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On April 26, 1965, Mrs. JOHN DOUBRAVA, 102 Kashmuir Place, San Antonio, Texas, advised a Special Agent of the FBI as follows

In November 1963 her husband, JOHN DOUBRAVA, was hospitalized for approximately one week at St. Benedict's Hospital, 323 Johnson Street, San Antonio, Texas. During her husband's hospital stay, she, Mrs. DOUBRAVA, visited her husband on a daily basis. During her husband's stay in the hospital, he was frequently visited by a Catholic priest whom Mrs. DOUBRAVA assumed might be a Chaplain at the hospital.

Mrs. DOUBRAVA stated that the Catholic priest would spend long periods of time talking to her husband and herself and, during these conversations, the priest indicated that he was from Europe and, while she could not recall specifically, she thought he said he was from either Czechoslovakia. Hungary, or Poland. She recalls the priest stating that his family were farmers in Europe and that he had been interned in a concentration camp in Germany during World War II. The priest indicated he was able to survive the concentration camp because of the fact that he was a priest and they did not treat him as badly as other individuals were treated. The priest, on one occasion, mentioned that men were

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used to rest various medicines in the concentration camp and as guinea pigs in performance of certain operations by doctors. Mrs. DOUBRAVA recalled that the priest indicated he had been in the United States for about twelve years and further indicated he had no family in the United States, She also recalls that the priest indicated that he spoke seven or eight different languages. She also recalled the priest making some reference to the fact that at one time he had met ADOLPH HITLER; but he did not admire him.

Mme. DOUBRAVA sould not recall the priest's name but it sounded like Father GORMANN (phonetic). She described him as follows:

> Age: Height. Weight: Hair.

Remarks:

Speech:

About 65 years 518" 150 pounds Partially bald, high forehead, and hair was gray and thinning. She estimated that his shoe size would be an "3" or "9" inasmuch as she was comparing his size with the size of shoes her husband and son wore, The priest spoke with an accent.

Mrs. DOUBRAVA stated that after her husband left the hospital, they had no contact whatsoever with the priest and did not think anymore about until reading the article in March, 1965 issue of Reader's Digest regarding MARTIN BORMANN. She stated that the photograph of BORMANN which appeared in the Reader's Digest could be an early likeness of the priest whom she and her husband had met at the hospital. She stated she discussed the matter with her husband, and he agreed that there was some likeness regarding the photograph and



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and the priest. She stated that they then decided to write the State Department, which she did, since it may have been of some assistance.

Mrs. DOUBRAVA stated she did not want to embarrass anyone and she hoped that she was not causing some unnecessary trouble.

She could furnish no further information,

On April 27, 1965. Right Reverend J. L. MANNING, Chancellor, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Chancery Office, 9123 Lorene, San Antonio, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI. The above information furnished by Mrs. DOUBRAVA was discussed with Monsignor MANNING, and he advised that the Chaplain at St. Benedict's Hospital in San Antonio is a Reverend EUGENE CRZYBHODZEN. Monsignor MANNING stated that Father CRZYBHODZEN was originally from Poland and, during World War II, served in a concentration camp. He stated that Father CRZYBHODZEN was Chaplain at St. Benedict's Hospital in November 1953 and Father CRZYBHODZEN came to the United States after World War II in about 1945 or 1947.

He described Father CRZYBHODZEN as follows

Age: Height: Weight: Hair: About 55 5'6" 150-160 pounds Gray

Monsignor MANNING pointed out that at the same time that Father CRZYBHODZEN came to the United States, a Reverend BERNARD GOEBEL also came to the United States. He stated for a short time, the exact dates not recalled, Father GOEBEL relieved Father CRZYBHODZEN at St. Benedict's Hospital when Father CRZYBHODZEN took a vacation. Monsignor MANNING stated that Father GOEBEL, who also served in a German concentration camp, is of about the same description of Father CRZYBHODZEN with the exception that he is approximately five feet, eight inches in height. At the present time, Father GOEBEL is assigned to a Catholic Church in Hobson, Texas

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Monsignor MANNING stated that father GOEBEL was either from Poland or he may have been from Germany. He stated, however, that both priests were cleared through Rome and, as soon as they arrived in the archdiocese of San Antonio, were given pastoral duties, such as hearing confessions and other duties performed by Catholic priests. Monsignor MANNING stated it was his opinion that if either of these priests might have been impostors or frauds, their actions when they arrived in the United States would have given them away. Monsignor MANNING stressed that this was merely a personal opinion on his part,

Monsignor MANNING stated that nothing has come to his attention since these two priests have been in the archdiocese of San Antonio which would lead him to believe they were not bona fide Catholic priests.

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