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HEREWITH FULL TRANSLATION OF NEPSZABADSAG ARTICLE ON
THE GERESDI CASE REFERRED TO IN MUN 12 OF 3 JULY, AS WELL
AS SMALL ITEM APPEARING IN 3 JULY ISSUE OF DAGENS NYHETER.

LASZLO SZABO: THE PUPILS OF MR CSEKE

THE HUNGARIAN PRESS HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE UNDER THIS
TITLE IN NEPSZAVA. THAT ARTICLE TOLD THE STORY OF TWO YOUNG PEOPLE,
THE WAY THEY WERE HOOKED BY RFE AND THAT BOTH OF THEM--ON
CHARGES OF SPYING FOR RFE--ARE NOW THE INMATES OF A PRISON FOR
FEW YEARS. THE ARTICLE MENTIONED MR CSEKE--HE IS THE EDITOR OF
"TEENAGER PARTY", A POLITICAL PROGRAM DISGUISED AS A LIGHT
MUSIC PROGRAM. THE YOUNGSTERS SENT THEIR SPY REPORTS ON
MILITARY AND STATE SECURITY DATA TO HIS ADDRESS. HE ALSO
PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE POLITICAL CORRUPTION OF THE
YOUNGSTERS...

FROM THE ABOVE FACTS, IT COMES OUT WHO THIS MR CSEKE REALLY IS;
IN THE BROADCASTS OF RADIO FREE EUROPE, HE CALLS HIMSELF LASZLO
CSEKE, BUT HIS REAL NAME IS GEZA EKECS. FOR GOOD REASON,
THE NEPSZAVA ARTICLE HAS NAMED HIM AS FOLLOWS: "TWENTY
YEARS AGO, GEZA EKECS WAS WEIGHED IN JUDGMENT AND WAS
FOUND WANTING AS A JOURNALIST. HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT, IF HE WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH AS A JOURNALIST AT HOME,
HE WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH AS A REFUGEE HUNGARIAN IN THE WEST.
HE DEFECTED AND WAS HIRED BY RADIO FREE EUROPE...."

BUT LET US STICK FOR A WHILE TO THE NEPSZAVA ARTICLE. FOUR
DAYS AFTER THE ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED, THE AUTHOR OF THE
ARTICLE, LASZLO DIOSDI, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS, TYPEWRITTEN,
ABUSIVE LETTER, THE GIST OF WHICH WAS: "DON'T YOU DARE
ATTACK THIS WONDERFUL BROADCAST ANY MORE, BECAUSE YOU COULD
GET IN TO TROUBLE..." IT SEEMS THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE
ANONYMOUS LETTER FOUND THAT THE CAP FITS...

CERTAINLY, SUCH ANONYMOUS LETTERS GO IN THE WASTEBASKET
WHERE THEY BELONG AND PRECISELY THIS HAPPENED IN THIS
CASE AS WELL. I WOULDN'T WASTE A WORD ON THE WHOLE MATTER--
WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT OUR REGIME HAS ENEMIES AND THE IDEAS
PROPAGATED BY RADIO FREE EUROPE HAVE FOLLOWERS--IF, IN
CONNECTION WITH A SPY CASE, THE AUTHOR OF THIS LETTER AND
A NUMBER OF SIMILAR POISON-PEN MISSIVES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
EXPOSED. THE AUTHOR OF THE ESPIONAGE, INCITING AND ABUSIVE
LETTER IS ONE AND THE SAME PERSON.

