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Date: Jan.10,1955

TO : [redacted]

FROM : Mr. Clayton

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SUBJECT: Mr. Oskar TOMJALLA, Estonian, wireless operator and monitor

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Clayton?*

On 27 Dec, 1954 Mr. Elmo PAJUSI, Estonian, residing at 83 35, 116 St. Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y., phone: Virginia 90753, N.Y., called at my residence in Astoria, L.I., N.Y. on behalf of Mr. Tomjalla.

Mr. Tomjalla had asked Mr. Pajusi to contact me for getting some information about how to get employed by some American Authority dealing with monitoring of Soviet wireless communications.

Mr. Tomjalla, approximately 33, single, working as technical drafter somewhere in Manhattan, N.Y., had worked during W.W.II for 3 years with a German military monitoring unit, being in charge of interception and transcription of wireless traffic of Soviet high-level army Head-Quarters and special NKVD stations. Before 1941 he had worked on a similar assignment in the Estonian Army, being a non-commissioned officer. He had been a passionate worker, taking the job like "hunting". He had obtained good skill and very good results. He would like continue working against the communists in the ~~same~~ branch, finding his present job, ^{of} a draftsman not exciting enough.

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He had the intention to go to Washington, D.C. during the days off he had in the beginning of January and wanted some hints as to whom he could contact here in this matter personally. He had been to the Civil Employment Service at New York and ^was advised to write a letter to the State Department, but he thought that I, working in Washington, could know of some better ways where

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he could go for a personal interview.

I gave the following advice:

- 1) No sense to go to Washington personally.
- 2) Follow advice given by the competent agency of Civ. Empl.
- 3) I can not do more than report his wish to my supervisor by whom the information could be forwarded to the appropriate authority. Mr. Pajusi mentioned this being the wish of Mr. Tomjalla and I promised to do that. But the "Army" was mentioned as my employer, without any further details added.

Mr. Pajusi said to know Mr. Tomjalla as a reliable person. He was not quite sure but he thought him belonging to the old Swedish minority of Western Estonia, him having some relatives in Sweden and him speaking some Swedish. He has studied agriculture in the University of the Baltic Displaced Persons at Pinneberg (near Hamburg), Germany. He lived at 128 (or 28) Remsen St, Brooklyn, N.Y., but this address being not quite sure, he could be contacted through Mr. Pajusi.

To the Person of Elmo PAJUSI: Mr. P. was introduced to me by my wife about one year ago. She knows him since 1945 when both lived in D.P. Camp Alt Garge, Germany, British Zone. Pajusi, knowing some generalities of my work during WW II, had asked my wife on some occasions to report his name to me for the case that some real work could be done for the benefit of our Fatherland, Estonia. He said having learned wireless, too, but married now, and having a good job, he personally is not interested in similar employment in today's situation. Mr. Pajusi made a good impression.

I personally did not have anything to do with Mr. Tomjalla before or during W W II, but I remember having heard good remarks about an Estonian wireless operator with the same or very similar name (Tomalla?) from an Estonian officer who was in charge of the units which worked on the assignment here mentioned. It is possible that I made a mistake when taking notes during the visit of Mr. Pajusi (I saw no documents, nor did I ask for the spelling of the name) But it is possible, too, that Tomjalla was pronounced "Tomalla" by the very busy officer, the later name being easier to pronounce.

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