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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
MILAN DETACHMENT ZONE 3
APO 512 c/o GSI(b) 2 DISTRICT CMB

16 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: TARLE Marchk di Simone

RE : Arrest and Interrogation

Subject was brought to this office by an agent of the Como Questura after he was arrested by that agency for having crossed clandestinely into Italy from Switzerland.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS:

Name: TARLE Mareks di Simone e di Marta BEDEGNA
Born: Sebenico, Jugoslavia 30 September 1901
Home address: Zagreb, Jugolavia
Resident in Switzerland from 1 February 1943 as an internee.
Education: University of Trieste; Degree in Economic and Commercial Science.
Languages: French, Italian, German, Yugoslavian.
Race: Aryan - Catholic.
Married to Maria Gabrilovatz, at present residing in Zagreb, and is the father of one son.
Profession: Commercial dealer.
Military Service: Subject did not serve in the armed forces due to his myopic condition.
Political History: From 1927 until 1941 Subject was inscribed in the Democratic Party of Dr. MACEK.
Physical condition: Suffers from tuberculolousis.

PAST ACTIVITY:

From 1928 until 1940 Subject lived in Sebenico where he worked as a dealer in flour and cereals. In 1940 he moved to Zagreb where from 1941 till November 1943 he was employed by the Ministry of Commerce of the Croat Government.

On the 1st of November 1943, with a legitimate passport issued by the Swiss Consulate of Zagreb, he went to Leysia, Switzerland to undergo treatment for a pulmonary defect. Upon his departure he took with him 16,000 Swiss francs and 2,000 dollars. His family remained in Zagreb.

In August 1944, following his request, the Swiss authorities interned him and he subsequently was placed in the following camps for the periods specified:

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- CHAILLY Sur Clarens (Canton Vand) - from September 1944 until 1 Oct. 44;
- ISCHIERTS-CHEN (Grison) from 29 December 1944 until May 1945;
- BAD SCRURNS - from May 1945 until July 1945;
- LUGANO - from July 1945 until January 1946;
- BRISSAGO - from January 1946 until 6 April 1946.

In the above mentioned localities Subject was always interned in apposite rest "Homes".

In Switzerland Subject dedicated himself to the perfection of his studies, especially in economics and finance.

In February of 46 Subject was informed by the Italian Consulate in Lugano that a great deal of time was necessary to obtain a visa for Italy. He decided nevertheless to enter Italy clandestinely. He was accompanied by a guide, PIPFARETTI, who led him to the border and then departed.

On 6 April 1946 he joined signorina PAGACA Pelagia di Blazejo e di Adelaide SESZYNOKA (born Tarnow 18/2/23, residing at the "Suisse" albergo, Como) and signora LEWANDOWSKA WIESLAVA di Edoardo (born Warsaw 20/3/20, residing at the "Suisse" albergo, Como) and all three proceeded to the frontier. They were detained by the Guardia di Finanza and brought to the Questura of Como. The two women, after interrogation, were released, while TARLE was brought to this office.

The Guardia di Finanza confiscated the following from TARLE:
836 Swiss francs, 1,990 dollars, 2 sterlings, 20 pesos.

Before arriving in Italian territory Subject, from Brissago, sent his baggage to the "Fulgor" Company of Chiasso, Switzerland specifying that they be shipped to Como, Italy in care of Mazzini Cerutti, Via Borsieri 21. This baggage, however, is now in the possession of this office.

Subject is in possession of "Librette per Rifugiati" n. 27114, issued by the Swiss authorities, which is attached to the original of this report.

Subject stated his desires of remaining in Italy where he intends to establish commercial relations.

AGENT'S COMMENT:

In expressing his past activity Subject was very calm, precise, and smooth. He insists that it was his desire to be interned by the Swiss because his poor financial position, however, this is not true because his arrest was provoked by the Yugoslav authorities of the Helvetic Confederation. He claims he came to Italy for business reasons but the interrogator is inclined to believe that Subject intended to reach Rome and then Spain to escape arrest as

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a compromised Croat element. His declaration in regard to the length of time that the Italian Consulate would take to grant him a visa is implausible as no diplomatic relations exist between Italy and Jugoslavia and furthermore the former would not have consented to his entry into Italy.

Information from reliable sources include the probability that:

- a) Subject served as a Minister of commerce in the Pavelic Croat Government;
- b) During the period that he served as Minister, profiting from his social position and by means of a lawyer, he exploited families of Jews and others who were arrested by the Ustascia by promising them that they would be released if he were compensated with gold, the promises never being kept;
- c) Subject is being sought for by TITO and is hated by Monarchist Jugoslavs;
- d) When Subject went to Switzerland the real purpose of his trip was to conclude a commercial Helvetic-Croat contract for which he was furnished with a considerable sum of money (2 million Swiss francs); a contract which he purposely never executed, the money being divided between himself and another individual;

The interrogator recommends that TARLE be further interrogated to establish whether or not he is included in any "War Criminals" list.

Subject manifests anti-Communist sentiments and declares he is of pro-Angle-American sympathies.

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Special Agent

APPROVED:

M.A. TONINI
Major, M.I.
Supervising Agent

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