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FROM: Chief, EE

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational  
SPECIFIC - Ferdinand DUCANSKY

REFERENCE: ESB-W-359, ESB-A-451

In answer to our query as to whether Subject was still considered by the United States to be a war criminal, State Department gave the following reply on 5 March 1953:

"For your information, the Swiss inquiries as to whether the United States still considers Ducansky a war criminal and if he would not be permitted entry into this country, may partially be based on the fact that in 1944 the United States and United Kingdom requested the Swiss government not to grant asylum to war criminals. The question of whether the United States now regards the alien as a war criminal should only be discussed through diplomatic channels and a direct response is therefore to be avoided.

"No request for a visa has been submitted to the Department since 1950, and therefore no evidence presented through official channels to refute adverse allegations concerning Ducansky. Accordingly, the Department perceives no basis for a reversal of its previous unfavorable opinion. There is no objection to the Swiss government being informed to this effect."

- Hqs. Dist:
- 2 - Swiss Desk
- 1 - Zipper Desk
- 1 - Czech Desk

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