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DURANSKI FERDINANDO

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Ex. Comm (Thru' D.D. P. Safety)

13A is submitted for information please

W.H. Ellis Capt.

A.H. Ellis Capt.
Security Sb Division.

17 Dec 46.

The man McCIAR referred to opposite is listed as a
war criminal and I believe your office has correspondence
regarding his handover.

W.H. Ellis Capt.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
PS Direction General

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N. 443/43170

12 December 46.

SUBJECT : DURCIANSKI Ferdinando.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C. - Rome.

According to reserved investigations made by the Police organs to trace the well known Ferdinando Durcianski, it has been ascertained that he with his wife Polacovic Elisabetta di Stanislao had put up at the Boarding House 'Casa di Famiglia' from the 25.9.1945 to 28.10.1945, eventually leaving for an undetermined locality.

During the course of the investigations, the officer in charge of the enquiries contacted Dr. Laichler of the Czech Legation, who was also interested in tracing Durcianski, and also according to the indications given by your Commission, direct enquiries were initiated to trace the Czech Elena Filov, a friend of Durcianski's who is said to live or whose address was Via del Vantaggio n.18 - c/o Pacifici Elettra fu Luigi.

From the investigations made it has appeared that Filov had lived at the address indicated up to the last days of November, period when she had left such lodgings to the Czech couple Dr. Meclar Stanislao di Americo and di Zani Giulia, born in Prievis 21.3.1910 and his wife Novodvoroska Anna di Alois and di Jkosoca Emilia, born in Prievis on the 5.7.1910 who lived there with a child of 4, their daughter.

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In fact the message was sent through the express agency of Piazza S. Claudio, and the police has also followed these tracks commencing their watch and eventual shadowing in the most reserved of manners, on the persons interested. Furthermore, from 09.30 hrs when the message was handed, to 16.30 hrs of the same day, not one of the persons who entered or left the building, looked like the particulars or the photos, even though it was known that probably "Dircianski" had shaven his moustache.

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For the Minister

/s/ Ferrari.

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La *Ministero dell'Interno* 129
 DIREZIONE GENERALE DI P. S. - DIVISIONE A. G. R. - SEZIONE III

N. 443/43170....

Roma, 11 12 dicembre 1946

OGGETTO: DURCIANSKI Ferdinando .-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P. S.

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Nelle more degli accertamenti prendeva contatto con il funzionario incaricato delle indagini il Dr. LAICHTER della Legazione Cecoslovacca, che si interessava anche egli al rintraccio del Durcianski ed in base anche alle indicazioni fornite da codesta Commissione si iniziavano indagini dirette a ricercare la slovacca Elena FILOV amica del Durcianski che avrebbe abitato o fatto recapito in via del Vantaggio n. 10 presso l'affittacamere Pacifici Elettra #7 Luigi.

Le investigazioni condotte davano come risultanze che la Filov aveva dimorato all'indicato indirizzo fin verso gli ultimi giorni del mese di Novembre epoca in cui aveva lasciato tale alloggio al coniugato cecoslovacco Dr. MULLER Stanislao di Americo e di Zani Giulia, nato a Prievis il 21.3.1910 e moglie NOVODVORSKA Anna di Alois e

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A dire della Novcovoroska, la FILOV sarebbe stata addetta alla Ambasciata presso la S.Sede e che erasi allontanata da Roma diretta

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Ministero dell' Interno

a Genova allo scopo di imbarcarsi per l'America. Aggiungeva la Novodvorska che la sua amica le aveva lasciato in consegna un bagaglio che dovrà recapitarle in America allorchè sarà a lei possibile recarsi colà.-

Tali notizie venivano comunicate al suddetto Dr. Laichter.-

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Circa la ore 17 dello stesso giorno, il Cristofolotti si recava nell'ufficio del Palumbo in via del Boccazio 25 e disponeva la cessione del servizio, in quanto da notizie in suo possesso, a suo dire, certe, la Filov si trovava a Genova, dove in serata egli stesso si sa-

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rebbe recato in automobile postagli a disposizione, come affermava, dalla Polizia ed in compagnia di un Capitano appartenente ad una organizzazione comunista.

Infatti, nella stessa serata, si ebbe la sensazione che il Cristofaletti si fosse allontanato da Roma.

Si uniscono copia fotografica del documento diretto dal Cristofaletti alla Filov nonché delle fotografie dello stesso consegnate al Palumbo.

PEL MINISTRO

Foran

27. novembra 1946.

Po dlhšej dobe máme príležitosť Ti napísať. Sme dosť ustarostení lebo nevieme čo je s Tebou. Predovšetkým či si zdravá a či je všetko v poriadku? Dúfame, že Ťa Tvoji priatelia neopustia a že snáď odídeš so Stanom. Kládli sme mu na srdce, aby sa o Teba staral. Nuž dúfame, že sa bude podľa toho riadiť.

