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SUBJECT Activities of Andras ZAKO

ORIGIN Austria, Vienna

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SUPPLEMENT MAV-665 and MAV-628

EVALUATION OF SOURCE (Field)

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COMPLETELY RELIABLE	USUALLY RELIABLE	FAIRLY RELIABLE	NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	NOT RELIABLE	CANNOT BE JUDGED

EVALUATION OF CONTENT (Field)

1	2	3	4	5	6
CONFIRMED OTHER SOUR.	PROBABLY TRUE	POSSIBLY TRUE	DOUBTFUL	PROBABLY FALSE	CANNOT BE JUDGED

SOURCE A Hungarian refugee in Austria.

1. On 8 September 1948, Andras ZAKO, who is now living at Absam near Bad Hall, Tirol, sought out source and indicated interest in acquiring a blank Hungarian passport which he would take or send to London, where it would be filled out properly. (Field Comment: ZAKO, alias Istvan KOVACS, is a member of a Hungarian refugee group in touch with the French Intelligence Service, and is allegedly running an intelligence chain into Hungary.)

2. ZAKO stated to source that he intends to meet BAKACH-BESSENNYEI, former Hungarian diplomat, in Paris and will request the latter's help in obtaining access to high American authorities. ZAKO complained that the French have no funds to finance his organization. He stated that his group is an active one and he is able to smuggle anyone out of Hungary; also, that through his organization he could take care of requests within Hungary.

3. Source, in order to sound out ZAKO's position with regard to Ferencz KISBARNAKI-FARKAS, expressed regret that Ferencz NAGY did not meet KISBARNAKI-FARKAS during NAGY's recent visit to Austria; source added that, in his opinion, divergent political views should not have been a barrier between the two men to prevent their meeting. ZAKO agreed with source completely, declaring that "after all, KISBARNAKI-FARKAS is an outstanding personality".

(Field Comment: Source stated in MAV-628, that ZAKO's attitude toward KISBARNAKI-FARKAS was thought to be unfavorable, because of the latter's political maneuvers. In MAV-665, also from the same source, it was reported that NAGY did not believe ZAKO to be connected with KISBARNAKI-FARKAS, whom NAGY regards as a political opponent.)

Note: WFP 2491 Hoqwash 30 apr 48 – KOVACS, Istvan. Prob not Suly's real name. PALFFY's contact man with Hungary, who lives in Bad Hall Hotel Amater (or Amser) near Innsbruck.

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