



NAME

VÖHMA, August

IRP CONTROL NO.

GÖTEBORG-176

SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

George B. Huffman, 106 Benton Street, Woodstock, Ill.

DETAILS:

1. Certificate of Birth, issued by Norrahammar Parish, Sweden, on 9 Dec 1955, indicates that SUBJECT was born on 24 December 1912, at Sonda, Estonia.

2. SUBJECT states that he is the son of Johannes Vöhma and Kristine Vöhma, nee Sipilgas.

3. The Marriage Certificate, issued by Norrahammar Parish, Sweden, on 21 Dec 1955, indicates that SUBJECT has been married to Regina Vöhma, nee Kivi, since Feb 1945. They have one child (GÖTEBORG-179).

4. SUBJECT is Stateless - Estonian. Swedish Alien Passport No. 16835, issued by the Swedish State Alien Supervisory Commission, on 7 Oct 1952, valid until 6 Oct 1960, verifies SUBJECT's Estonian nationality.

5. According to SUBJECT's statements, his father is deceased, but his mother and two sisters may still be alive and residing in Estonia. SUBJECT states that he has heard nothing from them or about them since 1941.

6. According to SUBJECT's statements, he presently resides at Karlslätt, Norrahammar, Sweden, and was a resident of Sweden on 7 Aug 1953. Previous residences given were as follows:

- May 1955 - present, Karlslätt, Norrahammar, Sweden;
- Aug 1952 - May 1955, Petriforsplan 2 B, Olofström, Sweden;
- Dec 1950 - Aug 1952, Östraforss, Sweden;
- Sept - Dec 1950, DP Camp Sandplata, Oldenburg, Germany;
- Aug 1948 - Sept 1950, Osnabrück, Germany;
- Feb - Aug 1948, DP Camp Sandplata, Germany;
- Oct 1946 - Feb 1948, Goslar, Germany;
- July 1945 - Oct 1946, Hanau, Germany;
- July 1932 - July 1945, Military Service in Estonia and Germany;
- birth - July 1932, Sonda, Estonia.

The No District Police, Sweden, verifies SUBJECT's current address as given.

IRP/Stuttgart and ITS/Arolsen verify SUBJECT's residence in Germany.

SUBJECT states that he has not travelled except as indicated.

7. No physical or mental defects were revealed during the course of the investigation.

8. On 25 May 1956, the Berlin Document Center, U.S. Mission Berlin, APO 742, U.S. Army, submitted the following information concerning SUBJECT's military service:

Estonian Army: July 1932 - Sept 1940, reaching the rank of 2d Lieutenant;

(Estonian-) Red Army: Sept 1940 - Aug 1941, 2d Lieutenant;

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<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Estonian(-German) Army: Nov 1941 - June 1943, reaching the rank of Captain;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Estonian Troops of the) Waffen-SS: June 1943 - May 1945, reaching in Nov 1944 the rank of Major (Waffen-Sturmabannführer), while serving with the Artillery Regiment of the Estonian Division of the 20th Waffen-SS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Note: Personal history statements, written and signed by SUBJECT on 22 Sept 1943 and 26 Jan 1945, as well as photos showing him in German Police and Waffen-SS uniforms are available at the Berlin Document Center).</p> <p>9. According to SUBJECT's statements, he is a former professional soldier and is not particularly interested in political matters. He is, however, highly anti-Soviet and anti-communist. During his period of service with the Red Army he was forced to vote for the communists. SUBJECT deserted from the Red Army in 1941 and fought against the Soviets during the remainder of World War II. In May 1945 he was captured by the Soviets, but in June 1945 he escaped to West Germany. SUBJECT came to Sweden legally in 1950. He fears severe persecution by the Soviets, should he return to Estonia.</p> <p>10. SUBJECT states that he was a Group Leader in the Estonia Home Guard from 1929 to 1936, a member of the Swedish Metal Workers Union 1931 - 1953, and that he has been a member of the Swedish Salaried Industrial Workers Union (S.I.F.), since 1953.</p> <p>11. SUBJECT states that he has never been arrested for any crime by the police of any country. The Mo District, Sweden, Police reports that SUBJECT, as far as they know, has never been charged with, or convicted of, any crime.</p> <p>12. According to SUBJECT's statements, he completed his schooling in Estonia and has the equivalent of an American College education. SUBJECT passed the literacy test administered during the RRP interview.</p> <p>13. According to SUBJECT's statements, he has been employed as an engineer from May 1955 to the present date at Norrahammars Bruk, Norrahammar, Sweden.</p> <p>14. On 2 Feb 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 17 and 23 Jan 1956, the following named persons were interviewed at the American Consulate General, Göteborg, Sweden, concerning SUBJECT and family:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF ESPIONAGE LAWS TITLE 18 U. S. C. SECTIONS 793 &amp; 794 AND IS LIMITED TO AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS ABROAD AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS AND TO IMMIGRATION INSPECTORS DESIGNATED TO FUNCTION ABROAD UNDER THE REFUGEE RELIEF ACT OF 1953, AS AMENDED. THE TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p>		

