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My dear deVosjoli:

My friend, Leon Moore, sent me a copy of the attached curriculum vitae which he says is the same one which he sent Edouard Herriot at the latter's request about a year ago. This may be of interest to the Ambassador and yourself.

With very best wishes for the New Year, I remain,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosure

M. Philippe deVosjoli
Embassy of France
Washington, D. C.

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December 23, 1953

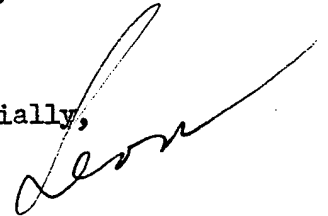
Dear Allen:

I found a copy of a short biography of mine in my files, which I sent M. Edouard Herriot at his request about a year ago. This might be the information the French Embassy needs.

I hope that you will be in New York before the new year and that I'll have the pleasure to see you.

With my sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family and a full and complete recovery for your son, I remain

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Leon', written in dark ink.

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Breve Biographie de Leon Moore (precedemment Leon Helfand)

Ne le 9/Decembre 1900 en Russie. (Poltava)

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Baccalaureat (Lycee de Pereaslav).

Etudie aux Universites de Kiev et Moscou (Licencie en Droit et Economie)
Licencie de l'Institut de Professeurs pour l'Economie Mondiale
et Etudes Politiques (Moscou).

De 1918 a 1922: dans l'armee. Derniere position: Sous-Commandant
des Forces Armees de Russie.

De 1925 a 1940: au Service Diplomatique de l'Union Sovietique.
Secretaire de l'Ambassade a Paris: 1927/29

Sous-Directeur politique du Commissariat Sovietique des Affaires
Etrangeres en charge de la France, l'Italie et des pays Anglo-Saxons.
1930-1933: Engage activement dans le rapprochement Franco-Sovietique.
Concu l'idee d'inviter Mr. le President Edouard Herriot de visiter
l'Union Sovietique. Designe par le Gouvernement de recevoir
Mr. Herriot a Odessa a son arrivee et de l'accompagner, durant
son voyage et sejour dans l'URSS, comme representant du Gouvernement
de l'URSS et du Commissariat des Affaires Etrangeres.

Accompagne Pres. Herriot a toutes les conferences et
reunions importantes y compris celle avec Mr. Molotov et,
finalement, jusqu'a la frontiere Polonaise lors du depart
de Mr. Herriot de l'URSS (1933).

Conseiller de l'Ambassade Sovietique a Rome (1934-37).

Charge d'Affaires de l'Ambassade a Rome (1938-40). Egalement
delegue de l'URSS aupres de la Ligue des Nations. Represente
l'Union Sovietique a la Ligue des Nations a la derniere seance
en Decembre 1939 quand elle fut expulsee de la Ligue a cause de
l'agression contre la Finlande.

A la suite du pacte de Stalin avec Hitler, des purges
internes et d'autres raisons, decide de rompre avec le Regime des
Soviet et, en Juillet 1940, au lieu d'accepter la nomination
d'Ambassadeur a Vichy, partit avec sa famille pour les Etats-Unis.
Fut accorde des visas diplomatiques par le Gouvernement des
Etats-Unis.

Des lors aux Etats-Unis, engage principalement dans les
affaires de matieres premieres et de navigation. (President de
Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. et President de Tampinex Oil
Products, Inc., etc.).

Par Acte Special du Congres signe par le President des
Etats-Unis devint en 1949 citoyen Americain. (Decembre 29, 1949)

21 December 1953

M. Philippe deVosjoli
Embassy of France
Washington, D. C.

Dear M. deVosjoli:

With reference to your recent inquiry and also with reference to the letter from Ambassador Bonnet dated November 16, I have ascertained from Mr. Leon Moore that his date and place of birth was 22 December 1900 at Poltava. He advises me that he was naturalized as an American citizen late in 1948. He did not have the exact date at hand when I telephoned him, but I can get this if it is useful to you. I gave you orally a brief description of my acquaintanceship with Mr. Leon Moore and what I know of his previous history. I have known Mr. Moore well for somewhat over ten years and as I advised you, I have a high regard for him. In case the Ambassador or you desire further specific details within my knowledge, I shall be glad to communicate them to you.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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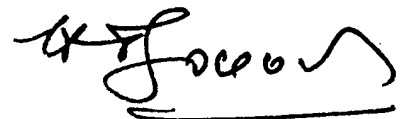
November 16, 1953.

Dear Allen:

I thank you for your letter of October 17, concerning Mr. Leon MOORE. He is indeed being considered for the Legion of Honor, and I have asked my services to proceed with an inquiry, as is customary in such cases. It seems difficult, however, to gather precise information about his past activities, both in this country and abroad.

In view of this, I shall be grateful for any details concerning Mr. Moore's career. Furthermore, if you should so desire, I shall always be happy to discuss the matter with you./.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Allen Dulles
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Washington, D.C.