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Subsource is an OSS agent, Moly, who went into Hungary in October, 1944, and after carrying out his mission hid in Budapest. After the liberation of that city, Moly gave himself up to the Russian authorities there. He then went over to the U.S. Mission in Hungary and was evacuated to Italy. He has very close connections with the Vatican. About the middle of April, 1945, he had an audience with Pope Pius XII and a long interview with Mgr. Montini, Deputy Acting Secretary of State of the Vatican.

Moly delivered to the Pope a message from Regent Horthy. Moly saw Horthy on the night of 14 October 1944, before the latter's armistice statement over the Budapest radio. When he left Horthy asked him to deliver a verbal message to the Pope, which was as follows: Horthy knows the sentiments of the Pope towards Hungary. Horthy has no further hope for saving Hungary except for divine providence. He asks the Pope to pray for Hungary and its people, and for him (Horthy) and his family.

The Pope was deeply moved by this last message of Horthy. He asked Moly to tell about his mission, and Moly replied only that he went in by "American facilities."

Several days before seeing the Pope, Moly wrote a memorandum to him on the subject of his experiences in Hungary. This memorandum dealt only with strictly ecclesiastical matters and offered several suggestions to the Pope. The main point was that the Church should not object to the land reform. The memorandum also called the Pope's attention to the fact that if Catholics do not collaborate with the progressive and democratic forces within Hungary, others who are working for the rebuilding of the country will exclude these Catholics as fascists. The Pope, when he saw Moly, said that

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he was in agreement with these suggestions. He was not afraid of or concerned about any radical reforms, but repeatedly stressed his opinion that there is great danger that Russian communistic imperialism will not be arrested. He told Moly that the Vatican has received such indications from each Russian controlled or occupied country.

Moly's interview with Msgr. Montini followed the same course as his conversation with the Pope, and contained no additional elements.

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