Paľko sa má obstojať, ako sa už môže za daných okolností mať; možná, že Ťa čoskoro navštívi. Leží mu veľká ťažba na srdci a síce nemoc Karola. My však veríme - a modlíme sa k Pánu, aby nás v tejto veci vyslíšal - že sa čoskoro uzdraví a opäť bude pracovať. Pozdravuj ho a odkáž mu, že v neho ešte všetci veríme a že mu prajeme všetko najlepšie. -

Minulý týždeň - ako si sa určite dozvedela - nám Jožko ťažko ochorel a bojíme sa, aby táto choroba i ostatných a najmä Ferka nechytila. Celá rodina je preto veľmi ustarostená a najlepšie by bolo keby Ferka poslali na vidiek; k ujovi. Tam by mal lepšiu stravu a aj lepšie by mu slušilo. Všetci určite s ním tak už spravili.

Po doručiteľovi tohoto listu nám pošli odpoveď, niekoľko pešťa dochádza nepravidelne. Nemusíš mať inak starosti a obavy. Naši majú o všetkom o čom Ti píšeme istotu. 14

U nás je zatiaľ všetko po starom. Je tu veľká zima, ale dá sa to vydržať. Len nás ako Ti hore píšeme znepokojuje Jožinková choroba a preto s veľkou netrpezlivosťou čakáme či sa uzdraví, čo všetci dúfame i keď snáď choroba na ňom zanechá stopy.

Pre dnešok končíme; bozkávame Ťa všetci, daj si len pozor,

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SECRET

Ref: 6536/57/EC

16 December, 1946

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter 7981/46 of 27th November and to my letter 6536/52/EC of 30th November 1946.

I have been instructed to inform you that the method and place of hand over of Ferdinand DURGANSKY, should he be arrested, is a matter for your Government to arrange directly with the Italian Government.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Jan PAULINY-TOTH,
Minister of Czechoslovakia,
Czechoslovakian Legation,
ROME.

Copy to Public Safety Div



Ministero delle Corporazioni

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE
DELLE CORPORAZIONI

GP

From: Miss Neikind

The name of secretary is Helen Filo. She is 26 years old,
has blond hair, green eyes, and 167 centimeters tall. She
speaks Italian, French, English, Slovak. Miss Filo lives
at Via del Vantaggio 18. Tel. 370355.

The secretary is best she can do. To go further would upset
your plan.

ESB
E.J.B.

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2nd Ind.

23 November 1946.

Office of the Chief Commissioner, H.Q. Allied Commission, APO 724, U.S. Army.

TO: Office of the Theater Judge Advocate, Headquarters AFMHA, APO 512, US Army.

1. With reference to 2a of 1st Ind. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was informed by letter dated 23 November 1946 that the Czechoslovak subject FERDINAND DUKANSKY is named on the United Nations War Crimes List No. 44 of October 1946.

By the same letter the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was requested pursuant to Article 29 of the Long Armistice Terms to arrest and detain DUKANSKY for the dispositions of the Allied authorities.

The Ministry was asked to treat the matter as urgent and to notify this Commission immediately of arrest and place of detention.

2. With reference to 2b of 1st Ind. The Minister of Czechoslovakia was informed by letter dated 23 November 1946 that information had been received that FERDINAND DUKANSKY is named on United Nations War Crimes List No. 44 of October 1946.

He was also informed that appropriate steps were being taken for the arrest and detention of DUKANSKY.

He was asked to advise this Commission immediately as to what disposition was desired of DUKANSKY and he be arrested and detained by the Allied authorities in Italy.

A reply dated 27 November 1946 has now been received from the Minister of Czechoslovakia and a copy of his reply is attached.

On this occasion please be advised as to what reply is to be made to the Minister of Czechoslovakia.

No information has yet been received from the Italian authorities as to whether DUKANSKY has been traced and arrested.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

15/ M. CARR

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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copy to: C.C.
Public Safety Div.

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LEGATION DE LA REPUBLIQUE TCHOSLOVAQUE

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No. 7931/46

Rome, 27 November, 1946.

Ref: 6536/49/40.

SECRET

Excellency,

I thank you very much for your kind letter concerning Dr. Ferdinand BUCARSKY.

The Czechoslovak Government should need urgently BUCARSKY first to testify in the trial of the former puppet president of Slovakia Dr. Tiso which is to begin on the 2nd of December and then to be tried as war criminal by the National Tribunal in Bratislava where he had perpetrated the crimes.

I should be very obliged to Your Excellency if you might consider these ways of extradition of the above named:

- 1) His transportation via Austria to a place on the Czechoslovak frontier and the previous notification of this place that arrangements might be made for his transportation to the Czechoslovak authorities.
- 2) His transportation to a place on the line of the so-called occupation zone in Austria with the same notification.
- 3) The sending of a special Czechoslovak plane to Rome with police constables of our own which might transport BUCARSKY directly to Czechoslovakia.
- 4) Or any other means which you might consider, Excellency, more suitable for the purpose of handing over BUCARSKY more rapidly to the Czechoslovak authorities.

