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TO: C J
FROM: FEL
SUBJECT: Oecian ERIKSSON
REFERENCE: LSS-124 of 19 March 1947

1. The subject case appears to be of no interest to the organization although a summary of the facts in the reference will be transmitted to the Department of State.
2. You are requested to have no further contact with Subject but perhaps to arrange with Mrs. von BARDEL to keep you informed of any further developments.

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15 March 1947
ATTN TO
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TO: Washington (FBI)

FROM: [] [] *Sub*

SUBJECT: Cesian ERIKSSON

EVALUATION: R-O

On the evening of 20 February 1947, a member of this office was telephoned by one who later identified himself as Cesian ERIKSSON. ERIKSSON stated he had first tried to contact Mr. Norby, formerly of the OSS mission here and had subsequently been referred to a member of this office in order to learn of Mr. Norby's whereabouts. When Subject was informed of his long previous departure Subject stated his business as wanting to give information re the whereabouts of Raoul WALLINBERG and four American officers whom he knew are being held prisoners by the Russians. It was agreed to meet Subject on the following Monday in order to hear his story.

As biographical background Subject gave the following information: Subject claims Swedish nationality, having been born at Hofors, Sweden, 17 August 1916. Subject possessed no passport or other valid identification. He did, however, present a Swedish Personkort Nr 592219 of 1945, listing his residence at that time at Hotel A,B,C, Ostgatan 15, Stockholm. Also a Stockholm city Labor Permit card, last dated 1 July 1946, bearing group number 793 and check number 16017. In addition Subject presented 3 letters of recommendation from past employment. These letters were all of a commendable nature and indicated the following employment:

As boiler-room worker at LOKMOC OY, Hammarfors, Finland, from 1 Aug. 1933, until 1 October 1938; Employed by SVENSKA TURBIN A/B LJUNGSTROMS STAL from 1 December 1938 until 1 July 1944, and since 3 January 1945 until 18 February 1946 was employed as a draftsman at the Swedish firm OLJERLINING, Ostgatan 19, Stockholm. Since 19/2/46 Subject has been temporarily employed at the A. E. Dickens, Orebro, Sweden, but has held no job since November 1946.

Subject speaks Swedish, Finnish, German and Russian, his manner of speech does not sound genuinely Swedish nor does he appear to speak it entirely fluently. In vague terms he states he made many illegal trips to Denmark and Norway during the war and states it was in this connection that he met Mr. Norby.

Subject created the impression that he was very reluctant to talk about himself and during the interview became considerably annoyed when questioned regarding his past and present activities and there were many points which the Subject declined to answer or discuss.

Subject's personal appearance as follows: Height approximately 5' 8", Blond curly hair, thin face, high cheek bones, sharp nose, dark eyes, appeared as a wiry, tough type individual and one living under abnormal circumstances.

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Letter No. 2

Mr. Bank Director Wallenberg,
Stockholm.

In view of the fact that no one came to meet us at the meeting place agreed upon in my previous letter I take the liberty, to write you again as possibly my first letter may not have reached you in time.

If Director Wallenberg does not care to help us arrange for a boat, etc, please be kind enough to let Mr. Hårol Wallenberg's mother, Anna von Dardel read the letter Mr. Hårol Wallenberg sent you, Sept. 1945, via Constantinople, also, meet us with a car at 2000 Sunday evening, 5/1 at Prinses Bryggeri, Stampstan, Göteborg.

If we do not hear from Director Wallenberg it will be necessary for us to arrange the escape some other way.

Because of not having any legitimate contacts it is impossible for us to rent living quarters and therefore I can't give any definite address. It is most important that we work in seclusion as thereby we will be able to help Mr. Hårol Wallenberg and his friends escape from Estonia.

Respectfully
Antti Turunen

Göteborg, 3/1/46

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As previously mentioned, subject contacted the American Legation in order to give information the present whereabouts of Raoul WALLENBERG and four American officers, who are being held prisoner by the Russians. Subject's story follows.

