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

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Part I) To: VIKTOR.[1]

On 20th September I personally had a long talk with "Yuz"[11] at the 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 organisation led by the former Lieutenant-Colonel of the Czechoslovak Army (now General) GOLITZK[111] a devoted patriot of his native land and Russophile. The staff of the organisation is in YU/UKR/EUROPE. The principal leaders of the organisation are:

   V lessen[Vi] - a lieutenant-colonel, staunch patriot and Russophile;[/VI]

   K I D[KIR] - a priest, officer and Russophile;

   MARKO - a lieutenant-colonel and true patriot;

   TA L A K [TSKLY] - 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 ŠKODÁR ŠKODÁR.
(a) ŠKODÁR's closest associates [1 group unrecovered] - KAPLAN, SOLTES SOLTES and HORVÁTHORVÁTH (the last two are former Social Democrats) - [13 are not well-known] to YUZ.

(3) The USVENY[vi] group ([USVENY is a supporter of HOREA HOREA]), uniting the right-wing and reactionary elements of the former political parties, including the Sidrovitses SIDROVITS, [vii] USVENY himself is in contact with MACI[MACI], [viii] to whom he promised support after victory over GERMANY in exchange for the support being given by MACI to the USVENY group.

[23 groups unrecovered]

[34 groups unrecovered]

[32 groups unrecovered]

[59 groups unrecovered] and to ŠKODÁR

[105 groups unrecovered]

Note: [a] 'the' or 'a'.
[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments:

[i] VIŠEKVIŠEK : Lt. Col. F. M. FITEK.
[ii] YUZYUZ : Unidentified cover-name.
[iii] GOLOPAK : Or GOLOPAK.ady General J. GOLOPAK
[iv] VESSELVESSEL : Or VESSEL.
[v] BENEŠBENEŠ : Dr. E. BENEŠ, President of CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
[viii] MACIUSVENY : Possibly Dr. MACEK, a Minister of the Interior in SLOVAKIA.
[ix] GUSAOKUSAOR : Or USIA OR

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