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TO : SAINTS, WASHINGTON and LONDON

FROM: SAINT, CASERTA *BB06*

by AUTHORITY OF EEIC I

RE : Attached Memorandum dated 22 September from SAINT, BARI *150-15*

"1. The attached memorandum is one of the most important matters that has arisen in this Theater, and is slowly developing into what may not only be an organizational tempest but also another cause celebre.

2. Within the organization the following obtains:

a. CHAPIN, head of SICE, has firmly resisted any attempt to disapprove and dislodge these Hungarian nationals. He refuses to accept the PWB-PIC document as any authoritative reason for security approval of these men. He has further assigned ARADI and KISS to the BUDAPEST OSS Mission, and plans to introduce Msgr MAGYARY as an independent SICE mission.

b. DOMAN, head of Hungarian desk (SICE) at BARI, was dismissed by CHAPIN about ten days ago, when he refused to assume responsibility for these enemy aliens after their security disapproval. I have since talked to him here, and found that they have access to all Hungarian and Czechoslovakian SI files and materials.

c. MO, BARI, have vehemently protested to CHAPIN that the political involvement of Baron APOR with the HORTHY regime, and the relatively well known allegiance of Msgr MAGYARY to the Royalists will prejudice the success of the OSS Mission if they enter under our sponsorship. As BUDAPESTH will no doubt be Russian occupied, the mere fact of our employment of such people may prejudice the Russians to the extent of throwing out the entire group.

d. With SECURITY, MO, and (formerly) DOMAN lined up against CHAPIN, JOYCE (Intelligence Officer) and GREENE (Commanding), BARI is an armed camp. Meanwhile these aliens circulate freely through the Headquarters thereat.

3. Without the organization, the following is reported:

a. ARADI, KOVACS and KISS report directly to Baron APOR, who directs their movements and sifts their information, having them report to OSS only what he approves. (B-2) (27 Sept)

b. ARADI went to ROME and was seen in company of Msgr LUTTOR, the present Hungarian envoy to the Vatican. (A-2) (3 Oct)

4. The tenacity with which CHAPIN is holding on to these men leads me personally to suspect there is more to their employment than meets the eye. One would almost believe there is a governmental interest in these men and the regime they represent in Hungary.

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5. Request the following immediate action by your offices:

a. By LONDON:

(1) Investigation of personnel including traces of all available sources.

(2) Investigation to determine if LUTTOR or others has returned any information of OSS operational plans to the enemy.

b. By JJOOL:

(1) Check on Paragraph 4.

(2) Necessary advisement to the Director if he desires.

6. Suggest cabled reply, using aliases as follows:

ARADI - APPLE
MAGYARY - MELON
KOVACS - KUMQUAT
KISS - LEMON
APOR - GRAPE
LUTTOR - ORANGE
SZASZ - TOMATO

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