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Date: April 19, 1961  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
Attention: Chief, Security Division  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: VICTOR BOTA, also known as  
Gyozo Bota  
INTERNAL SECURITY - HU

The captioned individual, born April 2, 1937, Budapest, Hungary, entered the United States under the Hungarian Emergency Refugee Program on September 10, 1957.

During a recent interview, Bota advised that following an unsuccessful effort to escape from Hungary during February, 1957, he was arrested, imprisoned, and subsequently interrogated by the AVH (Hungarian Intelligence). As a result of the interrogation and allegedly under threat, Bota was recruited by the AVH and eventually dispatched to Austria to obtain information concerning other Hungarian refugees at Camp Roeder, Salzburg, Austria. He was also specifically assigned to develop information concerning one Ferenc Farkas known to subject as head of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at Camp Roeder. Farkas was described to subject by his AVH superiors as one of several army traitors who had fled Hungary shortly after World War II and was currently engaged in espionage activities against Hungary.

Shortly after arriving at Camp Roeder, subject was allegedly approached by Farkas who expressed awareness that subject was in contact with the AVH. Farkas ordered subject to divulge the extent of his relationship with the AVH. He later agreed to do so after being advised by a fellow

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refugee that Farkas was probably working as an agent for either British or United States intelligence. Thereafter, Farkas allegedly supervised and screened all of subject's contacts with the AVH until the subject left Austria for the United States.

It is possible that the Farkas referred to is Ferenc Kisbaraki-Farkas, identified in our files as a former Hungarian Army general who fled from Hungary to Austria after World War II and who has been active in various Hungarian emigre groups in Austria since that time. There are indications in our files that the latter individual has been utilized by various Western intelligence agencies as a source of information concerning Hungarian matters. However, we have no information indicating he was operating agents in Austria on behalf of the West.

In order to determine the accuracy of information which has been related to us by the subject, we would appreciate being advised if the subject is known to recipients and further, as alleged, that the subject was operated by Ferenc Farkas as a double agent against the AVH.

No dissemination of the information supplied by the subject should be made.

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Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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