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GV C - Legalization Procedure for Operatives
in Austria

1. The attached ZIPPER memoranda, although somewhat ancient (they have given way until now to items of more urgent nature), are probably of some interest, as they relate in detail the means employed by GV C to convert German citizens and DP's (principally former Soviet nationals) into Austrian citizens, or at least to provide such people with Austrian Identity Cards backstopped with the office of issue, so that a cursory check, at least, could substantiate the validity of any questioned I-karte.

2. Origin of this enterprise is V-11846, last Deputy Commander of AST WIEN during the war (under SMITZER of ZIPPER Hq), and personal friend (and wartime boss) of the notorious Ing Richard KAUFER/KLATT. Actual provider of the documents is the equally well-known SALZBURG Stape type Johann ANGERER, the SALZBURG Stape Johannes ~~Factor~~ for all dealings with intelligence organizations. (We know him to be connected to Art BLANK both via Albert HARTL and directly via SCHULZ/WUPLER in MUNICH; to CIC SALZBURG through Rolf RIEGER; in contact with Willi HOTTTL via HARTL; and formerly connected to the GROSSBAHN operation). We have coordinated ZIPPER connections to ANGERER with SOB.

3. When GV C first made the suggestion that they procure documents from Austrian police in SALZBURG, our reaction was decidedly negative, since the Austrian policeman involved was unknown to GV C, the connection existed purely via V-11846, and we strongly suspected the hand of KAUFER in the affair. Ultimately, GV C identified the cop as ANGERER, when our objections took on a new hue. We pointed out that ANGERER's readiness to assist them was somewhat curious, and that this project had the potential of giving the Austrian police control over all GV C people in Austria. Furthermore, we pointed out that ANGERER could not be under any illusions about the identity of the "Western intelligence service" asking him for this aid, since his connections to Art BLANK - of which ZIPPER knew through the SMAYER - HOTTTL negotiations) left ANGERER in a position to know he must be dealing with ZIPPER. We offered an alternative solution for "CAP" types - namely, legalization as newly-arrived refugees through MIS Austria channels, but ZIPPER (and especially GV C) was not enthusiastic. Having pointed out the dangers to GV C represented by regis-

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tering their operatives with the Austrian Police, but finding GV C somewhat more resolute to use this system, we finally acceded. Principal GV C argument in support of ANOFFER's assertion that only he knew of this affair is the fact that ANOFFER (who appears in enclosures as "KARL") accepted 1000 schillings per I-Karte, in our view hardly conclusive. But we are continuing to let nature take its course, and to date no flaps regarding this document channel have been reported to us. We remain convinced, however, that this is just one more enterprise on the part of ANOFFER and Co to tap the GIB in Austria.

4. Enclosures give full details of the three categories of documentation jobs available to GV C through this channel:

- a. Category I - Through use of false birth certificates and other (forged) supporting documents (which were merely shown to ANOFFER, not retained in Austrian files), persons are converted to legal Austrian citizens. Only V-11603 and wife (V-11613) have been so "converted".
- b. Category II - Personnel issued back-stopped I-Karten as "informants" of ANOFFER. Any police queries would have to be referred to ANOFFER, who would vouch for them. V-11825 and V-11730 were so equipped.
- c. Category III - The "twin" system. Austrians unlikely to travel such (farmers etc), with no criminal/political background, and to whom the operatives bear physical resemblance, are selected, and another I-Karte (forged) is issued bearing number and name of the twin. Routine check on authenticity of the I-Karte would be answered positively, but of course a local check would usually collapse, since the real holder of the I-Karte would probably prove he was not in the place where his twin was apprehended. This system has the further drawback that an operative may be the innocent victim of the sins of his (unfitting) twin, but appeals to us nonetheless as the best solution.

5. In summary, our objection to this system is directed primarily against ANOFFER, whose motives in this play are, we feel, almost certainly devious. GV C has not made much use of this system of late, but presumably still has the potential

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