armed individuals who forced him to enter the automobile in which they were riding. Subject was taken to the Bellaria where he was interrogated by several Soviet officers. Also present during his interrogation was one Ludwig BRUNNER, residing Vienna I, Hochhaus, who is believed to be a Soviet Agent.

b. Subject was interrogated primarily regarding the following points:

(1) Intelligence connections of Stefan KIRIPOLSKY & WEINMANN who allegedly works for Vienna CIC and also as a reporter for Radio Free Europe.

(2) Subject's connections to Fritz WAHL, residing Vienna XVIII, Martinsstrasse 1, and editor of the Sozialist Arbeiterzeitung.

(3) Subject's connections to the Freikorps Donauland.

c. Subject was released from the Central Kommandatura after being held four days. Subject signed a pledge to work on behalf of the Soviets in return for securing his release. He was given the following missions.

(1) To arrange for KIRIPOLSKY to fall into Soviet hands (in the event of the successful completion of this mission, Subject was to receive a bonus of 10,000 Schillings).

(2) Subject was to continue to report to the Soviets about Freikorps Donauland and about Fritz WAHL.

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d. Subject immediately reported to the Austrian State Police on his release by the Soviets. Since his release he claims to have had only one meeting with the Soviets, on which occasion he was picked up by the Soviets in a car at the Hofburg and driven around Soviet districts while he reported. Subject claims to have avoided telling the Soviets anything during this meeting. He was supposed to meet the Soviets again a few days later in the East Railway Station but claims he did not appear and has not seen the Soviets since.

2. We held no further information on Subject. Report is forwarded for such action as you consider appropriate to include warning KIRIPOLSKY that he is a target of a Soviet abduction attempt if KIRIPOLSKY exists and actually does work for CIC and/or Radio Free Europe.

Approved by:

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