

10 August 1954

REF. FOR: CI/OPS/37, MR. MILLER

SUBJECT: MICHAEL SUPAN

1. The information here was obtained from debriefings of TIDRAMA/1 in October and November 1952 (OSSW-5379, 13 November, Encl h):
2. TIDRAMA/1 was met at the Los Angeles airport on Tuesday morning, 27 October 1952 by Michael SUPAN and they drove to SUPAN's home in Sierra Madre, California, where T/1 stayed until his departure for the East Coast on 7 November. SUPAN had previously invited T/1 to visit him when T/1 got to California. SUPAN allowed T/1 to use his car during the visit.
3. According to T/1, SUPAN was "in charge of all equipment in the Los Angeles State College physics laboratory" and was engaged in buying and installing physics equipment under the supervision of Dr. Earl JACOBS, head of the L.A. State Physics Department. T/1 also noted that SUPAN and JACOBS were "partners in a business sense" and were working on a "project which the military establishment" was "interested in", namely "something to do with a special type of vacuum pump or some sort of vacuum equipment". The Air Force was said to be the service specifically interested in the project.
4. T/1 reported that SUPAN had been engaged in "a lot of different things", including film producing, and had been a musician, "professional" motion picture cameraman, and mathematician.
5. SUPAN and T/1 "grew up together" in Sierra Madre and are about the same age (T/1 is 25). T/1 commented that he and SUPAN were much alike "in a way". SUPAN has 5 children, but T/1 noted that he had not "worked much in his life"—relying heavily on his family which has "a lot of money".

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