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SECURITY SUB DIVISION

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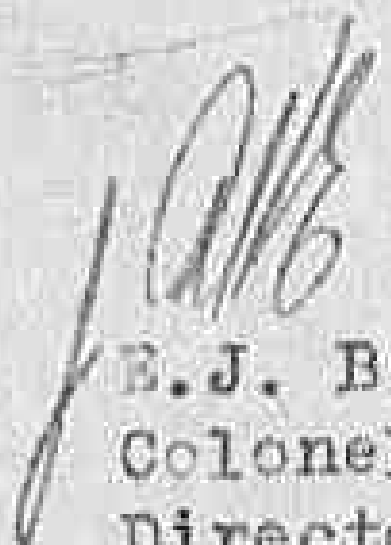
SUBJECT : Trial of WEINBERGER Manuela and others

TO : Il Procuratore Generale Militare, presso
Ministero della Guerra, ROMA

1. It is understood that the above named was charged jointly with Tesey KAUFMANN and Lily BEDEK with military espionage before the Tribunale Speciale per la Difesa dello Stato in ROME on 22 November 1940 and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.

2. It will be appreciated if you will forward to this HQ a certified copy of the charges preferred; the judgment and findings of the Court in this particular case.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:


E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
Director,
Public Safety Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

8 March 1946

REF. : D/540.01

SUBJECT : Austrian Activities - MERANO

TO : CSI, HQ, No. 2 District.

1. The following information has been received by this Division regarding alleged activities of certain Austrian nationals in MERANO.

2. It is reported that an office has been opened at Georgenstrasse 11, Merano by the four undermentioned. Alleged to be known as the Austrian Consulate, actually engaged in smuggling goods from Austria and selling to the Italian black market.

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b. PIRELLER, as above. Reported to be a relative of the secretary of the Austrian Foreign Office, a certain GRUBER.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.C.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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Copy to : C.I.G., Bolzano Liaison Group A.C.
(Att'n of P.S.S.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/540.1-3

24 September 1945

SUBJECT : Austrian Liberation Committee
Via Agnello 12, Milano.

TO : Major HEATH Security Officer,
Lombardia Region

1. Reference your S/1401 of 19 September 1945.

2. The Austria Liberation Committee has no official recognition and this is not likely until the political future of Austria is concretely defined.

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S.J. HARVEY,
Major,
Security Division.

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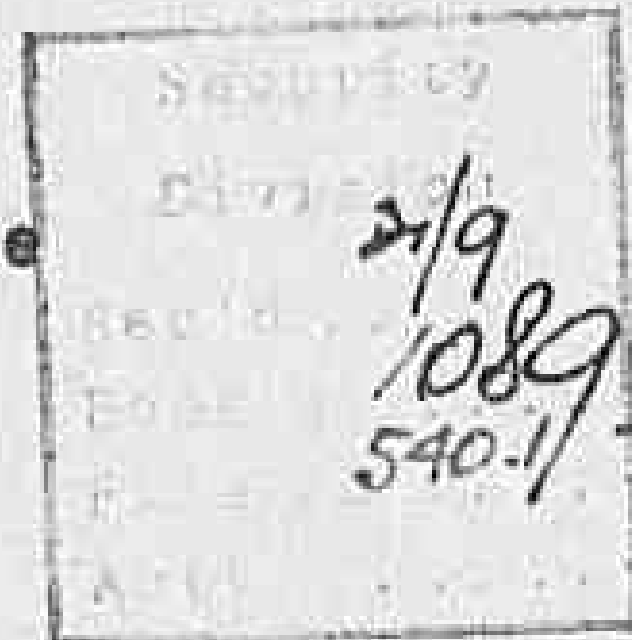
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

Ref. S/ I40I

September 19th, 1945.

SUBJECT:- Austrian Liberation Committee
Via Agnello 12, Milano.

TO:- AC HQ., Security Division
(Attn. Maj. HARVEY)



1. Reference is made to S/I08I dated 7 August 1945, with regard to Subject.

2. Whilst the very fact of the existence of a so-called Austrian Liberation Committee presents certain potential threats to Security, their continuance in a requisitioned hotel (Albergo FERRATA, Via Marco Polo, Milano) raises the very pressing question of accomodation - at present so urgently required - being available to them as a privilege rather than as a right.

3. The Committee exists ostensibly to provide assistance for Austrian citizens in the area. It is, of course, in no position to do this, more particularly as it has no official status. It raises funds by subscriptions but the only activity of which there is any evidence is of a commercial nature, apparently designed for purely individual profit.

