

14 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

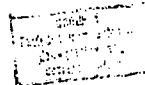
SUBJECT: Case 32254 - Fed Z. Launags

1. The attached letter was received from Fed Z. Launags on 12 Oct 66 which conveyed bad news from Launags that he has again been fired and he needs some financial assistance. I conveyed the contents of the letter to [] , who has recently returned from leave during which time he discussed this case with []

2. [] said that [] could see no reason for not handling the Launags case and agreed to handle this case as had been previously discussed with [] in the presence of [] of the NY/FO. [] suggested that [] relate a long list of organizations and then mention to Launags that of the many organizations assisting refugees there is also the American Friends of Refugees, which has been quite successful in helping a good number of people. Also that [] should encourage Launags to stop by their office to see what they (AFR) might be able to do for him.

3. [] called Launags at his residence in New York on 12 October at 1130 hours. Luckily, Launags was at home and was called to the phone. [] questioned him about the reasons for being fired from the International Inn. Launags said that he was working as a cashier at the Flight Bar of the International Inn, Kennedy Air Port between the hours of 7:00 PM and 2:00 AM and receiving \$78.00 a week plus three meals a day. He said he was quite happy there but he claims that when he showed up for work on Saturday night, 8 Oct, he found \$46.00 missing from the cash box, which he usually kept stored in a locker with the only key (supposedly) in Launags possession. Launags complained vigorously to the management but he was rebuffed and Launags was fired on the spot. Apparently, the management was bitter over the incident and told Launags that they would see to it that he would not get another job as a cashier in the New York area.

4. Launags said he was in poor shape now that he was out of work and hoped [] could lend him an assist. [] told him that he didn't want Launags to come to Washington for there was not much to do here and that he give it another try in New York. [] then gave him the line as outlined above and urged him to go to the American Friends of Refugees office as soon as he could. Launags said that he had heard about this office (AFR) and he would certainly go to pay a visit on the next day (13 Oct 66). [] told Launags that we would even call this office to put in a good word for him -- he was very thankful for this gesture -- but no name was given to Launags other than the name of the organization and it's address--866 United Nations Plaza. [] also told him that he would send him (Launags) about \$100.00 to carry him over until he found another job. Launags was given the new sterile phone number for his use with us.



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5. [] then called [] and explained what had transpired and that he should expect Launags to come through his front door on Thursday, 13 October. [] said he would do everything in his power to get Launags another job and would keep him coming back to the office as often as necessary. The funding of any monies given to Launags would be funneled through [] German Desk. [] will set that up soonest.

6. [] was apprised of the action taken and expressed satisfaction with it thus far.

cc: [] w/encl.

* containing Your address, too..

10 October, 1966
Jamaica of Queens

Graciful [] ?

Checked our new friendship by a phone call this morning to Wash.D.C., but there was only the message that this line is disconnected since Sept.23. Hope Your mail isn't censored and disconnected too.

The news are bad: first my wallet* was stolen while I made my visits with the U.N. missions - or attended the session of its G.A. (when complained about it at the HQs was ejected after a while on the orders of the gensecretary..). Then, on the birthday of my former brother i.l., my working money for the cashier's position was 46% gone (I start with \$100), I was made responsible for this gap, asked for a police investigation, but that was refused (thieves cannot call police..) and instead I was fired (on Oct. 8).

Now I'm in a truly bad spot since this will stay on my employment records. Please send me therefore immediately \$50 so that I can come over to Washington and once for all straighten out my citizenship and other things. If You can, try to get for me some temporary employment, - as a checker, for instance, at the Golden Parrot (I'm fast now with the cash register), - here in N.Y.C.

The employees obviously cannot stand my withness.

OK defeated Fred