

## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

## INTEROFFICE MEMO



TO: Mr. John C. Hughes

FROM: Frederic R. Dolbeare

SUBJECT:

DATE: May 16, 1944

Mrs. G. asked me to see her on an urgent matter yesterday evening. It appears that she has received a telegram from Stockholm which conveyed to her the information that her husband's brother, Anthony Jean G., whom she states was a leader of the Dutch underground in Southern Holland, has escaped to Stockholm. He was condemned as a hostage, but received advance warning and with the assistance of countryfolk effected his escape.

As a conspicuous underground leader he is, however, not in safety even in Stockholm. It is therefore urgent from the point of view of his personal safety as well as for the sake of the recent information that he carries, that he be brought out of Stockholm as promptly as possible.

Mrs. G. immediately conferred with the Shell Company, of which he is an official, who in turn addressed themselves to Loudon, the Dutch Ambassador in Washington on Saturday, and he in turn put in a request to the Department of State for the necessary visa, which is now in the hands of Travers, Chief of the Visa Department. The question of identification, urgency, etc. would indicate that it is desirable to emphasize the importance and interest in this matter to the officials in Washington, so that time will not be wasted. Mrs. G. was not, however, free to state that he is the brother of a well-known OSS officer, nor does the Shell Company, nor does the Dutch Ambassador, know that.

My suggestion is that the situation be brought to the attention of the appropriate individual in OSS, so that he may supply this additional information and urge: 1) that telegrams sent to Stockholm in this connection be sent in a reliable cipher; 2) that attention be given as to whether he should proceed by Swedish ship (that is the present plan) or whether it would not be better for him to go by plane even if that entails interrupting his trip to the United States for some period.

I feel confident that the General himself, if he were here, would wish this matter followed energetically in view of his interest in the family.

F. R. D.

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