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TO : Chief, EE
Attn: []
FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg *MIB*
SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational *GROOVY*
SPECIFIC: [] - Progress Report for 22 Oct - 22 Nov 1954

1. Headquarters Action Required: Request traces on the Subject of para 2a below.

2. Developments:

a. Josef MAGNUS. [] has corrected his report that MAGNUS recently returned from the USSR. MAGNUS actually visited the CSR as a guest of the Austro-Czech Society. Confusion probably resulted from the fact that the information came to [] via Johann STIEBERZ (former ZIPPER, ODOPAL, and KUGOWN agent) and []. (See paras 3, 4, 5, and 6 of SIM/844 and paras 3, 4 and 5 of SIM/870). [] also brought us Kripo documents from 1944, 1945 and 1946 which show that MAGNUS denounced his landlord to the Gestapo in 1944. The landlord, Johann STOECKL of Bockstein, in turn denounced MAGNUS in 1946 for having been a high-ranking member of the Hitler Youth and for MAGNUS' denunciation of STOECKL to the Gestapo.

b. Stapo Study. [] continues to work on the Salzburg Stapo personnel study. He has provided basic BI data and what he knows of each person's political leanings and IS connections on nine staff members (See para 7 of SIM/844 and para 6 of SIM/870.) There remain ten employees to include in the analysis. Persons already covered include the three top men, Utho WOSP, Erich KAPPEL, and Karl KOLSCHEGG.

c. There have been no other noteworthy developments in the case and no significant changes of emphasis.

3. Analysis of Developments. We have two comments with regard to our candid appraisal of the MAGNUS development. First we believe this data again illustrates that [] is considerably more witting as to [] IS role than [] tells us. Secondly we believe [] work shows that he can be detailed and thorough when such discipline is demanded of him. Our only comment on the Stapo study is that we have an example of its potential worth in our search for a successor to [] Because [] was afraid to run Meldeamt checks and furnish DOBs and POBs on the top Stapo officers in Graz we may expect delay in the POC grant for the subject of EASA-4056. (See EASW-1134.) Such a problem should not arise in our Salzburg police effort.

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4. Future Plans. Our future plans on the possible legal traveller lead embodied in Josef MAGNUS are presently limited to running local ODOPAL, GRUELLER, and VOB namechecks. Further follow-up plans will be based on the results of these trace requests.

5. Attached are SIM/844 and SIM/870.

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b. Egon KRAFT. Kriminal Rayonsinspektor, born 27 October 1914 in Salzburg, Austrian, married, one child, resident of Salzburg, Swedenstrasse 14. He joined the Infantry in 1933 in Salzburg. He served with the 22nd Flak Regiment in Berlin and was later with Flak Regiment 8 in Vienna. He is believed to be politically oriented toward the Right. He might possibly be willing to work for a Western intelligence service for money.

c. Karl WITMER. Kriminalrayonsinspektor, born 7 September 1915 in Salzburg, Austrian, married, two children, resident of Salzburg, Thuriwiesergasse 4. He was with the Austrian Bundesheer for one year. In 1938 he joined the police force under the German system. He was trained in Berlin. During the war he served in Norway and Greece. He is a Socialist.

d. Johann REIDELSPENGER. Kriminalreviersinspektor, Gruppenfuhrer, Gruppe I/1., Austrian, single, Catholic, born 11 December 1913 in Saalfelden, resident of Salzburg, Paris-Lodron Strasse 20, with the Mammel family. He entered the Bundesheer (infantry) in 1931. In 1938 he joined the police force. He is believed to have been a lieutenant in the Schutzpolizei. He has the reputation of being an efficient officer. Politically he leans slightly to the Right. He especially enjoys living well and if the risk were not too great could be recruited by a Western intelligence service.

e. Johann KALIS. Kriminalbeamter, Chief of the Vereins und Pressewesen Section, born 22 January 1927 in Weipert, CSR, Austrian, single, Catholic, resident of Salzburg, Hubert-Sattler Gasse 13/III. His political orientation is probably to the Right. When in the past had asked colleagues about the man's political orientation they called him a Bohemian, which meant they didn't think it was possible to assess his political leanings.

8. Johann ANGERER. said ANGERER and his wife were in Gras on vacation from 18 to 20 October 1954. believes ANGERER had an intelligence meeting in Gras.

Communications

9. The next meeting was arranged for 1930 hours on 3 November 1954 at the saferoom.

Security

10. See paras 3 through 6 above.

Case Officer Comments

11. No general comments.

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