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SCX 002-210

14 February 1945

To: SAINT Washington  
From: SAINT Caserta *Aradi, Zolt*  
Subject: X-2241 - C-E Aspects in the Employment of  
Certain Hungarian Nationals in Italy and  
Central Europe.

1. We are replying immediately to your X-2241 in order that you may have the latest information in regard to the Hungarian Nationals employed by SICE.

2. Following the dispatch of our report of 10 October, Cable No. 335 was received from London informing that there was no adverse information available on *Magyar* *from* *Magyar* *Kovacs* and *Kiss* and no trace on Magyar, Kovacs and Kiss. Shortly thereafter the joint X-2-SI cable referred to in your paragraph 7 was received.

3. A series of conferences were held between the Chief SI, the Chief SICE and myself in regard to these individuals, at which an understanding was reached that could in no sense of the word be termed satisfactory, but was the only possible conclusion; namely, that no further action would be taken by X-2 until further facts could be ascertained.

4. At this conference were discussed the facts relating to the relationship between Apor and the BB Landers as transmitted from Puritan to here through Artifice. No further substantiation of these facts has been disclosed either from Artifice sources or other channels.

5. At the time of the conference Magyar and Kovacs had been dropped into enemy territory on the following mission: "To contact certain churchmen and others connected with the so-called Court Group in Budapest for the purpose of securing a Hungarian resistance".

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With the collapse of the Horthy government this mission became fruitless, and Magyar and Kovacs are of no further use to SICE. It might be added that since their drop no further word has been received from them, and it is presumed they have been captured or killed. If they are over-run or if they contact, by any means, an OSS representative, SICE has agreed immediately to consider them as enemy controlled agents and will make no further use of them.

6. With regard to Apor, OSS has made no further use of him as a source for information nor have they considered the use of the proffered W/T. He is under close CIC and SCI supervision in Rome. Kiss has been assigned to the Budapest City Team as an interpreter, and it is doubted whether he will ever actually reach that city.

7. The remaining individual, Aradi, continues as Hungarian consultant to SICE at Caserta. He is under close surveillance of this Branch and has been interrogated informally on several occasions in regard to his movements and his contacts in Rome. He has access to SICE files and plans including those referring to the Dawes and Day Missions.

8. In the opinion of this office Aradi alone constitutes the major threat to SICE security. However, with the impending collapse of the enemy, future SICE plans for operation in enemy territory are inconsequential and Aradi can be looked upon as a man who very successfully penetrated OSS. For this reason we plan long term surveillance of his activities.

9. With regard to the Day and Dawes Missions the report of 10 February from Saint Bari regarding circumstances of their capture, together with other information that has been made available, makes it unlikely that their capture resulted from a leak from this Headquarters, however, we are keeping our eye on this possibility.

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