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2 June 1950

SUBJECT: Bergstrom's Sons

TO: Chief, []
Washington, D. C.

Nicholas POPPE

ATTENTION: []

REFERENCE: 37-CLEWU

1. As was explained in the reference pouch, [] made an appointment to meet the elder Bergstrom son on Saturday 27 May. The meeting took place as scheduled, [] using an assumed name--(1)--and stating as his motive for contacting the elder son that he knew his father and was aware of Dr. Bergstrom's desire to have his sons join him in [] at no time indicated the organization which he represented. He stated only that he and his friends were interested in helping Dr. Bergstrom because of certain assistance Dr. Bergstrom had rendered in []

2. [] explained the difficulty of effecting a reunion from [] and told the elder son of the remote possibility of arranging a transfer to [] via [] in [] and thence to [] [] checked all the information we had received from the Cooperation (Enclosure to 48-CWULB) and found that it was substantiated in large measure. He also ascertained that both the younger and elder sons were, indeed, eager to travel to []

3. The elder son impressed [] as an intelligent, sincere, and genuine young man who could be relied upon to follow instructions and not to reveal that he had made a contact with reference to his and his brother's transfer to [] The elder son did not question why [] should approach him. He seemed completely trusting, especially after [] had proved that he was fully aware of the boys' background.

4. [] learned the following facts which are set forth for your interest:

a. The elder son stated that Dr. Bergstrom and the boys had previously discussed the possibility of a journey from [] as DPs. They were worried only because they feared there might well be an interminable []

b. The following additional details on the boys were revealed:

(1) The boys are now known by their real names []

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but when they received their new identity cards on 14 October 1949, they retained all other aspects of their cover. The boys do not know who is responsible for their having received instructions to take up their true names, but they suspect it was due to some influential [] friends of Dr. Bergstrom in []. At any rate, they were told to use their true names on 7 October 1949, according to (2).

(2) The present address of the boys is (3). The elder's present certification of registration is (4); the younger's being either one up or one down from (4).

5. The boys at present have no jobs and are planning to take entrance examinations for [] University. The elder stopped work in January 1950, and the younger ceased to work in September 1949, when he went to a technical college in (5). They both fear they may get into trouble with the (6) for not reporting they were out of work (they came to [] by virtue of the (6)'s allowing them to enter as alien workers). However, they have taken the chance of not registering their unemployment in order that they might have greater opportunity to study for their entrance examinations.

6. The boys exist on what their father sends them. This amounts to about \$3 per day each. However, living on this scale is possible in the country.

7. The elder son pointed out that the reason for Dr. Bergstrom's going to [] in 1946-1947 without the boys was that the [] had said that they would offer him haven in [] and that he should, therefore, send the boys on ahead in order that they might improve their language. However, the [] never fulfilled their promise to Dr. Bergstrom; and hence he went to [] without his sons. This accounts for their separation.

8. Only one person in [] knows of their FJSTAL background. He is a (7) DP in whom both boys have the greatest confidence.

9. The elder son told [] that on 6 May he had written the [] Consul in [] and had filled out two applications for immigrants visas to []. To date he has heard nothing. He also wrote about the possibility of visiting [] as a student and whether or not he could remain once he had entered the country.

10. The elder son stated that he would like to mention the matter briefly in a letter to his father. [] explained that this must be done in a very circumspect manner with no reference to his transfer from [] to [] via the

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[] area. The boy explained he was interested only in informing his father of the possible undertaking.

11. It would seem, therefore, from the information set forth above that we now require further instructions from your end. We know the information Dr. Bergstrom gave us is correct; and that the boys are willing and eager to cooperate in their transfer to their father. However, as we see it, this will require very careful timing and scrupulous documentation. We will be able, I am sure, to effect the transfer to the [] area in []. We will be able to erase all evidence of the boys' having been in []. However, because this entails an illegal procedure, we must be certain that the following aspects are carefully planned and effected:

a. Our officers in [] will be able to transfer the boys to [].

b. The boys will be met in the [] area of [] by our [] officers. This aspect was of especial concern to the elder son.

c. We must be able to assure the boys that they will not be stranded indefinitely in []. This also was of special concern to the elder son; for several of his friends have gone to BP camps in the [] area and have been completely neglected, so that six months after departure from [] they still are in the [] area in [] with no apparent hope of transfer to [].

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