In expecting your answer, I remain, Your Excellency.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)
(Typed)

Jan Pauliny-Toth.
Dr. JAN PAULINY-TOTH,
Minister of Czechoslovakia
in Italy.

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H.E. KELLY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner, Rome.

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Ref: 6536/48/20

SECRET

15 November, 1946.

SUBJECT : FERDINAND DURGANSKY
War Criminal.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
ROME.

With reference to your memorandum 16/37966 of 15th November 1946, information has now been received by this Commission from higher authority, that the Czech subject Ferdinand DURGANSKY is named on the United Nations War Crimes List No. 44 of October 1946.

It is requested that pursuant to Article 29 of the Long Armistice Terms you arrest and detain DURGANSKY for the dispositions of the Allied Authorities.

It would be appreciated if this matter could be treated as urgent and that as soon as the arrest is effected, this Commission be informed immediately of the place of detention.

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MILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Public Safety (Security Branch)
Poiad A
Poiad B

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Ref: 65X/49/ED

SECRET

25 November, 1946.

Dear Sir:

with reference to your letter No. 7357/46 of 7th November 1946, information has been received from higher authority that Dr. Ferdinand DUKANIKY is named on United Nations War Crimes List No. 44 of October 1946.

Appropriate steps are being taken for the arrest and detention of DUKANIKY.

Will you please advise this Commission immediately as to what disposition is desired of DUKANIKY should he be arrested and detained by the Allied Authorities in Italy.

Very sincerely,

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WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Jan DUKANIKY-TOPI,
Minister of Czechoslovakia,
Czechoslovakian Legation,
Rome.

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(Security Branch)
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Ref: 6236/12

DUREANSKY

SUBJECT: ~~PERSONAL~~ ~~SECRET~~
Alleged war criminal.TO: ~~ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS~~
Attention: G-2 Section.

Branch	15/11
Room	568
File	266.01-103
Action	

13 November, 1946.

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters signal No. 9448 of 8th November 1946.

2. There is forwarded to you, a copy of a letter dated 7th November 1946 with enclosure, addressed to us by the Czechoslovakian Minister. It will be noted that the enclosure, while dated 19th September, does not refer to any War Criminals List of that date as stated by the Italian Government and reported in our above mentioned signal.

The letter of May 1946 referred to in the enclosed letter from the Czechoslovakian Minister and relevant correspondence dealt with the matter of arrest and extradition of ~~DUREANSKY~~ who was then not claimed to be a United Nations War Criminal.

The result of that correspondence was that the Minister of Czechoslovakia was informed by us on 17th June 1946 that the Allied Authorities had no grounds for taking any further action other than that reported to him in a previous letter to the effect that I had sent a memorandum to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stating in response to the Ministry's two questions as to the status of ~~DUREANSKY~~ that (1) his seizure in Italy was not authorized by the Allied Commission and (2) that he was not to be considered as under the protection of the Allied Authorities.

In the same memorandum, however, I made it clear to the Italian Government, who had also informed us of the request of the Czechoslovakian Minister for the arrest and extradition of ~~DUREANSKY~~, that the case appeared to be covered by the Italian normal extradition procedure and pertinent extradition treaties with Czechoslovakia.

The above course of action was based on the opinion of my American and British Political Advisors.

3. May this Commission please be instructed as to the action to be taken on this matter in view of the enclosed communication from the Czechoslovakian Minister.

15/ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief of Commission

cc: PUBLIC SAFETY DIV

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Alleged War Criminals

FILE No. 266.01-103

TO : Executive Commissioner
Office (Civil Affairs)

7 November 1946

1. Reference attached, I have no knowledge of "List A" of War Criminals dated 19 September 1946 "compiled by UNWCC.
2. Under these circumstances I suggest your office write a letter.

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain
Security Sub Division.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: *Alleged War Criminals*
TO : *Public Safety Div.*
(Security Div.)

FILE No. *7 Nov.* 1946

*Attached correspondence is forwarded to you
for action as agreed.
Will you please let us have copy of
any letter you propose to write on this
subject.*

Wm. M. Mott
Ex. Comm's Office

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

REF : SD/266.01-103

10 May 1946

TO : VP GA Section

The three persons named in attached correspondence
do not appear on UNWOC Lists.

AHE
A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

AHE/nb

DURCANSKY, Ferdinand
MERCIAR - translator
Policovic Joseph

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Forwarding of correspondence FILE No. 3/7.3/CA

TO : Public Safety *S/C*.

9 April 1946

- returned to JP CA 15/5/46
Reference the attached please ascertain if the individuals named have been classified as War Criminals.

~~FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER~~

W. Howard Leake May
M. EARR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

Security Branch
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Book 148
File No. 266.01-103
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