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CIC REG. NO. 520

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF SUBJECT

KAUDER-KLATT, Richard  
Land Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria

2. DATE SUBMITTED 23 September 1953

3. CONTROL NUMBER 01392  
S-19256 DBC/ve

4. SUMMARY OF SUBJECT

On 8 September 1953 Informant 3848 submitted substantially the following information concerning Richard KAUDER-KLATT, born 6 September 1900 in Vienna, Austria, with offices at Schwarzenstrasse 30, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria, which he had obtained from a source in the Austrian State Police (Bundespolizei): Informant 3848 stated that in February 1952 SUBJECT had one Alexander Szemmann visit him in Salzburg. Szemmann, an artist, born 18 March 1906 in Hochneusevasserthel, Hungary, a Hungarian citizen, had been a member of a dance troupe which SUBJECT had managed in the Balkans during World War II, and which had engaged in espionage activities on behalf of Germany. Several months after Szemmann's arrival in Salzburg, one Josef Hekke, a dancer, born 4 June 1898, an Argentine citizen, came to Salzburg, again at the invitation of SUBJECT, SUBJECT was planning to organize a new dance troupe which was also to be used for intelligence purposes. SUBJECT also brought a ballet troupe from Vienna to Salzburg in 1952; the troupe trained in Grossgmain near Salzburg, but eventually returned to Vienna, which resulted in a financial loss to SUBJECT. During this time certain remarks made by SUBJECT in conversations indicated that there was a financial dispute between SUBJECT and Szemmann, and that SUBJECT was afraid of Szemmann's taking legal steps against him. The dispute came to a head in the end of August 1953 when Szemmann filed a formal complaint with the Salzburg Police which stated that SUBJECT had embezzled from him 3/4 of a kilogram of pure gold and 750 American dollars. Investigation disclosed that Szemmann had deposited the gold and dollars with SUBJECT and that SUBJECT, having deposited them at the Berger and Co. Bank on Ortoferasse, Salzburg, spent all the dollars and then mortgaged the gold. SUBJECT defended himself by stating, and furnishing evidence to substantiate his statement, that he had had to support Szemmann, Hekke, and the Viennese ballet troupe. In spite of his defense, and the fact that one half kilogram of gold was still available, an amount of 20,000 schillings was adjudged as still missing. Consequently SUBJECT was apprehended on 31 August 1953 and transferred to the Land Court (Landesgericht) Prison, Salzburg, on 2 September 1953, with bail set at 20,000 schillings, which could not be provided by Dr. Theodor Fell, SUBJECT's lawyer. As soon as SUBJECT was transferred to the Landesgericht Prison, protests were made against his arrest by Hofrat and Police Director Dr. Richard Boehm and by Dr. Adelbert Proschko, Salzburg Police Official. The protests were withdrawn when the prosecutor insisted on SUBJECT's imprisonment for violation of the law. Informant 3848 stated that he considered it understandable that Proschko should intervene for SUBJECT, since both came from the same area, but he could not explain Boehm's intervention except through Boehm's friendship with Fell. (C-8)

5. NAME OF SOURCE S/A CIC  
(Salzburg)

6. SIGNATURE OF SOURCE [Signature]

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