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REPORT FROM "Yuz" ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SLOVAKIA (1944)

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[Two-part message complete]

Part I] To: VIKTOR. (1)

On 20th September I personally had a long talk with "Yuz"[✓][11] at the[a] safe flat. In addition to the report which Yuz passed to us, in the talk he related the following about the situation in SLOVAKIA:-

The main [1 group garbled] forces from which the LONDON Government and the military drew support consist of three groups:

- (1) A military underground organization led by the former Lieutenant-Colonel of the Czechoslovak Army (now General) GOLITSYN, [111] a devoted patriot of his native land and Russophile. The staff of the organization is in BASHK. BYSTRICA. The principal leaders of the organization are:
- ✓ VESSEL [V1] - a lieutenant-colonel, staunch patriot and Russophile;
 - ✓ KIS [KISH] - a priest, officer and Russophile;
 - MARKO - a lieutenant-colonel and true patriot;
 - TALSKI [TAL'SKI] - an officer, true patriot and Russophile.

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- (2) A civil political organization, consisting of representatives of various political parties (Agrarians, Social-Democrats, Popular (Socialists) supporting BENEŠ[V] and led by ŠROBÁR[ŠROBAR] (a BENEŠ man). ŠROBÁR's closest associates [1 group unrecovered] - KAPINAJ, ŠOLTES[ŠOL'TES] and HORVAT[KhORVAT] (the last two are former Social Democrats) - [D% are not well-known] to YuZ.
- (3) The URSINÝ[VI] group ([URSINÝ is] a supporter of HODŽA[GODZHA]), uniting the right-wing and reactionary elements of the former political parties, including the Sidorovites[SIDOROVITSY]. [vii] URSINÝ himself is in contact with MACH[MAK], [viii] to whom he promised support after victory over GERMANY in exchange for the support being given by MACH to the URSINÝ group

[23 groups unrecoverable]

[34 groups unrecovered]

[32 groups unrecoverable]

[one name unrecovered] [D%,] GUSAK[ix] and [one name unrecovered]

[16 groups unrecovered]

[105 groups unrecovered]

[Text II]

ŠROBÁR and ŠROBÁR
and some other
of ŠROBÁR's groupMembers of group
URSINÝ, LETTAČ
HUSÁK, ERYL

[one name unrecovered] [D%,] GUSAK[ix] and [one name unrecovered]

and to ŠROBÁR

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Note: [a] 'the' or 'a'.

[b] Inserted by translator.

- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
 [ii] YuZ : Unidentified cover-name.
 [iii] GOLIYAN : Or HOLIYAN. Brig. Genl Jan GOLIYAN
 [iv] VESSEL : Or WESSEL.
 [v] BENEŠ : Dr. Egiard BENEŠ, President of CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
 [vi] URSINÝ : Possibly Jan URSINÝ, a founder of the Czech
 resistance movement.
 [vii] SIDOROVITES : Possibly supporters of Karl SIDOR, a former
 premier of SLOVAKIA.
 [viii] MACH : Possibly Dr. Samo MACH, a Minister of the Interior
 in SLOVAKIA.
 [ix] GUSAK : Or HUSAK. GUSAK HUSAK