

**CONFIDENTIAL**

L/003-1041-46

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
S.S.U., W.D. MISSION TO AUSTRIA  
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

ACU/g1  
4 January 1946

SUBJECT: Immigration to the United States.

TO : Chief, Central Europe-Scandinavian Section, SI, SSU, Washington.

1. Refer to para (e) under Personnel in Lt. Col. Chapin's letter of 10 December 1945 to SI, Austria. It is requested that your office make arrangements as soon as possible for the calling to the United States of three key stateless SI personnel.

2. As you are undoubtedly aware, this office has endeavored during the past several months to establish some sort of special preference for immigration to the United States for several of the non-American civilians who have worked in conjunction with OSS both during the war and in the post-hostilities period. Full dossiers on these individuals have been sent to the Office of the Consul General in Vienna and it seems reasonable to believe that at such time as immigration quotas are issued and proper mechanical facilities made available, our recommendations will be given consideration by the State Department officials concerned.

3. The large majority of these cases involve individuals who have served us in the past and who have now resumed normal civilian pursuits in Austria and Italy. There are, however, three persons presently employed by this office in highly responsible positions whose work is closely linked with the successful execution of the long-range activities of SI Austria, and for whom we are extremely desirous of arranging immediate travel to the United States, the filing of first papers and return at the earliest feasible date to their positions in Vienna. These persons are:

a. Mr. Zsoldt Aradi (Source name - Sarazen). Aradi is a 37-year-old stateless Hungarian who has served OSS since June 1944. A graduate of the University of Budapest, he worked from 1933 until 1944 in a variety of positions in European Catholic journalism; during the final three years of this period he was employed as press attache of the Hungarian legation at the Holy See. During his employment with OSS, Aradi was a key figure in the gathering of Hungarian intelligence; and since V-E day has exploited highly productive contacts with influential Vatican circles to bring this organization some of its best central European intelligence reports.

b. Mr. Kurt Rade Plan (OSS cover name: Robert Perry; Source name: Seahawk.) Plan is a 25-year-old stateless Yugoslav who was recruited by OSS from the ranks of the Royal Yugoslav Army in the Middle East in the summer of 1943. A graduate of the schools in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and Vienna, he is a textile chemical engineer by profession. Plan went into Yugoslavia for OSS in the summer of 1944; he performed brilliantly, under conditions of great danger

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2E  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2006

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

both as a radio operator and intelligence liaison officer with the Yugoslav Partisans until the end of hostilities in May 1945. Since that time he has been stationed in Trieste, where he was primarily responsible for the development of extensive intelligence chains in the Venezia Giulia area and into Yugoslavia.

c. Mr. Sigmund Kanigur (Source name: Tigercat). Kanigur is a 36-year-old Polish-born stateless Austrian. A University of Vienna graduate and former school teacher, he fled from Austria in 1938. After a tour of duty in a French concentration camp early in the war, he joined the British Army in North Africa and was recruited by OSS in August 1944. Kanigur served on a hazardous mission as an OSS liaison officer with the north Italian partisans in the closing stages of the war. Since coming to Austria he has proved to be a highly capable political reporter who has developed close and friendly contacts with leaders of all the major political groups in this country.

It has been the feeling of all American members of this section that these three men would make excellent United States citizens, and that by their work during and after the war they have earned whatever special preference can be obtained for them.

From a selfish, organizational standpoint, we feel strongly that the status and promise of future security inherent in American citizenship would permit these three men better to serve SSU in Austria during the next few years; and conversely we fear that if special action is not taken in their cases, they may well be tempted to seek greater personal and economic security elsewhere on the Continent. In view of the State Department's long delay in acting upon immigration applications here - a delay for which there appears to be no end in sight - and the rather tentative nature of the promise for preferential consideration given to us by the State Department officials locally, we consider it imperative that this organization take special action in the cases of these three men.

4. Accordingly, we strongly suggest that Washington SI request temporary duty in the United States for Aradi, Plan and Kanigur, and that air transport be requested in the same cable; that upon arrival in the States, arrangements be made for them to be sent to Canada for return to the U.S. under regular immigration visa provisions; and that after their second entry into the country, and the filing of their first citizenship papers, they be returned to Vienna for continued work with this organization. It should be pointed out that a generally similar process was followed by Commander Morgan of C&D in the case of Mr. Eric A. Harris, and we believe that on the basis of that and other precedents, the suggested procedure outlined above can be accomplished easily and quickly.

5. It is requested that the cable requesting these men for TD in Washington be sent as quickly as possible; and that further correspondence, if needed, on this matter be conducted by cable.

*Henry C. Fleisher*  
for ALFRED C. ULMER, JR.,  
Chief, SI.

**CONFIDENTIAL**