

Interviewed: Mrs. Podharsky
March ~~23~~ 23, 1957
20 & 21,

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

1. Subject: code name MA 18-F
2. Age: 21
3. Sex: female
4. Marital status: married
5. Religion: Roman Catholic
6. Birthplace: Budapest, Hungary
7. Main residence: Budapest; had an apartment at Fo Utea
8. October 1956 residence: during most of the time of the revolution at her father-in-law's place in the 8th district of Budapest.
9. Travel ~~abroad~~: never; neither was her husband
10. Military service: husband served the two years compulsory military service from 1953-'55 in the rank of platoon sgt.
11. Education: graduated from high-school and ^{was} so/ix her husband, who, after that finished a course in land surveying
12. Occupation: Clerk for a state fuel transportation company in Budapest from 1954-'56. Husband worked for the state office in Budapest from 19
13. Parents: Both parents living in Budapest, father 52, mother 40.
14. Brothers or sisters: Has one sister 10 year old living with parents.
15. Children: none
16. Date departed Hungary: Nov. 30, 1956
17. Arrived U.S.: Dec. 17, 1956
18. Residence and travel in U.S.: Camp Kilmer, Bard College, and I.Y.C.

19. Immediate plans: She and her husband applied for scholarships but did not receive any.
20. Respondent was interviewed in Austria by Austrian authorities and ICWC. This was a routine interview connected with her immigration. The same happened in Camp Kilmer. In February she had a two hour interview with Radio Free Europe, N.Y.
21. Respondent speaks no foreign language

Respondent has a lower middle-class background, yet was a very nicely brought-up young woman not scholastically but regarding manners, ethics, principles, etc. Her parents were apparently very successful in counter-balancing Communist education. She is only 21 years old. She did not take any part in the revolution as she was frightened by the shooting and couldn't stand the sight of blood. But she could give detailed information regarding sec. X para. B and more than anyone else so far. Also sec X, para. D. and detailed data about retirement pay. It was interesting to hear her views on education of children and her strong points in favor of clerical schools and their educational value, by her own experience. She had quite mature views and constructive arguments which are amazing regarding her background in that she only had a high-school education. Her mother is a dressmaker, her father a book-keeper, her grandfather a small craftsman, and her father-in-law a tailor. It seemed to be a closely knit family, discussed world events, avidly absorbed culture. She read a lot, went to the theatre and opera houses etc. They also had season tickets. Both families are of German ancestry. (see her name)