4. It is a noteworthy fact that certificates recognizing the bearer as an Austrian citizen have been issued by members of the Committee to German subjects, not excluding members of the German Armed Forces. Needless to say that wherever such instances came to light, prompt action was taken.

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5. It would be appreciated if these HQ. could be informed what the official opinion is of the Committee and whether it is officially recognized. In the latter event, could the name of the President and/or other official members of the Committee be issued with proper credentials and copies forwarded to these HQ ?

A.E. Heath
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Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

Copies to :

- G.S.I. N°2 District
(Attn. Capt. CHAPPELL)
- R.P.S.O.
- N°3 S.C.I. Unit
- 427 F.S.S.
- I.S.L.D.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION

APO 394

Regional Security Officer

Ref. 3/1081

August 7th, 1945.

SUBJECT:- Austrian Liberation Committee

- 1) Dr. BRENNER
- 2) Lt. HERO VON SANDEN etc.

TO:- G.S.I. No 2 District

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Division

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File No 5401

Action

1. Attached hereto are copies of :

- a) a letter by Heron Anderlani to the P.P.S.O., Milan Province
Maj. CONFREY.
- b) a first statement by Miss Paula PULAY, Austrian citizen,
formerly employed by the Austrian Liberation Committee.
- c) a statement by Mr. Marcel MELAND on 31 July 1945.
- d) statements by Miss Eugenie REJDA on 31 July 1945,
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and by Mr. Walter LUNESCH on 2 August 1945. All these
statements confirm Mr. MELAND's one.
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whom he is issuing certificates as Austrian citizens,
and to whom he gives posts within the Austrian Committee.
Amongst these are Mr. VON KOZURIK, a German Major,

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Eng. KOMMISSORNER of the RHK and Mr. Haro VON SANDEN.

c) In particular Subject is in close friendship with Haro VON SANDEN, born in East Prussia, who was a Lieutenant in the Cossack Division in Croatia and held a post in the Platz-Kommandantur in Milano during the German occupation. BRENNER handed over the funds of the Austrian Committee to Lt. VON SANDEN. VON SANDEN thus became cashier of the Committee until dissatisfaction was so strong amongst the Austrians that he had to resign from this function.

d) Dr. BRENNER issued a certificate to VON SANDEN, signed by himself, stating that the latter is an Austrian national. This certificate was handed to the Ufficio Anagrafe. Mr. MELANDER (see attached statement), saw this document and, knowing that VON SANDEN was a German and not an Austrian, obtained it and had some photostats made and returned the original. He gave these copies to Mr. SIMONELLI of the Austrian Committee, in order to have them sent to Rome. The copies, however, were taken by an unknown individual, wearing an Italian uniform.

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Major I.C.

Regional Security and
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Baron Jörg ANDERLAND

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c/o

Major P.E. COXHEAD
Public Safety
Division AMG of Milan
Piazza Scala n.3
M I L A N

Milan, July 31th, 1945.

In my quality as leader of the Austrian partisans in Lombardy during the period of German occupation, and promotor of the Austrian Committee of Liberation, of Milan, and president of this Committee up to some weeks ago. I beg to apply to you with the following request. As in the actual Austrian territory there is no government, nor Austrian executive power, nor constitution, and therefore, no legal or political act whatever can be carried out, as an Austrian citizen resident in Lombardy I beg to address the following request to the competent Allied asking it to treat the matter exposed below.

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1) The Austrian Committee is not led on the principle of a committee, but on the principles of a Nazi-fascist State (Leader Principle) The democratic thought is entirely excluded from any influence.

2. Dr. Brenner is told to have handed to German citizens, for instance to a certain Mr. von SANDEN, documents proving their Austrian citizenship. Any objection that such document had been given by mistake, could not be accepted because Dr. BRENNER and Mr. V. SANDEN have been friends since a considerable space of time. It is therefore, impossible to suppose Mr. BRENNER not to know that Mr. V. Sanden is of East-Prussian origin.

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It is told that to certain Mr. von Dahlen and Mr. de VOGT, both of Berlin, moral supports and facilities with Authorities had been given, by means of the Austrian Committee.

3) The cash and financial administration of the Committee is said to be considered secret and not yielding to any control. Secret

and "black" funds are said to exist with the Committee.

