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**CONTACT REPORT**

Att. # to SCMA: 24606

AGENT Rudolf A. von SZIESZAY

DATE 11 December 1954

CASE OFFICER

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DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT (1) 0900 on 10 Dec; (2) 1400 on 10 Dec; (3) 0900 on 11 Dec.

RV PLACE safeshouse

PLACE MEETING HELD Safeshouse

DURATION MEETING (1) 0900 to 12:30; (2) 1400 to 1700; (3) 0900 to 1200

PURPOSE OF MEETING To debrief Subject and two Hungarian Freedom Fighters now in Munich in detail regarding their activities during the revolution and their connections with Eastern Hungarian organizations.

SECURITY Subject and his two buddies were observed by the case officer going to and going from the meetings. In each case they parked their black Oldsmobile with GA 193 (Budapest) license plate at some distance and around the corner from the safeshouse. They came together to the meetings.

ADMIN/PLAN H. S.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED Left open, to be arranged at the desire of the case officer.

COMMUNICATIONS as before, one way from case officer to subject.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS: ATTACHED.

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(2) Establishing contact with revolutionary forces inside Hungary: Subject stated that he knows a number of Hungarian emigres active in emigre affairs in Munich, but that he has never joined any organization either before or after 23 October 1956. Nor did he approach anyone in the Hungarian emigration for advice, help or instructions prior to his on-the-spot resolution to go to Hungary following the outbreak of the revolution. Rather, one Major Ivo ORCZY of the Ungarische Fluchtlingkanale (Hungarian Refugee Office), Widenmayerstr. 119, Munich, contacted Subject on 24 or 25 October 1956, after he had found out that Subject and his wife had already set Red Cross Activities in behalf of Hungary in motion. During the ensuing conversation Subject told Major ORCZY that he intended to leave for Hungary immediately "to help". Major ORCZY then asked and Subject agreed that Subject contact Major Gen. (Andras) ZAKO, who had already left for Vienna and who could be found at the Kaiserhof Hotel. ORCZY gave Subject the slip with the room and phone number of ZAKO's temporary headquarters at the Kaiserhof-Hotel. ORCZY gave Subject the slip with the room and phone number of ZAKO's temporary headquarters at the Kaiserhof mentioned in the first contact report. In Vienna Subject saw Gen. ZAKO and personally met one other individual, Ivo SARVANI whom Subject believes to be an academician and ZAKO's adjutant. When Subject indicated his intent to cross into Hungary to help as best he could, he obtained from ZAKO's office the name and address of a Hungarian priest at Nickelsdorf/Austria, one Ivo KACSAY, who would help Subject get in touch with a Hungarian revolutionary authority inside Hungary. He was to present a piece of paper to the priest for identification with the following note (case officer saw the slip): "Nickelsdorf, KACSAY, Mebania (Rectory), Magyar Charitas". Subject received no further instructions but was given to understand that the ZAKO office would be very happy if he could establish some contact with revolutionary forces inside Hungary; it was also implied to him that some aid would be given. Subject then went to the Austrian Interior and Defense Ministries where he claims to have friends who gave him advice on where and how to cross the border into Hungary. He refused to identify his Austrian contacts. In Nickelsdorf Subject contacted KACSAY at the given address but soon found that the priest could give neither advice nor help on how to contact revolutionary forces in Hungary. KACSAY merely indicated to Subject that information on the situation in Hungary had already been sent back to ZAKO implying that Subject was not needed at that time. Subject thereupon went to the Hungarian border by himself and claimed that he crossed it between Nickelsdorf and the channel in the general confusion prevailing there on 25 October 1956. There by some change he claimed he met a former friend, one Leventy BALATONY, nickname GUSAR. Subject knew BALATONY when the two were in the Hungarian Athletic Club, in the 1930's. Subject also knew BALATONY to be a former Hungarian Army 1st Lt. and believes that BALATONY is now in the Hungarian Customs Service, judging from his uniform. After getting briefly reacquainted BALATONY agreed to put Subject in touch with one Joseph MOKRY, then Chairman Magyarovar Revolutionary Council. Once this was accomplished Subject had contact with revolutionary forces inside Hungary and was passed by word of mouth or with required improvised documentation from one locality to another and from one revolutionary council to another. Subject claims that he established his bona fide with revolutionary forces through his actions rather than through any good intentions or words. He remarked that the Hungarian emigres in the West were evidently incapable of doing this because they lacked the necessary courage and conviction for the Hungarian cause.

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