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To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2210 R Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Colonel Robert A. Schow

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: HUNGARIAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY - R and HD

The following information which may be of interest to you has recently been received through a confidential informant of known reliability.

The source to which this information is attributed is one Odon Lazar, Salzburg, Austria, who reportedly furnished the information to the Executive Committee of the Hungarian National Council. Lazar's material was allegedly obtained from (General) Andras Mako, who is described as the head of an unidentified military organization at Innsbruck, Austria, who secures information by sending former Hungarian officers into Hungary, generally disguised as tourists.

According to Lazar, one Geza Weisman or Weissman of Mexico City, was the head of a group of "Cominform agents" composed of the following individuals: Geza Weisman, Mexico City, Mexico; two brothers having the surname Abalos; Geneva, Switzerland; George Kuntli, attached to the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Istvan Szava, London; Sander Fulop, Zurich, Switzerland; Joseph Szall, Borne, Switzerland; and one Hanky, Milan, Italy.

Lazar has reportedly stated that the group is engaged in smuggling activities and weapons were said to have been distributed to unknown destinations from Switzerland. It was further stated that Weisman, who is reportedly engaged in the export business, visited Hungary during the Summer of 1949.

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Bureau files contain no identifiable information concerning Lazar, aka. Nicholas Gussy; Geza Weisman, the Abeles brothers, Mrs. Istvan Szara, Sandler Fulop, or one Benkey.

George Kurti, former attache at the Hungarian Legation, Washington, D. C., arrived in the United States on August 12, 1948. Information has been received to the effect that Kurti was scheduled to depart from the United States on November 10, 1949, to Hungary for a vacation. Although this departure has not been verified, Kurti is no longer listed as an employee of the Hungarian Legation by the Department of State. While he was employed at the Legation, several informants identified Kurti as a Communist but no information was received to indicate that he was a Cominform agent or engaged in espionage activities.

Joseph Szall has been identified by several sources as a Communist member in the Hungarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, who was last reported to be attached to the Hungarian Legation, Bern, Switzerland.

The above information is submitted to you in confidence with the request that no dissemination thereof be made outside your agency. We would appreciate receiving any verification of the above or similar information that may come to your attention, and particularly, any information relating to Kurti or other individuals who are residing or have resided in the United States.

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