4) The Austrian colony of Milan, first of all the active Anti-Nazi-fascists, decline to be led politically by a man who in France occupied the charge of Nazi liquidator of American properties (plane and steel factories) and in Italy was substitute chief of armament production continuing his activity for the Nazis up to the very last moment.

5) Moreover, Dr. BRENNER has been reproached to have effected, by mediators, the imprisonment of several Austrian civil persons, by merely personal motives, if they hindered him in his aims, no regard whether they were active partisans, patriots etc.

Having a view to the above mentioned facts and to the interested of the Austrian colony I respectfully ask you to have the above charges examined. Please don't consider this request an obtrusiveness, but a vote of confidence for the Nations who liberated Austria from the Nazi oppression.

(firmato)

ANDERIAN JÓRÉ

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ANDERLAN JÓRG

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DECLARATION

SUBJECT: Austrian Liberation Committee.

FROM: Miss Paula Pulay, Austrian Citizen, Corso Como 4.

In origine the Austrian Liberation Committee has been founded by a few Austrian partisans, not willing to continue fighting with the Germans. They were headed by Baron Joerg V. An der Lan, who was in good relations with the partisans, having helped them a great deal during the period of the German occupation.

Dr. Brenner came together with his German friend Mr. V. Sanden to the Committee during the first days of May and offered their collaboration. Dr. Brenner was delegate of the Reich for airplane construction with Ruch and he soon occupied a special position in the Ruch staff. Mr. V. Sanden, Reichs-herman (East Prussia), Dr. Brenner's best friend, was let Lieut. of the Cossack division in Croatia and had, as he himself told, the task to arrange transport from Milan to Croatia, but his plans did not materialise because the war ended in the meanwhile.

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Besides that I can swear that Mr. V. Sanden got Austrian documents illegally from Dr. Brenner, who made a false statement that he was an Austrian. This false statement is in the possession of the Milan Comune. In the meanwhile that German officers got Austrian documents, former Austrian soldiers, that have been in service with the partisans and had documents from them, were sent away with the words: If you

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By Germans in the Committee I was asked to release them documents. As I refused this and did not want to have anything to do with Germans, they went to the porter of Via Agnello 12 and asked him to witness for Mr. Do Voigt, a German. The porter supposing that he was an Austrian witnessed from him. Discontentment increased each day in the Committee but no dared to say anything to avoid a disension among the Austrians abroad.

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The rumours about Dr. Brenner's actions reached the Austrian office in Rome, that was directed by Baron Waldenege and where any contact with the Milan office is avoided. In consequence Dr. Brenner went to Rome but was not received by anybody which means harm to all Austrians in Milan. Gentlemen from Rome Baron Priporosky, gets in in touch with me for enquiries about Dr. Brenner and took leave, saying that Brenner would be denounced by them in Rome.

Dr. Brenner lives together with three German soldiers 1st Lieut. V. Sanden, Van Dahlen and De Voigt in Via Fratelli Gabbi, IV Floor teleph. 152034.

Dr. Brenner knows that Mr. De Voigt is already wanted by the Anagrafe since two weeks and forbade me to talk about it. Besides that Dr. Brenner, as I was informed about everything, asked me to do nothing in this regard and compelled me, in my agitation to sign the attached paper.

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I beg the Allied Authorities to examine my statements and strike those guilty. The guilty ones leading and responsible for all Austrians living in Milan, without any directions from a higher authority, disguised behind the many decent Austrians who live here in Milan and who have always lived decently and are now getting a bad reputation unjustified by a group of Ruck employees and former officers.

I speak hear in the name of all Austrians, which have recognized Dr. Brenner and of whom can be said that he does not represent Austrian interests but is attending to his own materialistic ambitions thinking of his own wellbeing at the expense of others.

In case needed, Austrians are ready to give witness.

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VERBALE DI DICHIARAZIONE VOLONTARIA RESSA DAL SIG. MARCEL MELAMED DI
LICO E MARIA TAFELMAYER, residente in Via Generale Papa n. 21 Milano,
di professione Ingegnere, dinanzi al Major A.E. HEATH R.S.O.

