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The U.B. (Security Police) has yet another means for influencing the appointment of officials in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. It controls the so-called "Wydział Łączności" (Liaison Department,) which in turn is divided into two sections; that of ciphers and couriers. The employees of these two sections are exclusively members of the UB carefully selected and absolutely reliable.

This "Liaison Department" has under its control also the "Kancelaria Główna" of the Ministry, (the office where all the mail is received and dispatched.) The head of this office is Mrs. OLIVA, a 37-year-old woman from the UB. For the services rendered she often travels abroad, under the pretext of visiting and controlling the governmental offices. And indeed, she supplies the UB with information about the personnel employed abroad, but she also uses her extensive travellings for her own personal benefit. She uses to buy for herself and her friends expensive cloths in famous shops in PARIS or ROME, and having at her disposal the "courier post" (Pocztą Kurierską) she is able to bring from abroad the goods without paying customs duties.

The UB has in addition another means yet for controlling the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and all its offices. In 1950 a special course was set up in WARSAW which trains lower officials and auxiliary personnel for that Ministry. The first course was already completed by 60 persons who are sent to all the posts of clerks and smaller officials abroad. The candidates for this course, which at present trains the second group, are being chosen by the UB from among the most reliable members of the KBW (Internal Security Corps.)

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EVAL. COMMENT: Source : fairly reliable
Information : UNCONFIRMED as to the name of the Head of this Department, Mrs. OLIVA. The cipher and courier department is under the strong control of the UB, as reported from sources emanating from Polish Embassies.