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THE OFFENDED RADIO LISTENER

THE JOURNALIST LASZLO GERESDY IS WELL KNOWN IN OUR COUNTRY AND HE,
TOO, HAS MANY ACQUAINTANCES. BETWEEN 1950 AND 1960, HE WORKED ON
PEOPLE'S SPORT AND LATER HE BECAME THE EDITOR OF THE TANCSEK
PUBLISHING HOUSE. HIS FELLOW-WORKERS SCARCELY DREAMT THAT THE
ALWAYS CAUTIOUS COLLEAGUE, WHO CHOSE HIS WORDS, HATED OUR REGIME
AND ACTUALLY ONLY WAITED FOR THE CHANCE TO DO SOME HARM. HE WAS
SUMMARILY DISMISSED FROM THE PEOPLE'S SPORT, NOT FOR HIS POLITICAL
ATTITUDE, HE WAS VERY CAREFUL IN THIS RESPECT. THE REASON WAS HE
CHEATED IN A COMPETITION. THE SUMMARY DISMISSAL OFFENDED HIM TO
A HIGH DEGREE AND FURTHER NURTURED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE REGIME.
FROM THAT TIME ON, HE BECAME THE FAITHFUL LISTENER OF RADIO FREE
EUROPE AND FELT THAT THIS RADIO STATION SPOKE AFTER HIS OWN HEART.
IT IS TRUE THAT, VERY SOON, HE BECAME AWARE OF ITS BRAZEN,
FACTUAL LIES, BUT STILL, WHEN HE WAS LISTENING TO THE ABUSE OF
THE SOCIALIST COMMUNIST SYSTEM, HE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH
SATISFACTION THE COMMON IDEOLOGICAL PLATFORM. HE
SPECIALLY LIKED THE SHREWD METHOD, HAVING THE APPEARANCE
OF OBJECTIVITY, WITH WHICH THE BROADCASTS OF RFE ATTACK
OUR DOMESTIC CONDITIONS. THUS, HE GOT THE IDEA OF MAKING
TAPE RECORDINGS OF THE VARIOUS RFE POLITICAL BROADCASTS AND
THEN, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE--SHE HAD THE SAME VIEWS, TO TYPE
COPIES AND SEND THEM TO PHYSICIANS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, WHOSE
ADDRESSES THEY PICKED OUT OF THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.
IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT A FEELING OF HAVING BEEN OFFENDED IS A VERY

RFE RECORDINGS OF THE VARIOUS RFE POLITICAL BROADCASTS AND THEN, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE--SHE HAD THE SAME VIEWS, TO TYPE COPIES AND SEND THEM TO PHYSICIANS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, WHOSE ADDRESSES THEY PICKED OUT OF THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT A FEELING OF HAVING BEEN OFFENDED IS A VERY BAD ADVISOR; IN THIS CASE, IT ENCOUNTERED THE HOSTILE WORLD CONCEPT OF GERESDY; HE SENT ANGRY, ABUSIVE LETTERS--CERTAINLY ANONYMOUS LETTERS BELITTling OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, DECRYING THE BASIC RESULTS OF THE REGIME--TO INSTITUTIONS, STATE OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS. BUT HE CONSIDERED EVEN THIS INADEQUATE AS A "SUCCESSFUL" CAMPAIGN. HE DECIDED TO VISIT WEST GERMANY AS A TOURIST AND TO GET IN TOUCH WITH RADIO FREE EUROPE AND THEN...

IN 1965, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE, HE APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT; HIS WIFE TO ENGLAND AS A VISITOR, AND HE TO WEST GERMANY AS A TOURIST. BOTH OF THEM RECEIVED THEIR PASSPORTS. AND, TO PREPARE EVERYTHING PROPERLY, HIS WIFE LEFT FIRST; IN ENGLAND, SHE GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE HUNGARIAN CORRESPONDENT OF RFE, ALBERT VAJDA, WHO TOOK CARE OF THE PROPER RECEPTION OF GERESDY IN MUNICH.

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WHAT IS RFE INTERESTED IN?