Io sottoscritto dichiaro volontariamente quanto segue:
Giovedì scorso mi trovavo all'Ufficio Anagrafe in Via Rastello per
sbrigare le pratiche relative ad una Signora Austriaca, per conto
del Comitato Austriaco di Liberazione Nazionale, quando vidi un
signore che presentava il libretto militare tedesco del Sig. HARO
VON SANDEN, noto come prussiano orientale, ex tenente del Comando
Piazza tedesco di Milano. Tale signore voleva ritirare una dichiara-
zione in possesso dell'Ufficio Anagrafe, rilasciata dal Comitato
Austriaco e firmata dal suo Presidente dott. BRENNER che certifica-
va che il nominato Von SANDEN era cittadino austriaco, nato in Au-
stria.

Richiesto dalla Signorina MAGGIONE dell'ufficio Anagrafe, io le
consigliai di non consegnare la dichiarazione che era evidentemente
falsa. Mi feci invece consegnare io la dichiarazione e ne feci fare
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perchè facesse le indagini relative, l'originale della dichiarazione
è stato restituito alla Sig. MAGGIONE. Il dott. SIMONELLI ha conse-
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LAVORARA, Tel. 43.488, a chiedere notizie. Egli mi ha detto che il
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col dott. BRENNER facendogli presente che disapprovavo la sua linea
di condotta. Egli mi ha risposto che l'P.S.S. è al corrente del ca-
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Letto, confermato e sottoscritto, il 31 Luglio 1945 in Milano.

(firmato)
MARCEL MELAMED

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(firmato)

MARCEL MERLAND

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Milano, il 2 Agosto 1945

DICHIARAZIONE DEL SIG. LUXESCH WALTER

Io sottoscritto dichiaro di aver visto una dichiarazione del Comitato Austriaco firmata dal Sig. Dr. BRENNER relativa al Sig. HARRO von SANDEN la quale attesta la sua nazionalità austriaca.

Ho riconosciuto la firma del Dr. BRENNER come autentica.

(firmato)
LUXESCH WALTER

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LUXESCH WALTER

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VERBALE DI DICHIARAZIONE RESA DALLA SIG. EUGENIE REJDA, RESIDENTE
A MILANO VIA PANTANO N.26, DINNANZI AL MAJ. A.E. HEATH, R.S.O. AMG

Io sottoscritto dichiaro volontariamente quanto segue:-----
Confermo pienamente quanto ha dichiarato in pari data il Sig. Marce
MELAND circa il rilascio da parte del Sig. BRENNER, Presidente del
Comitato Austriaco di una dichiarazione non rispondente a verità
al Sig. HARO VON SANDEN. Posso aggiungere che per circa un mese ho
lavorato nello stesso Comitato e mi sono accorta che a vari citta-
dini tedeschi venivano rilasciate analoghe dichiarazioni per farli
apparire come austriaci. Alcuni cittadini tedeschi venivano anche
ammessi alla mensa austriaca e potevano abitare all'albergo Ferrata
requisito del IV Corpo per gli Austriaci. Tutto ciò dietro ordine
del Dr. BRENNER. Tra i tedeschi così favoriti posso citare WIESDOCK
già Ten.Col. nell'esercito tedesco, residente a Erfurt, HOLPE, sol
dato tedesco, VON SANDEN.

Posso confermare che VON SANDEN era intimo amico del dott. BRENNER
già durante l'occupazione tedesca, abitavano insieme ed avevano
rapporti d'affari. VON SANDEN era Tenente della Platzkommandantur,
mentre BRENNER era un funzionario della RUK.
VON SANDEN era stato incaricato dal BRENNER di tenere la cassa del
Comitato Austriaco, fin quando io mi sono opposta, minacciando di
denunciarlo.

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Eugenie REJDA

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Eugenie REDA

DICHIARAZIONE

Da parecchio tempo avevamo il sospetto che il Dr. Ing. BRENNER avesse emesso documenti comprovanti la cittadinanza austriaca e sudditi germanici.

Il Sig. M. MELAMED, che per incarico del Comitato di liberazione austriaco aveva da fare all'ufficio anagrafe video, per caso uno di questi documenti e cioè una dichiarazione che il Sig. SANDEN era cittadino austriaco, mentre il Sig. SANDEN ha ripetutamente dichiarato parlando con diverse persone, di essere della Prussia Orientale. La dichiarazione all'ufficio anagrafe era timbrata e firmata dal presidente del Comitato Dr. BRENNER. Di questo documento venne fatta una fotocopia. Io ho visto tanto il documento quanto la fotocopia sulla quale la firma è ben riconoscibile. La fotocopia è stata inviata ad un signore che avrebbe dovuto portarla a Roma all'Austrian Office - Via Mercadante n. 15. Questo incaricato non è mai venuto in possesso di questo documento perchè appare consegnato in portineria, venne subito ritirato da sconosciuti in divisa italiana.

