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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff
APO 407 US ARMY
REQUEST FOR CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECK

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Date: 1 Feb 56

1. Family Name: V. Albert Aliases: _____
Given Name: Theodor Sex: male
Maiden Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: 9 Oct 22 3. Citizenship: Austria
4. Place of Birth: Planegg b/ Muenchen
5. Present Residence: Salzburg, Fichtenweg 25
6. Previous Residences (since 1945) (indicate dates): _____
115 Sep 49 ien
115 Sep 55 Muenchen
7. Occupation: _____ Interviewer (technical information)
8. Present Employer: DPT 8. 7056 11511 1155 1155 1155
9. Address of Present Employer: Berchtesgaden Sub Area
10. Reason for Registry Check: Appointment
11. Any presently known derogatory information: _____
12. Other information: _____

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27. März 1956

Results of Registry Check:

Date of Report: _____

- a. No record
- b. No derogatory information
- c. Cannot identify
- d. No additional information
- e. The following counterintelligence information, classified TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, dated _____ is available:

Report on SUBJECT has been forwarded during March 1956 through USAF channels to SUBJECT's employing office.

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ALBERT, Theodor:

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Born on 9 October 1922 in PLANEGG near MUNICH, ALBERT resided in 1954 at SALZBURG, Austria, Neufangasse 3/1. SUBJECT is married to Marie ALBERT nee FEST, born on 19 June 1925 in KIRCHDRAUF, CSR.

From 1928 to 1938 ALBERT attended high school and graduated in 1941. ALBERT then studied law in BRATISLAVA and VIENNA, but discontinued his studies in VIENNA in 1945 due to financial difficulties. In early 1945 SUBJECT and his family moved to BAD GASTEIN, Austria, where they remained until January 1946, when ALBERT returned to VIENNA to study at the Hochschule fuer Welthandel. While engaged in these studies SUBJECT worked for a translation agency located at VIENNA VIII, Pfeilgasse 32, where he resided at the time. During the same time, ALBERT also wrote newspaper articles on southeastern European affairs and became the VIENNA representative of the British publication, Trade & Industry. In 1948 SUBJECT obtained employment with the Red White Red (Rot-Weiss-Rot) radio station in VIENNA, acting as an editor and speaker in the Serbo-Croatian language for the Voice of America. ALBERT quit his job with the Rot-Weiss-Rot station in August or September 1949 when he obtained employment with the Union publishing firm. In January 1950 SUBJECT founded the press agency, Interreport, located at VIENNA IX, Liechtensteinstrasse 3, together with Ernst Peter RINDL, alias Georg UBL, born on 13 July 1915, and Dr. Herbert KOENIG. Interreport collected information, mostly of an industrial and economic nature, on southeastern countries and then distributed the information to various publications and agencies. (C-3) In addition, it is known that this agency served as a cover for the collection of intelligence information destined for French and Austrian intelligence services. (B-2) In January 1952 ALBERT left Interreport, allegedly because RINDL, a former Austrian Communist Party propaganda agent in VIENNA, had founded Communist cells in England and Canada during World War II, and because Armand FELINE R. who later became a partner in the firm, turned out to be a French intelligence agent who used the publication as a cover for his intelligence activities. Subsequently SUBJECT moved to HALLTANG and to SALZBURG, where, in 1953, he reportedly was engaged in writing newspaper articles concerning southeastern Europe and the Middle East for various newspapers and publications in Germany and Austria. (C-3)

ALBERT allegedly became active in the intelligence field in March 1952, when he met Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL and was reported by HOETTL for work on behalf of the IFG. (C-3) A contradiction exists here in that SUBJECT said he was put in touch with HOETTL by Georg UBL, the cover name for RINDL, with whom SUBJECT had allegedly broken off association because of RINDL's KPO connections. SUBJECT reportedly ran a network of informants in Austria, who submitted reports on the countries of southeastern Europe. ALBERT, in turn, forwarded reports to HOETTL or HOETTL's representative in LINZ, Austria, Baron Harry BAST. After HOETTL was dismissed by the IFG in December 1952, SUBJECT continued his work, apparently in charge of at least part of the operation of the Austrian network of the IFG. (B-2)

In 1954, the BIV reported an allegation that ALBERT was a double agent of the RIS and the IFG. (F-6) In approximately 1952, SUBJECT reportedly

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had contact with the KPOs in VIENNA through one Heinz SIEGERT, an editor of the Oesterreichischer Beobachter; the National Liga publication in VIENNA. ALBERT's connection with Peter RINDL has already been noted. (C-3)

In April 1953 ALBERT's wife, Maria ALBERT nee FEST, is reported to have stated that if she had remained in the CSR, she would have had a Doctorate in the field of Pharmaceutics, and would have been first assistant at the Galenic Institute of the Medical School of the University of PRESSBURG, and a confidant of the KP. As it was, Maria ALBERT felt that she had missed all these chances. (B-2)

M/R: Co-ord. with Boensu, CS, 23 March 1956 - Farwell

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