THE HUNGARIAN JOURNALIST MET, FOR THE FIRST TIME, LASZLO CSEKE, WHOM HE HAD KNOWN BEFORE THE LATTER'S DEFECTION, ON AUGUST 6, 1965 IN MUNICH. GERESDY GAVE A DETAILED REPORT OF HIS OPINION AND ATTITUDE AND STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH RADIO FREE EUROPE, NOT ONLY BY SENDING INFORMATION, BUT ALSO BY SUBMITTING HIS OWN SCRIPTS. QUITE OBVIOUSLY, CSEKE-EKECS WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE OFFER. THE NEXT DAY, HE WAS RECEIVED BY A LARGER GROUP OF RFE PEOPLE: PETER KOBANYAI (HIS REAL NAME IS LASZLO BORBELY), GUYLA PATKO, THE PERSONNEL MANAGER OF RFE (IN OTHER WORDS: GYULA LITTERATI LOOTZ), EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ERNO GYULAI (ORIGINALLY GYULA BORBANDI), GALLICUS (IMRE MIKES); IN OTHER WORDS, PROMINENT PERSONALITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HUNGARIAN BROADCASTS OF RFE. RIGHT AWAY, THEY AGREED TO HAVE GERESDY ACTUALLY BECOME THEIR CORRESPONDENT IN HUNGARY, CERTAINLY TO BE PAID FOR HIS SERVICES, AND THAT HE COULD COLLECT HIS PAY ON THE OCCASION OF A LATER VISIT. THEY SETTLED THE CONSPIRATORIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE DEMANDS OF RFE: "WE NEED ALL POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INFORMATION; THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISTORTED, BUT DISTORTION IS PERMITTED IN ONE'S OWN ORIGINAL MATERIAL, IN OTHER WORDS, IN COMMENTARIES AND ARTICLES". QUITE OBVIOUSLY, THEY ALSO HAD SOME OTHER PLANS AND TARGETS, SO FAR AS THIS INFORMATION WAS CONCERNED, AND BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY ASKED GERESDY TO BE CORRECT. IN A FEW DAYS, THEY BECAME VERY WELL ACQUAINTED AND THEN THEY MENTIONED THOSE OTHER TARGETS AS WELL. CSEKE-EKECS ASKED SOMETHING ELSE, TOO, OF GERESDY: "WE NEED ALL KINDS OF ECONOMIC DATA CONCERNING THE MILITARY, STATE SECURITY AND DEFENSE. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON SOVIET MILITARY OBJECTIVES; THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT". AT FIRST, THE SPY-TO-BE BECAME QUITE SCARED, THOUGH HE HAD GOTTEN THE IDEA, EVEN EARLIER, THAT CSEKE'S MAIN CONCERN WAS NOT THE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT OF HUNGARIAN YOUNGSTERS. AT FIRST, HE REFUSED TO TAKE ON THE JOB OF A SPY, BUT LATER HE AGREED.

IT DOES NOT MATTER IF YOUR PEN SLIPS A LITTLE...

THEY AGREED THAT GERESDY WOULD SEND HIS MATERIAL TO LILY CSOLIK (MUNICH, WILHELMSTRASSE 30) WHO WOULD FORWARD IT TO CSEKE OR

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GALLICUS. "WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE MATERIAL UNDER THE CODE WORD: 'TODAY'. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE BROADCASTS. HOWEVER, WE ALSO NEED INFORMATION ON: WHO IS GETTING A DIVORCE, WHO LIKES ALCOHOL AND WOMEN; HERE, IT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF YOUR PEN SLIPS A LITTLE", MR GALLICUS TOLD HIM. WHAT DID THEY WANT THIS INTIMATE INFORMATION FOR? IN THIS WAY, THEY WANTED TO CONVINCE THEIR LISTENERS THAT THEY WERE REALLY WELL INFORMED. WELL, IT WOULD COME IN QUITE HANDY, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SPY NETWORK, TO KNOW THE WEAK SPOTS OF SOME PEOPLE... FOLLOWING THESE TALKS, THEY DISCUSSED IN DETAIL THE MEANING OF THE CODE WORD MESSAGES AND THEN THEY TOLD HIM THAT, IF THEY NEEDED SOMETHING, THEIR AGENT--WHO WOULD TRAVEL AS A TOURIST--WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH GERESDY. IN THIS CASE, TOO, THE PASSWORD WOULD BE: 'TODAY'. AFTER THEY FINISHED THE "OFFICIAL" PART OF THE CONVERSATION, THE WHOLE BUNCH RELAXED AND TURNED TO SMALL TALK. THIS IS HOW GERESDY LEARNED THAT RADIO FREE EUROPE RECEIVES THE NAMES OF ALL HUNGARIAN CITIZENS TRAVELING TO WEST GERMANY--IN OTHER WORDS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE VISAS--FROM THE WEST GERMAN