Al 29 Luglio il Sig. Dr. BRENNER è stato all'ufficio Anagrafe, dove, secondo dichiarazione del tenente LAVORARA del servizio segreto alleato, ha ritirato l'originale.

Milano, 30 luglio 1945.

SIMONELLI
membro del C.I.A.
Via Ravizza n. 76

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Milano, 31 luglio 1945.

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Milano, il 2 Agosto 1945

DICHIARAZIONE DELLA SIG.RA FULAY PAOLA IN AGGIUNTA ALLA PRECEDENTE

- Ieri sera, giorno 1 Agosto, presso il Comitato Austriaco, Via Agnello n.12, quattro persone (Brenna, Koenigstorfer, Adam e sig.na Keuschnigg) hanno sottratto alcuni documenti.
- Brenna, domiciliato Via F.lli Gabba n.9
- Koenigstorfer, Albergo Ferrara, Via Polo n.19
- Adam, domiciliato Via Agnello n.12 presso Ufficio Comitato Austriaco
- Sig.na Keuschnigg, domiciliata all'Albergo Ferrara, Via Marco Polo n.19.

(firmato)

FULAY PAOLA

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EULAY PAOLA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.S.394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF. : SD/540.1/4284.

20 January 1945

SUBJECT : OSTERREICHISCHES Bureau

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. Herewith copy of report concerning the above, submitted to GSI (B) Hq. 15 Army Group in accordance with 1401/11/GSI (B) dated 1 January 45.

2. Forwarded as requested in your G-5: 382.2-10 dated 18 January 45.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

Encl:- report as above (duplicate)

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G-5: 383.2-10

18 January 1945

SUBJECT: Osterreichisches Bureau.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

With reference to the attached copy of letter from Hq. 15th Army Group to the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, it is requested that a copy of your reply to 15th Army Group be furnished this Section.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, ACD1 Incl:
Cpy Ltr as above.

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COPYSUBJECT: Osterreichisches Bureau.

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HQ 15th ARMY GROUP, C.M.F.

Tel:- FIIPOT ADV 79.

1402/11/CSI(b).

1 Jan 45.

Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied CommissionCopy to:- G-2, AFHQ
G-2, RAAC

1. A certain PRZEWORSKI Konstantin has presented to the FSS, FLORENCE, a letter from the Osterreichisches Bureau, Via Mercadante 15, ROME, signed by BERGER WALDENEGG; the letter states that PRZEWORSKI has been entrusted with the task of setting up in FLORENCE a branch office of their organisation: the purpose of this would be to help Austrian citizens living in newly liberated areas of Northern ITALY. The letter further states that the organisation has the approval of the Political Section of AG and that the latter is aware of the intention to open a branch office in FLORENCE.
2. PRZEWORSKI is known to the FSS in FLORENCE, who know nothing to his detriment from the security point of view: he has requested their approval of the scheme, and they are not averse to it, as it would probably help them to control or supervise Austrian nationals in the neighbourhood.
3. Before agreeing to the proposal, however, we should like to check up whether in fact the Osterreichisches Bureau and BERGER WALDENEGG are known to and approved of by, the Allied Commission.
4. We should also be grateful for any further information which you can give us with regard to the Bureau - eg its status, whether it has been officially recognised by the Allied authorities, whether it has done useful work in ROME, whether it has given any cause for suspicion etc.

/s/ W.D. GIBSON Lt. Col.
for Brigadier, PGS (I).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref : 5D/540.I/4184

14 January 1945

Subject : Osterreichisches Bureau

To : GSI(b) HQ I5 Army Group.

1. With reference to your letter I4OI/II/GSI(b) dated 1 January 1945 regarding the above.

2. The proposal to open a branch office was known to the Political Section of Allied Commission who, while not authorizing or encouraging the scheme, have not objected.

3. A similar office in Rome was opened in June 1944 for the purpose of making contacts with Austrians in Italy, issuing certificates to them and supervising their welfare. These certificates have no legal validity and are not recognized officially by Allied or Italian authorities.

4. Baron WALDENBERG is regarded with suspicion by the British and American Governments and the latter once considered the desirability of closing the office. This was not done, however, but its utility to Allied agencies has diminished and their aid to it has been withdrawn.

5. The object of the Bureau was to found a Free Austrian Movement, but the Austrians in Rome have spread into several factions, representing different political views.

