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FROM: IRP/ Stockholm, Sweden		DRP 1366		DATE OF REPORT 16 April 1956 3P
SUBJECT IDENTIFYING DATA				
CLASS ESCAPEE	IRP CONTROL NO. STOCKHOLM - 324	FAMILY GROUP NO.'S (325, 326, 327)		
NAME (SURNAME) LARS	(FIRST NAME) Hans	(MIDDLE NAME) None	(NEE) None	SFX MALE
ALIASES None		PRESENT NATIONALITY Stateless - Estonian		
DATE OF BIRTH (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR) 6 November 1910	PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY) (COUNTRY) Inavere, Pilistvere Commune, Estonia			
ACCOMPANYING MINORS (NO SEPARATE REPORT PREPARED)				
NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	IRP CONTROL NUMBER
Vivian Tala	Female	1 May 41	Parnu, Estonia	326
Ain Tala	Male	23 Nov 48	Vandra Ryd, Sweden	327
A. RECORDS CHECKS				
U.S. RECORDS CHECK	NR	3 Apr 56		
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE				
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
OTHER AGENCIES				
Board of Prisons, Stockholm, Sweden	NR	16 Dec 55		
Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission	R	9 Apr 56		
Embassy Central Files	NR	13 Apr 56		
Embassy Visa Files	NR	16 Apr 56		
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FOR COORDINATION WITH <u>State</u>				
B. SPLIT INVESTIGATIONS: None				
C. REMARKS: ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PARAGRAPH (S) 5, 8 and 10. Hostage, Foreign Military Officer and Organization				
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Clifford W. Carlson Investigator		James M. Hall Reviewed by 16 April 56		
E. DISTRIBUTION		CLASSIFICATION		
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NAME LEIS, Hans	IRP CONTROL NO. STOCKHOLM - 324																																			
SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS) Mr. Alexander Jurisson, 27-72 27th St., Long Island City 5, N. Y.																																				
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<p>1. Certificate of birth, issued by Estonian Minister to Sweden, on 2 Dec 1955, indicates that SUBJECT was born on 8 Nov 1910, at Inavere, Piiistvere Commune, Estonia.</p> <p>2. The Certificate of Birth referred to in paragraph one indicates that SUBJECT is the son of Toni Leis and Madlena Leis, nee Kreubauer.</p> <p>3. The Marriage Certificate, issued by Fresta Parish, Swedish State Church, Stockholm, Sweden, indicates that SUBJECT married Oline Raudvee, nee Urb, on 26 Aug 1950. SUBJECT adopted his wife's two children by a former marriage.</p> <p>4. SUBJECT is Stateless - Estonian. Swedish Alien Passport #23238, issued by the Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission, on 7 Dec 1955, valid until 13 June 1959, verifies SUBJECT's Estonian nationality. Estonian Passport #598074, issued by the Police Commissioner in Põltsamaa District, Estonia, on 3 Nov 1927, further confirms SUBJECT's Estonian nationality.</p> <p>5. According to SUBJECT's statements, both his parents and two sisters and a brother - Heino Leis, Hilda Leis and Helmi Kolk - all resided in Inavere Piiistvere Commune, Estonia, in 1944. SUBJECT has had no contact with them since that time and does not know their present status or whereabouts.</p> <p>6. According to SUBJECT's statements, he presently resides at Sotgrand 6, Upplands - Vasby, Sweden, and was a resident of Sweden on 7 Aug 1953. Previous residences given were as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>June 1951 - present</td> <td>Sotgrand 6, Upplands - Vasby, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar 1946 - June 1951</td> <td>Hydal, Bollstana, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep 1945 - Mar 1946</td> <td>Stigsjo, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 1945 - Sep 1945</td> <td>Alvesta, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 1945 - July 1945</td> <td>Borlange, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec 1944 - May 1945</td> <td>Hjorkabruk, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 1944 - Dec 1944</td> <td>Vikingshill Refugee Camp, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 1944 - Nov 1944</td> <td>Refugee Camp, Hultsfred, Sweden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar 1944 - Sep 1944</td> <td>Military Service, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 1938 - Mar 1944</td> <td>Farnu, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep 1938 - Nov 1938</td> <td>Tori Commune, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 1938 - Sep 1938</td> <td>Vigala Commune, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 1938 - June 1938</td> <td>Tallinn, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec 1935 - Dec 1937</td> <td>Vigala Commune, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep 1932 - Dec 1935</td> <td>Inavere Commune, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 1931 - Sep 1932</td> <td>Military Service, Estonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birth - July 1931</td> <td>Inavere Commune, Estonia</td> </tr> </table> <p>In May 1940, SUBJECT spent a two day holiday at Riga, Latvia.</p>			June 1951 - present	Sotgrand 6, Upplands - Vasby, Sweden	Mar 1946 - June 1951	Hydal, Bollstana, Sweden	Sep 1945 - Mar 1946	Stigsjo, Sweden	July 1945 - Sep 1945	Alvesta, Sweden	May 1945 - July 1945	Borlange, Sweden	Dec 1944 - May 1945	Hjorkabruk, Sweden	Nov 1944 - Dec 1944	Vikingshill Refugee Camp, Sweden	Oct 1944 - Nov 1944	Refugee Camp, Hultsfred, Sweden	Mar 1944 - Sep 1944	Military Service, Estonia	Nov 1938 - Mar 1944	Farnu, Estonia	Sep 1938 - Nov 1938	Tori Commune, Estonia	June 1938 - Sep 1938	Vigala Commune, Estonia	Jan 1938 - June 1938	Tallinn, Estonia	Dec 1935 - Dec 1937	Vigala Commune, Estonia	Sep 1932 - Dec 1935	Inavere Commune, Estonia	July 1931 - Sep 1932	Military Service, Estonia	Birth - July 1931	Inavere Commune, Estonia