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THE SPY-JOURNALIST STARTS HIS ACTIVITIES

UPON HIS RETURN, GERESDY IMMEDIATELY STARTED HIS WORK ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT. IF POSSIBLE, HE GREW EVEN MORE CAUTIOUS AT HIS PLACE OF PLACE; HE KNEW THAT HIS HEAD WAS AT STAKE. BUT HE BECAME EVEN MORE ACTIVE IN VARIOUS CIRCLES; HE ASKED QUESTIONS, LISTENED AND WATCHED THE TALKERS. AT HOME, HE KEPT BUSY WRITING: SOMETIMES NONSENSE FULL OF CLUMSY LIES AND SOMETIMES SPY REPORTS. FROM THAT TIME ON, GERESDY BECAME A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE SITES OF VARIOUS HUNGARIAN AND SOVIET MILITARY OBJECTIVES...HE COULD LISTEN TO HIS POISONNONSENSE IN THE VARIOUS BROADCASTS OF RFE AND HIS

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REPORTS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED UNDER THE CODE WORD "TODAY". DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE WRITINGS OF GERESDY--IN A CHARACTERISTIC WAY--HAVE COMMENTED ON THE VIETNAMESE WAR; WHILE IN THE WESTERN WORLD, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE, BY THE MILLIONS, CONDEMN THE AMERICAN AGGRESSION, LASZLO GERESDY HAS ALWAYS DEFENDED THIS DIRTY WAR WAGED BY THE USA... BUT HE ALSO CONTINUED TO SEND ANONYMOUS, ABUSIVE AND THREATENING LETTERS, AS WELL AS THE COPYING AND DISTRIBUTION OF RFE BROADCASTS...

LASZLO GERESDY--AS WE CAN SEE--HAS BECOME A FAITHFUL PUPIL OF MR CSEKE, JUST AS THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHOM NEPSZAVA HAS COMMENTED ON--GERESDY SENT AN ABUSIVE ANONYMOUS LETTER FOLLOWING THE ARTICLE-- BUT HE, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE, HAS MET WITH THE SAME FATE AS THE EARLIER PUPILS OF MR CSEKE. BECAUSE, NO MATTER HOW TEMPTING FOLLOWING AN INSTIGATOR LIKE LASZLO CSEKE, LIVING IN MUNICH, AND RADIO FREE EUROPE--FINANCED BY THE AMERICANS AND WEST GERMANS--MIGHT BE, IN REALITY IT DOES NOT PAY AT ALL; THE PRICE IS A LONG PRISON TERM.

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LIBERAL DAGENS NYHETER OF 3 JULY 1967 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

"THE HUNGARIAN

COUNTER-ESPIONAGE HAS UNMASKED A WESTERN ESPIONAGE PLAN WITH THE PURPOSE NOT ONLY TO DISCOVER MILITARY SECRETS, BUT ALSO THE DRINKING HABITS AND LOVE LIFE OF COMMUNIST TOPMEN, A HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER REPORTED SATURDAY ACCORDING TO AP IN VIENNA.

"A JOURNALIST IN BUDAPEST AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR UNSPECIFIED TERMS, CHARGED WITH HAVING SPIED ON SOVIET TROOPS AND REPORTED TO THEIR PRINCIPALS "INTIMATE DETAILS" OF THE PRIVATE LIVES OF HIGHER PARTY FUNCTIONARIES. "WHO IS GETTING DIVORCED, WHO DRINKS AND WHO HAS A WEAKNESS FOR WOMEN" WERE THE DATA THEY WERE AFTER. THE PRISONERS WERE SAID TO HAVE PROVIDED THESE DATA FOR "RADIO FREE EUROPE", AN AMERICAN STATION SENDING BROADCASTS TO THE EASTERN STATES".

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