

DETACHMENT 35

SUBJECT: MIJIN Marko alias
PETROVIC Milos

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Project: Lancaster
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OPERATIONAL REPORT:

1. At 1900 hours 7 March 1951, Informant 2788 informed 35124 by telephone that MIJIN Marko had arrived in Salzburg at 1800 hours 7 March 1951, at which time he had contacted Informant 2788 and informed him that he can remain in Salzburg for only one night and he must return to Graz on the train leaving Salzburg 0816 hours 8 March 1951. 35124 requested 2788 to arrange a meeting with MIJIN Marko in his apartment for 2345 hours 7 March 1951. At 2345 hours 35124 and 35176 arrived at the apartment of 2788 in a privately owned sedan bearing C-plates. 35124 and 35176 entered, and, after the exchange of a few pleasantries, were introduced by 2788 to MIJIN Marko. The interview with MIJIN was held in the German and Croat language, during which Informant 2788 acted as an interpreter. During the interview 35124 indicated to MIJIN Marko that the meeting was arranged to appraise his capabilities and possibly use him as an intelligence collector. 35124 was avoiding any direct and detailed questioning in order not to compromise Informant 2788 and the true purpose of the interview. MIJIN in substance stated that he was born in Rejloviac near Osijek (N4534-EL840) in 1926. He attended elementary and high school until 1944, drafted to serve with the partisans until June 1945 at which time he was discharged. In January 1948 he decided to leave Yugoslavia and subsequently crossed illegally the Yugoslav-Austrian border. Upon his arrival in Austria, he was interrogated by the FSS and later hired by the FSS as an informant. At the same time he met one MILOVANCEV Ilje, also an FSS informant, who employed him as a laborer in his brick factory. MIJIN further stated that he received a false Austrian identity card from the FSS which was issued in the name of PETROVIC Milos, a name he also used as an alias. MIJIN claimed that he currently has no connections with the FSS and disclaimed any connections with other intelligence agencies, groups or personalities.

2. Inasmuch as the interview thus far did not disclose any indication that MIJIN and Informant 1172 of Project Fort Worth (defunct) are identical, 35124 decided to arrange a confrontation of MIJIN with Informant 1115. MIJIN, who rented a room for the night in the Hotel Plainhof at Plainstrasse, Salzburg, was informed that 35124 would meet him at the hotel at 0700 hours, 8 March and drive him to the railroad station. MIJIN was then

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dismissed and 35124 and 35176 left the meeting place at 0045
hours 8 March 1951.

3. At 0700 hours 8 March 1951, 35124 telephoned ^{WINKLER} 1115 and directed him to be in the main lobby of the railroad station at 0800 hours to observe a person who will accompany 35124. It was further arranged that in the event 1115 recognizes the person as 1172, he will indicate so by nodding his head. At 0715 hours 35124 drove to the Hotel Plainhof where he found MIJIN already waiting. MIJIN entered the car and 35124 drove towards the railroad station. However, in order not to arrive at the station too early, 35124 cruised about town for approximately thirty minutes. At 0755 hours, 35124 and MIJIN entered the main lobby of the railroad station. Five minutes later Informant 1115 entered, scrutinized MIJIN, and walked to the refreshment stand where he drank a cup of coffee. At this time 35124 dismissed MIJIN, who immediately walked towards the platform, while 35124 walked to 1115 who discreetly informed him that he was quite certain that the person is 1172; however, he indicated that there is still a possibility that he is mistaken. In order to make a definite identification, 1115 was instructed to follow MIJIN to the platform and possibly start a conversation with him. 1115 left and walked to the platform while 35124 discreetly followed him at a distance. 35124 surreptitiously observed 1115, who at this time had walked up to MIJIN, and for about eight minutes conversed with him after which time MIJIN boarded the Graz train while 1115 walked to his car parked in front of the railroad station and drove off. 35124 returned to his office and telephoned 1115 who agreed to a meeting in his apartment at 1000 hours. At 1000 hours 35124 drove to the apartment of 1115. 1115 informed 35124 that the person he saw at the railroad station is identical with 1172. 1115 stated that 1172 appeared very much embarrassed at the time he walked up to him and motioned him not to talk to him. 1115 however disregarded 1172's situation and in answer to a question of 1115 - what he was doing in Salzburg - 1172 replied that he had a meeting with Americans who desired information concerning Yugoslavia. 1172 then stated that he may be surveilled by the Americans and that further conversation is not desirable. He then boarded the train which left soon afterwards. 1115 stated to 35124 that he is now sure that he was taken in by 1172 whom he now considers a crook and an imposter and he again blamed KLAMPFER for not discovering the fact that 1172 has been a resident of Graz since 1948.

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4. 1115 Submitted to 35124 a report on the GeVP Convention which he had received from 1116. 35124 left the apartment at 1130 hours, directing 1115 to telephone him on 12 March 1951 so that a meeting can be arranged.

COMMENTS:

Investigation disclosed that MIJIN Marko alias PETROVIC Milos is identical with Informant 1172 of Project Fort Worth. Investigation further disclosed that the information obtained through 1172 most likely was forwarded to the FSS and was peddled to other interested agencies. Investigation in addition indicated that 1115, main contact of Project Fort Worth (defunct) and Project Lancaster, still active, has willfully deceived US intelligence by supplying false operational data of his sub-sources and by furnishing intelligence information under false pretences.

If more data concerning MIJIN and his connections with 1115 is desired, it is respectfully suggested that MIJIN be called to Salzburg again, placed under arrest and interrogated in detail. In view of the above reported developments, which again indicate that the positive intelligence information collected by Fort Worth and later by Project Lancaster and York is collected under false pretences and it can be assumed manufactured, it is recommended that a meeting of the control agents of Projects Lancaster and York with Detachment 35 be arranged in order to discuss the elimination of further manufacturing and forwarding of vitally peddled information to US intelligence agencies.

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