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TO : Chief, EE  
Attn: [ ]  
FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg *MHB*  
SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational/GROOVY  
SPECIFIC: [ ] Progress Report for 22 November - 22 December 1954

1. Headquarters Action Required

None. For information and files only.

2. Developments

a. Production increase. Although the majority of [ ] production has been marginal, there was a slight and somewhat gratifying increase at the 8 December meeting. [ ] delivered four items. Among them was a report on German scientists working in the USSR. [ ] obtained this report from [ ] who interviewed the source, a returned PW from the USSR. There appears to be a GRINDULGE trace contained in the report. (See para. 2c and 7 of SIM/903).

b. Stapo study. [ ] continues to work on the Salzburg Stapo personnel study. He has provided BI data on two more members of Stapo, along with each persons political and IS connections (see para. 3a of SIM/886).

3. Analysis of Developments

Our only analytical comment is, that although [ ] complains considerably about not having a specific name trace assignment, in volume, he usually manages to come up with some sort of an intelligence item to report on at each meeting. [ ] naturally, prefers to concentrate on name trace requests.

4. Future Plans

We plan to urge [ ] to be even more diligent in obtaining debriefings of returned PW's from the USSR. In view of the increased demands by Austrian officials that the U. S. leave returned PW's alone, and since a new group of ex-PW's just arrived, we may be able to further increase [ ] production via this channel.

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Attachments:

SIM/903

SIM/886

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2-Vien (w/2 atts a/s)

1-Chrono (w/o atts)

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SOLTRA. SOLTRA has a family with 5 children in Hungary, yet SOLTRA is breaking up a marriage in Salzburg in which there are 5 children. (Ingoldsby Comment: SOB traces show that SOLTRA is a member of the HAHOTI group. The HAHOTI group is a notorious Hungarian fabrication ring. Traces show that an Imre BOEDY was recruited in January 1954. [ ] SSALZ-2934, dated 3 August 1954.)

#### OPERATIONAL MATTERS

3a. Frans RIEDER. [ ] reported that RIEDER was born on 10 November 1904 in Vienna. He is an Austrian citizen, married, Protestant and a resident of Salzburg, Lasserstr. 45. [ ] supplied this data on [ ] previous demand (see SIM/870). RIEDER was the source of the report that the GARTNER firm in Lambach, Upper Austria was transporting USIA gasoline.

b. Johann ANGERER and Franz EISL. [ ] reported that ANGERER and EISL sent to Preilassing on 1 December 1954.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. [ ] paid [ ] 1,900 AS for the period of December, 1,400 AS were for [ ], 200 AS were for [ ] and 300 AS were for safehouse rental. [ ] told [ ] that he would be paid a Christmas bonus of 1,600 AS for himself and [ ] at the next meeting on 5 January 1955. He will not be paid his January salary in advance. He will be paid for January at the end of January. There will be no more advance payments. [ ] Comment: There was no particular resistance on the part of [ ] to the above action. [ ] merely told [ ] that this was the way things were going to be and he accepted it.)

#### COMMUNICATIONS

5. The next meeting was arranged for 5 January 1955 at 1900 hours in the safe room.

#### SECURITY

6. No new developments.

#### NAME TRACES

7. Name traces on new names were reported above with the exception of a trace on Col. (fnu) DENISOV. DENISOV is mentioned in the report on scientists in the USSR as being Deputy Chief of Prison Management in Moscow. According to SSALZ-2329, dated 19 February 1954, a Col. (fnu) DENISOV was Chief of Prison Section of the MVD in Moscow.