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DETAILS:

Aleksei Jurimäe, metal worker, born on 12 July 1913, at Jägeva, Estonia; currently residing at Östa Sandelsgatan 6, Göteborg, Sweden, who has known SUBJECT and family for about three years as a social acquaintance.

Herman Kala, mechanic, born on 30 July 1912, at Vana-Suialepa, Estonia; currently residing at Ringelbrektsgratan 67, Göteborg, Sweden, who has known SUBJECT and family for about two years as a social acquaintance.

On 12 Jan 1956, the following person was interviewed by the American Embassy, Stockholm, Sweden, concerning SUBJECT and family:

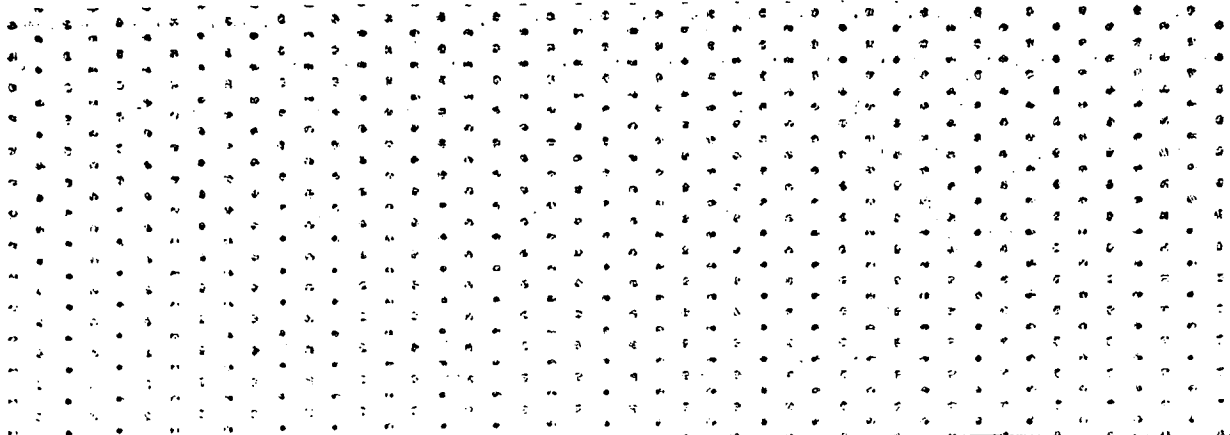
Jaak Lattik, minister-of-religion, retired (ex-Estonian Foreign Minister, Minister of Education, and Estonian Ambassador to Lithuania), born on 22 Oct 1878, at Karola, Estonia, who has known SUBJECT for about fifteen years and SUBJECT's wife since childhood.

These persons stated substantially that SUBJECT and family are very honest, trustworthy, reliable and all-around fine, well-educated people with excellent reputations. They are believed to have conservative and democratic views and to be strong anti-communists. SUBJECT is a former Estonian army officer. The references know of no derogatory information concerning them and recommend them highly.

ITS/Brolsen reports that SUBJECT's application for IRO assistance in Germany after the war was turned down for unknown reasons. In view of the facts developed during this investigation the refusal was conceivably based on SUBJECT's service with the Estonian Division of the Waffen-SS. The files of the 56th CIC, APO 154, U.S. Army, Germany, as well as of the DP Commission, American Consulate General, Frankfurt, Germany, fail to reveal any record of SUBJECT or his alleged application for IRO assistance.

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On 16 April 1956, information concerning SUBJECT



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15. SUBJECT was interviewed at the RRP Office, American Consulate General, Göteborg, Sweden, on 19 Dec 1955. He made the same statements orally about his life, as he has previously written on his preliminary questionnaire. SUBJECT made a favorable impression upon interviewer.

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