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SUBJECT: FILE REVIEW ON HARRY MANNIL [] []: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE FOR TEAR LINE PASSAGE TO LIAISON

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: HQS CONCURRENCE TO PASS BELOW TEAR LINE TO ESTONIAN SECURITY POLICE.

2. STATION GREATLY APPRECIATES REF A HIGHLY DETAILED, THOROUGH FILE REVIEW. REQUEST HQS CONCURRENCE TO PASS TEAR LINE BELOW TO ESTONIAN SECURITY POLICE (KAPO). THE MANNIL CASE, IN PARTICULAR THE EXTENT TO WHICH MANNIL MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NAZI WAR CRIMES IN ESTONIA REMAINS A HIGH PROFILE ISSUE FOR EMBASSY WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH KAPO.

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HARRY MANNIL LAUL DPOB 17 MAY 1920 IN TALLINN, ESTONIA, VISITED THE AMERICAN LEGATION IN STOCKHOLM ON 15 AUGUST 1945 AND APPLIED TO IMMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES. MANNIL IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AN ESTONIAN, BORN 17 MAY 1920 IN TALLINN, AND HIS EMPLOYER AS "INSTITUTET FOR MARKNADSUNDERSOKNINGAR," SVEAVAGEN 90, STOCKHOLM. MANNIL WAS INTERVIEWED AND ASKED TO EXPLAIN REPORTS THAT HE COLLABORATED WITH THE GERMANS AFTER THEY OCCUPIED ESTONIA AND THAT HE WORKED FOR THE GERMAN-RUN, ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE. (A

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HAND-WRITTEN NOTE ON ONE OF THE MEMORANDUMS STATES "REPORTED AS GERMAN AGENT AND MEMBER OF FASCIST ESTONIAN WIZONA CORPS.") MANNIL ADMITTED THAT HE WORKED FOR THE POLITICAL POLICE AS A CLERK UNTIL NOVEMBER 1941. HE STATED THAT FROM 1939 TO 1943 HE WAS AN ECONOMICS STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TARTU BUT ALSO WORKED IN THE PRICE CONTROL OFFICE OF ESTONIAN GOVERNMENT DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION. HE SAID THAT HE JOINED A SELF-PROTECTION GROUP IN ESTONIA AND SERVED AS THE GROUP'S PROCUREMENT OFFICER. MANNIL SAID HE LEFT ESTONIA AND WENT TO FINLAND IN OCTOBER 1943 TO AVOID BEING MOBILIZED INTO THE GERMAN ARMY AND THAT HE LEFT FINLAND AND WENT TO SWEDEN AFTER THE RUSSIANS OCCUPIED FINLAND IN OCTOBER 1944. HE ADDED THAT, SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN SWEDEN, HE HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY PERSECUTED BY ESTONIANS WHO ALLEGED THAT HE COOPERATED WITH THE GERMANS. MANNIL COULD NOT EXPLAIN THE REASON WHY HE WAS BEING PERSECUTED/ALLEGED TO HAVE COLLABORATED WITH THE GERMANS, NOR COULD HE SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN HIS CONNECTION WITH THE ESTONIAN SECRET POLICE, SO AN OBJECTION WAS REGISTERED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA.

IN JULY 1972, HARRY MANNIL LAUL WAS LIVING IN COSTA RICA AT FINCA "MOTILONIA," ON THE CARRETERA MONTE LA CRUZ IN HEREDIA. (NOTE: IT APPEARS MANNIL USED HIS MOTHER'S LAST NAME, "LAUL," AS A SECOND LAST NAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRACTICE IN LATIN AMERICA.) MANNIL'S BROTHER WAS IDENTIFIED AS SOVIET SCIENTIST RALF ((MANNIL)) LAUL, SOVIET PASSPORT NUMBER 094180, RESIDING TEMPORARILY IN VENEZUELA AND REQUESTING A COSTA RICAN VISA TO VISIT HIS BROTHER IN COSTA RICA. MANNIL'S BROTHER RALF, DPOB 24 OCTOBER 1924, TALLINN, REVEALED THAT IN 1968 HE WAS A PALEONTOLOGIST WORKING IN THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY, ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PUIESTEE 7, TALLINN.

IN JULY 1978, HARRY MANNIL WAS DESCRIBED AS A VENEZUELAN CITIZEN, BORN 1920 IN ESTONIA, GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF TARTU AND HELSINKI, POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM, AND THE WEALTHY EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF "ACO GROUP ENTERPRISES," WHICH DEALT WITH SALES OF VEHICLES AND A WIDE VARIETY OF MACHINERY. MANNIL WAS IN CONTACT WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR YURIY ALEKSANDROVICH ((VISLOUSOV)). VISLOUSOV WANTED TO BROKER SALES OF PRODUCTS FROM "MASHINOEKSPORT" BUT THAT THE PRODUCTS WOULD NOT BE COMPETITIVE WITH WESTERN PRODUCTS OFFERED FOR SALE IN VENEZUELA. MANNIL PLANNED TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY.

IN JULY 1982, MANNIL WAS FRIENDS WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, AN ETHNIC ESTONIAN NAMED IVAN IOSIPOVICH VYALYAS.

IN OCTOBER 1983, MANNIL NOTED THAT HE HAD MAINTAINED BUSINESS TIES TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR THE PRECEDING 10 YEARS, AND THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP DURING THE PRECEDING THREE YEARS WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR VYALYAS BECAUSE OF THEIR SHARED ESTONIAN HERITAGE. VYALYAS HAD CARRIED CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MANNIL AND HIS BROTHER IN ESTONIA.

MANNIL MARRIED MAZULA BELLOSO, A VENEZUELAN NATIONAL FROM A WEALTHY VENEZUELAN FAMILY WITH EXTENSIVE INTERESTS IN CATTLE AND THE BANKING INDUSTRY. MAZULA BELLOSO DE MANNIL WAS THE HEIRESS TO A LARGE FORTUNE OF A WEALTHY VENEZUELAN FAMILY FROM THE MARACAIBO AREA WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE INTERESTS IN CATTLE AND BANKING INDUSTRIES.

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