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Aradi file
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13 June 1946

TO: Mr. Alfred C. Ulmer, Jr.
FROM: Richard Helms
SUBJECT: Zsolt Aradi

1. My reason for writing this letter is to pass along to you certain additional information concerning subject which has reached us via X-2. Before doing so, however, I wish to reiterate that this case has been cleared up to the satisfaction of everyone concerned, as stated in my memorandum of 27 May, and remains closed.

2. The following are quotes from recent X-2 reports, along with the observations of the reporting officer:

a. Excerpt from Rome report JZX-6140, 14 February 1946, information furnished by CIC, Rome: "BRUST is a Jesuit residing at Borgo Santo Spirito 5, the headquarters of the Jesuit Order. He hid a Nazi soldier in the hospital of Santo Spirito after the Allied occupation of Rome. He and Father PRESEREN, the Assistant-General of the Order, claim to know everything that is going on in the Allied Intelligence Services in Rome. Subject and PRESEREN handle the affairs of Collegium Russicum."

b. X-2 memorandum of 1 March 1946 regarding the activities of Jesuit Father NAGY, incident to one of his trips between the Vatican and Hungary. "These activities included a meeting with Father Karl BRUST, as well as meetings with other high-ranking Vatican and Jesuit officials and an audience with the Pope in October 1945. NAGY, as you know, is one of Angleton's sources and is also a sub-source of SI, Vienna, which office is in contact with him through ARADI."

The following was also pointed out in the same memorandum:

"(1) NAGY gave part of the information which he obtained in Rome to our unit, the rest to SI. Neither unit received the complete story.

"(2) NAGY knows of ARADI'S connection with our organization.

"(3) Vatican officials, including Father BRUST, undoubtedly are aware of our use of NAGY.

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"(4) Vatican intelligence coming to us from NAGY must be judged accordingly."

c. The reporting officer observes that as previously indicated the opportunity for SSU penetration is exceedingly great here. SI should, therefore, again be warned concerning this danger.

3. Let me again stress that this material is being sent to you for information only, and we shall continue to pass along anything of a similar nature which may be of help in determining how various individuals can best be handled.

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