

Interviewer: B. Ivandcho
Date: April 15 to 17, 1957
Place: N.Y.C.

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

1. Respondent's name: Code 36-M
2. Age: 31
3. Sex: male
4. Marital status: single
5. Religion: Roman Catholic
6. Birthplace: Pecs
7. Respondent spent most his life in Pecs
8. At the outbreak of revolution respondent lived in Pecs
9. Ever abroad: Twice to Yugoslavia, Once in 1943 to visit grandparents; second time in 1947 as a member of the university WORKS Brigade which went for voluntary reconstruction work.
10. Military service: Served in the Hungarian army for three months in the summer of 1951. Attained no rank.
11. Education: After completing gymnasium studies, respondent studied six semesters in the Pecs University School of Law.
12. Occupation: Before 1945 respondent was a student and was not employed. From 1945 to 1949 he was a gymnasium and university student. From 1949 to 1951 he was employed as a welder in a Budapest factory
13. Parents: Mother died of tuberculosis in 1937. She would be 56 years old if living. Respondent's father is 57 years old and living in Pecs
14. Has no brothers or sisters
15. No children
16. Left Hungary November 13, 1956
17. Arrived in U.S. December 22, 1956

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18. Travels in U.S.: After leaving Camp Kilmer, respondent was at Bard College in upper New York State, and, since Feb 16, in N.Y.C.
19. Immediate plans: At present respondent is employed by the Hungarian Federation for Freedom Fighters. He wishes to find some part-time job and to continue his university studies.
20. Has not been interviewed by any ~~any~~ Western organizations
21. Foreign languages: Studied German in gymnasium for five years and is able to make himself understood. Studied French ~~for~~ for four years and is able to read but not speak it.

Respondent is a young intellectual of middle class background. Spent five years in prison under the Communist regime. Was set free just three months before the revolution. Unable to find any other employment, he went to work in a coal mine. Intelligent, gave good report. His views, speech, and manners are somewhat old for his age. Silent, contemplative type, very active during the revolution. His account of revolutionary events is very interesting in as much as it casts light on how the Freedom Fighters were able to take over in Pecs practically without firing a shot. Gives an interesting explanation on how and why workers' councils were organized. Noteworthy is his information concerning the smuggling of Free Europe leaflets into prison camps.