6. Neither the British nor the American Governments has recognised any Austrian Group or Committee, and care is being taken to see that any such group does not intimate that recognition has been obtained.

7. The Osterreichisches Bureau has provided useful information to the Allied Commission in Rome and has shown every willingness to assist. So far they have not given any cause for suspicion.

3. A similar office in Rome was opened in June 1941 for the purpose of making contacts with Austrians in Italy, issuing certificates to them and supervising their welfare. These certificates have no legal validity and are not recognized officially by Allied or Italian authorities.

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/S/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref : SD/540.1/4184.

Subject : Oesterreichisches Bureau

To : GSI(b) HQ 15 Army Group.

14 January, 1945

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4. Baron MULLER is regarded with suspicion by the British and American Governments and the latter once considered the desirability of closing the office. This was not done, however, but its utility to Allied agencies has diminished and their aid to it has been withdrawn.

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JOHN W. GILMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HQ 15th ARMY GROUP, C.M.F.

Tel.: - FIFPOF ADW 79.

14.02/11/GSI(b).

Jan 45.

Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission

Copy to: - G-2, ~~ATTN~~
G-2, RAC

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4. We should also be grateful for any further information which you can give us with regard to the Bureau - eg its status, whether it has been officially recognised by the Allied authorities, whether it has done useful work in ROME, whether it has given any cause for suspicion etc.

W. J. Cullen. Jr.-Col

(Brigadier,

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2. ENZINGER is known to the FSS in FLORENCE, who know nothing to his detriment from the security point of view: he has requested their approval of the scheme, and they are not averse to it, as it would probably help them to control or supervise Austrian nationals in the neighbourhood.

3. Before agreeing to the proposal, however, we should like to check up whether in fact the Österreichisches Bureau and BERGER WALTER are known to, and approved of by, the Allied Commission.

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W. J. Gibson. Lt-Col

Brigadier,
BGS(I).

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SUBJECT: Osterreichisches Bureau

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Office of the AG of S G-2
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
CMF

CSI(b), HQ 15 Army Group

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5 Jan 45

Copy to: AG of S, G-2(CI), AFM
Public Safety Sub Commission,
Allied Commission.

Reference is made to your letter 1401/11/CSI(b) dated 1 Jan regarding the above.

1. Little is known by this HQ of the activities in ROME of the Osterreichisches Bureau. An OSS report (No. 111) of 20 Sep describes REINER-TALMANN as having been a minister under DOLLFUSS and states that he is known for his incapacity and rabid royalist sentiments.
2. Bishop HUDAL, the head of the Free Austrian Movement, is well known, and is reported from a number of sources as having been a violent Nazi and anti-semitic. He is considered a very undesirable person.
3. An FS report relating to the Free Austrian Movement and Bishop HUDAL is attached. CSBIC/CMF/41/18 dated 25 Sep 44 also refers.

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C O P YSECRET

To: A.C. of S. G-2
 Rome Allied Area Command

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 Rome Allied Area Command
 Phone 478445 Ext 17
 Ref: SEC/12
 20 Oct 44

Subject: FREE AUSTRIAN MOVEMENT

1. Comment has recently been made to an HCO of this Sec on the parlous state of Free Austrian affairs by WEISER Rolf, a German Jew, and Mr. BAMBAS.
2. The leader of the Free Austrians in Bishop HUDAL, who lives in Via dell'Anima and has an unbroken history of Pan-Germanism, anti-Semitism and pro-Naziism extending from 1933 to approximately November of last year when the pressure of events brought about a change of faith. On Hitler's accession to power, the Bishop addressed a congress of Austrian students in Rome expounding his views and concluding with "Ein Reich! Ein Volk! Ein Fuehrer!". Last year he brought out a book, copy available if considered of interest, which denounced the Western Democracies and their Bolshevik associates in such strong terms that it was banned by the Vatican.
3. HUDAL, who is described as the best informed man in Rome, has interested a Capt HUNTER (ISID?) to grant him his support. Capt HUNTER recently rebuked BAMBAS for his anti-Hudalism. BAMBAS replied that he would be anti-God if God were a Nazi.
4. The fact that HUDAL is allowed to sign for the "Austrian Legation" has caused considerable disquietude to BAMBAS who wonders whether the Allies will be so ill-informed as to grant executive posts to similar personalities when they occupy Austria.

(sd) B.B. Rafter,

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