

Interviewee: M. Ivansko  
 Date: June 1/8, 1957  
 Place: N.Y.C.

I. PERSONAL INVENTORY

1. Code name: 56-M
2. Age 34
3. Male
4. Married
5. Roman Catholic
6. Born in Kaposvar
7. Spent most of his life in Sopron
8. At the outbreak of the revolution he resided in Budakeszi
9. Was prisoner of war in Russia from 1945 to '49
10. Respondent was a professional army officer. His highest rank was 1st lieutenant. Was graduated from the military academy in 1943 and served in Hungarian army until 1945 when he was taken prisoner of war in Soviet Union
11. Respondent is a gymnasium graduate and completed three years of military academy in Budapest
12. Before 1945 he was 1st lieutenant in the Royal Hungarian Army. He returned home in ~~1948~~ 1949. For nine months he was unemployed and received a small pay from the army. When his political screening was over after the nine months, he worked for three months as a white collar worker in the office of a lumber yard, and, until ~~1945~~ 1951, he was employed as a bookkeeper for a road and railroad construction enterprise. In 1951 he was deported as a politically unreliable person. Deportation was ended in 1953. He came back to Budapest

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and worked for three months with the same enterprise. Then he obtained a job with the Copyright Protection Bureau as a bookkeeper until his departure from Hungary.

13. Parents living in Hungary; father 58, mother 57  
<sup>Budapest,</sup>
14. Has sister age 28, married and in Hungary
15. No children
16. Left Hungary December 27, 1956
17. Arrived U.S. April 2, 1957
18. He has been only in Greenwich, Conn., and N.Y.C.
19. He is now employed as bookkeeper in a bank and is studying accounting in night school
20. Has not been interviewed by any Western organization
21. Speaks German and English

Respondent is tall, not very good-looking, but muscular. His military carriage portrays the professional army officer. His manners and mentality reflect the military background in which he grew up. Both his father and grandfather were professional army officers. Very intelligent. His account of the revolution is extremely interesting, especially his opinion on the so-called 'desertion' of Russian tanks in Budapest. Gave fairly good report, but he is the type who insists on having his say and resented being interrupted when side-tracking from subject. A keen observer. As a professional soldier who is used to gunfire, he moved around a lot during the revolution. But this was more out of curiosity than to participate in the fighting. Was very cautious even during the demonstrations (alibi p. 5, background p. 6, fear of arrest p. 16, observation of the curfew p. 15). Joined the militia after the Russian withdrawal, but was quick to leave it when the attack began on 4 Nov. Was arrested (p. 16) and released. He, no doubt, would be rearrested had he stayed at home.