On 14 December 1946, subject (due to his wartime experiences in smuggling individuals over from Denmark) was informed two men at Halsingör, Denmark, wished to be brought over to Sweden. Subject consented to take them over, arriving in Göteborg on 20 December 1946. The two men subject brought from Denmark gave their names as Anti TURUNEN and Alf TINGVIL. These men told subject they had recently escaped from a Russian concentration camp located at KEMERI, LATVIA. They escaped on foot to Poland and were smuggled on board a ship which took them to Denmark. The escape originally included twenty others, but they were captured almost immediately.

TURUNEN, it appears, was considerably better informed of the situation in Latvia than TINGVIL and he told the story that Raoul WALLENBERG and at least four American officers were being held as prisoners in this camp. He did not know any of the names of the Americans, but did know of WALLENBERG and had received instructions from him as to whom he should contact upon arrival in Sweden. TURUNEN stated the KEMERI Camp contained approximately 600 prisoners used as laborers, quartered in barracks, and one large five-story building, also within the compound area, which was being used as officers' quarters, class rooms and other utility purposes. It is, according to TURUNEN, in this building that WALLENBERG and the four Americans plus eight or ten others of the intellectual group are being quartered. They are here forced to conduct English classes for the Russian officers.

Upon arrival in Sweden, 20 December 1946, TURUNEN immediately made plans for contacting the WALLENBERG family in Sweden and to impart to them more detailed information. This was done by sending an open letter to Bank Director Marcus WALLENBERG in Stockholm (See attached true copy of Letter 1). Upon receiving no reply or action to his letter nr. 1, TURUNEN sent another on 3/1/47 (See attached true copy of Letter 2). According to subject, this letter was also ignored by Marcus WALLENBERG and no action taken. At this time TURUNEN's situation was very difficult in Sweden, so he stowed away on a ship and went to Finland. (TURUNEN is of Finnish nationality, served in the German Army during war and was captured by the Russians, hence the Kemeri Prison Camp). Shortly after arrival in Finland, TURUNEN was arrested by the F.S.P. and no further word has been received from him.

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Upon the arrival of TYNGVIK in Göteborg, he immediately wished to proceed to Norway. (TYNGVIK is of Norwegian nationality, served in the German Army, was captured by the Russians and committed to Kemari Camp). Subject accompanied TYNGVIK to Oslo and Lillehammer, Norway. They entered Norway illegally. Subject remained in Norway until 4 January, returning to Göteborg approximately 9 January. Upon subject's return to Göteborg, he learned of TURUNEN's unsuccessful attempt to contact M. WALLEMBERG, his return to Finland and subsequent arrest by the F.S.P.

Subject explains that by this time he had become extremely interested in TURUNEN's story re WALLEMBERG and the Americans being held prisoners by the Russians and was annoyed by the fact WALLEMBERG had not arranged to meet TURUNEN and resolved to investigate this story further and then contact the WALLEMBERG family re the whereabouts of Raoul. To accomplish this investigation, subject states he went to Kemari to see the area personally. Subject left Sweden approximately 10-12 February going over the Swedish-Finnish frontier at Haparanda, but beyond that would give no details re his trip, except he had spent two days in Helsinki, and had been in Lenin-grad. Subject reports he was able to come within a short distance of the Kemari Camp compound with the help of a Latvian peasant whom he called "Taska". Subject states he was convinced and could identify (from a photo) Raoul WALLEMBERG as he and Taska met a group of twelve men going to a bath house outside the compound. (The attached diagram is subject's sketch of the Kemari camp area.) Subject reported he returned to Stockholm on 27-28 Feb. 1947, at which time he tried to contact Marcus WALLEMBERG and inquire why he had not responded to TURUNEN's letters. He was, however, not able to meet WALLEMBERG as the latter was out of the city. He then went to the Swedish Foreign Office and told his story. Here he saw letters which had been written to Marcus WALLEMBERG but no action had been taken nor any contemplated. Subject stated he proposed that the Swedish government fly him to Kemari area, drop him, give him time to organize an escape and then pick up the group by another plane. The Foreign Office, obviously, would give the plan no consideration.

