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U/M - Connection to Georg ZOEBL

REF: FASA-1456, FASA-1608, CGI-A-1607, FASA-1744 and FASA-1961

1. U/M, in the course of a special meeting 4 March 1954 to discuss the possible repercussions of the arrest of Josef URBAN and Co. by Austrian authorities, indicated that he was in contact with the Security Director of Upper Austria. To my specific question, he stated that he maintained contact through (fnu) ZOEBL, and had reported the connection to G SEFWALD.

2. In our follow-up check with G SEFWALD (to maintain the illusion that this was all news to us), we learned that U/M had submitted the name Georg ZOEBL to ZIPPER Hq for name trace in December 1953, giving as reason for the trace that ZOEBL had approached U/M and was attempting to recruit him. ZIPPER Hq immediately directed U/M to avoid ZOEBL, because C PARKER, Chief, CSN, was already in contact with ZOEBL. G SEFWALD is aware that U/M refused to drop the contact (U/M's reason being that only he is sufficiently conversant with the Austrian situation to conduct such an operation), and is quite concerned about the possibility of trouble developing, certainly to U/M's detriment in view of ZIPPER Hq's ^{order} to drop the contact.

3. As recipients are aware from references, U/M waited quite a long time before checking ZOEBL with ZIPPER, and is obviously unable to drop the contact. Aside from this, it is transparent that the connection to ZOEBL is an important element in U/M's plan to gain control of all ZIPPER activities in Austria, and so force ZIPPER to operate in Austria only through U/M. (This intention, and one of the means U/M sees of achieving it, is amply illustrated by two of the enclosures to FASA-1961). Recipients will also recognize that U/M has by no means told the full story of his connection; we have no clear idea what may have possessed U/M to admit to the contact at all, although it is possible that he felt it necessary after he turned over to ZIPPER the Upper Austria police files on the Suretana Group which he obtained through ZOEBL.

4. I believe, incidentally, that I now know the important U/M connections to Austrian police authorities, he having confirmed to me a few days ago that he still meets Dr. Erich MUELLER periodically (usually in INNSBRUCK). This con-

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nection, I believe, is U/M's principal line to [redacted] (as well, of course, as having connection thereby to STEUBACH and DITTRICH). The other connection of significance is the ZORBL tie. With both HUELLER and SOBEL, U/M states, he claims to be a US intelligence operative - which we believe is probably true - and U/M further states he is most anxious to conceal from these contacts his tie to KIPPER.

5. But what a PARKER is up to with SOBEL, and through whom, we have as yet no idea.
6. We are coordinating this with SOB verbally.

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