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<p>7. No physical or mental defects were revealed during the course of the investigation.</p> <p>8. According to SUBJECT's statements and a Military Service Certificate, issued by the former Estonian Minister to Sweden, H. Larstel, on 2 Dec 1955, SUBJECT served in the 5th Estonian Artillery Group from 25 July 1931 to 1 Aug 1932. He graduated from the Estonian Army Officers School at Tondi, Estonia, on 24 Feb 1933 as a reserve 2nd Lt. In Mar 1944, he was called to active duty and served as a 2nd Lt. with the 1st Artillery Regiment of the Estonian Division (38) of the German Army until 17 Sep 1944, when SUBJECT's unit was trapped by the Russians and SUBJECT fled to Farnu, Estonia.</p> <p>9. SUBJECT stated that he has never been politically active, but he voted twice in pre-communist Estonia -- once for Pats, who was the Agrarian Party candidate, and once for the Estonian Farmers' Party. SUBJECT claimed to be anti-communist and opposed to socialism and totalitarianism.</p>																																				
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DETAILS		
<p>10. SUBJECT stated that in 1939 and 1940 he was a member and a 2nd Lt. of the Estonian Civil Defense "kaitsealust" (Artillery) at Parnu, Estonia. From 1933 to 1935 he was a member and a 2nd Lt. in the cavalry of the Estonian Civil Defense at Imavere, Estonia. From 1938 to 1940 he was a member of the male choir "Parnu Meeskor" at Parnu, Estonia. He was a member of the Estonian Reserve Officers Association from 1932 to 1940. From 1940 to 1941 he was an involuntary member of the Estonian Commercial Workers Trade Union (a communist organization) during the Russian occupation of Estonia. Since 1946 he has been a member of the Svenska Metallindustriarbetareforbundet (Swedish Metal workers' Trade Union) at Upplands - Vasby, Sweden.</p> <p>11. SUBJECT stated that he has never been arrested for any crime by the police of any country.</p> <p>A certificate, issued by H. Laratsel, former Estonian Minister to Sweden, reflects that SUBJECT was never convicted of any crime in Estonia.</p> <p>The Board of Prisons, Stockholm, Sweden, reported that SUBJECT was never convicted of a crime nor imprisoned in Sweden.</p> <p>12. According to SUBJECT's statements, he completed his schooling in Estonia and has the equivalent of an American secondary school education. SUBJECT passed the literacy test administered during the RRP interview.</p> <p>13. According to SUBJECT's statements, he has been employed as a metalworker from April 1946 to the present date at A/B Optimus, Upplands - Vasby, Sweden.</p> <p>14. On 9 Apr 1956, the Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission reported that it was prepared to issue a Certificate of Readmission to SUBJECT, as he had not misrepresented any material facts on his preliminary questionnaire for use in connection with application for a visa under the provisions of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.</p> <p>On 19 and 20 Mar 1956, the following named persons were interviewed at the American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden, concerning SUBJECT and family:</p> <p><u>Viljo Palusaar</u>, clerk, born on 6 Aug 1925, at Voisiku, Viljandi, Estonia, residing at Centralvagen 3c, Upplands - Vasby, Sweden, has known SUBJECT ten years and his wife six years as a friend and social acquaintance.</p> <p><u>Ellen Soosalu</u>, clerk, born on 3 June 1918, in Parnu, Estonia, residing at Suezengatan 27, Stockholm, Sweden, has known SUBJECT ten years and his wife 30 years as a friend and social acquaintance.</p> <p><u>Ivar Paulson</u>, student, born on 26 May 1922, in Tallinn, Estonia, residing at Kusthallsrevagen 13, Kotebro, Sweden, has known SUBJECT and his family five years as a friend and social acquaintance.</p> <p>These persons stated substantially that SUBJECT and his family are trustworthy, responsible, sober people. SUBJECT is honest, reliable and a good worker. They have good morals and enjoy good health. SUBJECT is anti-communist and his family and he are opposed to totalitarian forms of government. SUBJECT and his family were recommended as good, prospective American citizens. Nothing derogatory was known about SUBJECT and/or his family.</p> <p>15. SUBJECT was interviewed at the RRP Office, American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden on 28 Feb 1956. He made the same statements orally about his life, as he had previously written on his preliminary questionnaires. SUBJECT appears mentally alert and physically acceptable and made a good impression upon the interviewer.</p>		
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