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1. In paragraph 7 of reference the problem of ZAKO's present status vis-a-vis the French was mentioned. We have received two reports on ZAKO: one from [redacted] and the other from [redacted]. We forward them herewith to add to your over-all picture of the General's extensive activities.

a. Report from Rome, dated March/April, 1950

General Andreas ZAKO, former Chief of Intelligence on the Hungarian General Staff, 1944/45, and present head of the "Magyar Harcosok Bajtársi Egyesülete," residing in Sallibad Hall, Tyrol, recently visited Baron Gabor APER, former Hungarian Envoy to the Holy See and presently representative of the Hungarian National Committee in Italy. ZAKO also saw Ferenc SIMONFAL, former Hungarian Red Cross representative in Italy and presently HIRK representative in Rome. The purpose of ZAKO's visit to Italy was to contact the Italian IS and to re-organize the HIRK representation in Italy. Capt. Bela KUROB, the previous representative, is not considered either capable or active enough to represent the HIRK. ZAKO talked with Major Janos SZAKVARI, presently living in Brescia, who is destined to be the top man for the HIRK in Italy. Two branches are to be established: (1) "Confidential," (apparently the Offensive intelligence section) to be headed by SIMONFAL (2) "Self-defense," (apparently a Defensive or counter intelligence section) head not yet named.

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ZAKO stated that he was very satisfied with the activity of the MRBK during its first year; there are approximately 12,000 members scattered over the world, and regular contact is maintained with Hungary. On May 15, 1950 ZAKO stated that he was going to London to see General ANDERS (Polish), and from there he would fly to Madrid where he is meeting the Spanish General Staff Chief in order to make plans for the MRBK to move there in the event of war. ZAKO is certain that the present chaos can only be resolved by war. However, he is uncertain as to when war will start. He says that tension is considerable, and a small incident might cause the outbreak of war. He does not believe that the USSR will intervene directly in Yugoslavia but will probably instigate and support partisan activity. Although war preparations have been observed along the borders of the USSR itself, indirect preparations are going ahead feverishly inside of the USSR and the satellite countries. Soviet tanks could move in three days from inside of the USSR (?), and two or three airborne divisions could be dropped in Marseille or Milan within twenty-four hours. If the Soviets attack before the German army can be reorganized, it will be a tragedy for Europe. Europe cannot be defended without the German army. ZAKO expects to be in Italy after his visit to Spain.

b. Report from Paris, dated 2 February 1950

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