Subject then, on 28 February, contacted Mrs. Fredrick von DARIEL, mother of Raoul WALLEMBERG, living at Sveavägen 86, Stockholm; telephone 327711. He related to her the contents of the foregoing paragraphs and asked her opinion and aid in expediting Raoul's release. It appears that together they hit upon the idea of informing the American Legation and perhaps enlisting their aid, inasmuch as Americans were also involved and Raoul WALLEMBERG had been originally sent to Bucharest at the request of the late President ROOSEVELT. Hence, the telephone call mentioned in paragraph 1 of this report.

After the original contact with Mrs. von KRIEGL, subject, on his own initiative, informed Mr. von KRIEGL it would be well to go to the American Legation, there meet his contact and perhaps something could be accomplished. Mr. von KRIEGL at this time brought true copies of the attached letter. This meeting was entirely unexpected and of little consequence, except that it revealed Mrs. von KRIEGL knew little of subject, his past, his plans or his true motive in this case. She also mentioned having given him 400 Swedish kroner for his information and efforts to date. Upon the departure of Mr. von KRIEGL, subject immediately telephoned this office to check whether or not she had met his contact. It appears subject used this motivation in order to enhance his own position with Mrs. von KRIEGL by assuring her he was in contact with the official at the Legation.

At subsequent meeting, subject's next proposal was one of American collaboration in an expedition in the form of a small "commando raid" in an effort to pick up "ALEXANDER" in the Americas. This was not discussed further as he was told we were in no position to do anything of that nature—completely noncommittal.

Subject was told in order to better evaluate his material it was necessary to know more of him, his contacts, his activities, motives, etc. He agreed to this but in the course of his questioning, it became obvious he was annoyed and refused to answer a number of questions or make comment when his story did not seem plausible. On one occasion he stated he was being treated as a "Russian spy" although no indication was given to this particular line.

On another occasion, subject proposed we give him a camera and at least 4000 Russian rubels. He would then make a return trip to Kaveri and bring back convincing proof of his story, and perhaps other important info. Then subject stated he "assumed this may not be necessary as you no doubt had your agents in that area and, if so, could they not aid us in clearing up this case." The foregoing statement was passed over without comment.

Then it became evident to subject he was not being taken in, given an assignment or materials, he appeared to lose interest in the matter and upon departure stated if we would not collaborate with him, there was no point in giving us any further information.

The last info re the case received from subject indicated that the Norwegians were scared of TINGVIK's return to Norway and were seeking him for arrest as a German collaborator.

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Subject's last address, 10 March 1947, was given as Hotel GRIFEN, Klaraberggatan 52A, Stockholm; telephone 115452. It is assumed subject can be reached at this address.

From the brief contact of this office with subject, it appears subject was either using the SALZBERG case as a clever means of penetrating any operations we may have in the Baltic area, or, as previously mentioned for purposes of his own gain in linking himself with the American authorities in an effort to procure greater financial support from Mrs. von DARIEL.

In speaking with the subject, the utmost security was observed in order that he NOT be in any way aware of our interest or activities of this nature.

This report is forwarded for your information and comments or suggestions & it is assumed subject can still be reached through his latest address or through Mrs. von DARIEL. We plan to again contact Mrs. von DARIEL in an effort to control subject's proposals and activities in this case.

** Please note discrepancy in camp location at end of letter No. 2 where message is mentioned "from Estonia" whereas entire story deals with camp at KEMERI, LATVIA.*

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Letter No. 1

Mr. Bank Director Wallenberg.

Arrived in G6teborg Christmas Eve, via Denmark, delayed because of detours en route. There are just two of us as we parted from the others in Riga. Mrs. Dardel will not be further informed regarding the situation but I wish to meet with Mrs. von Dardel and yourself. No one else other than Mrs. Von Dardel and yourself will be further advised. I am taking the liberty of asking you to please meet us at 2000 with a car on the 26/12, at Prippe Bryggeri, Stampgatan, Jb.

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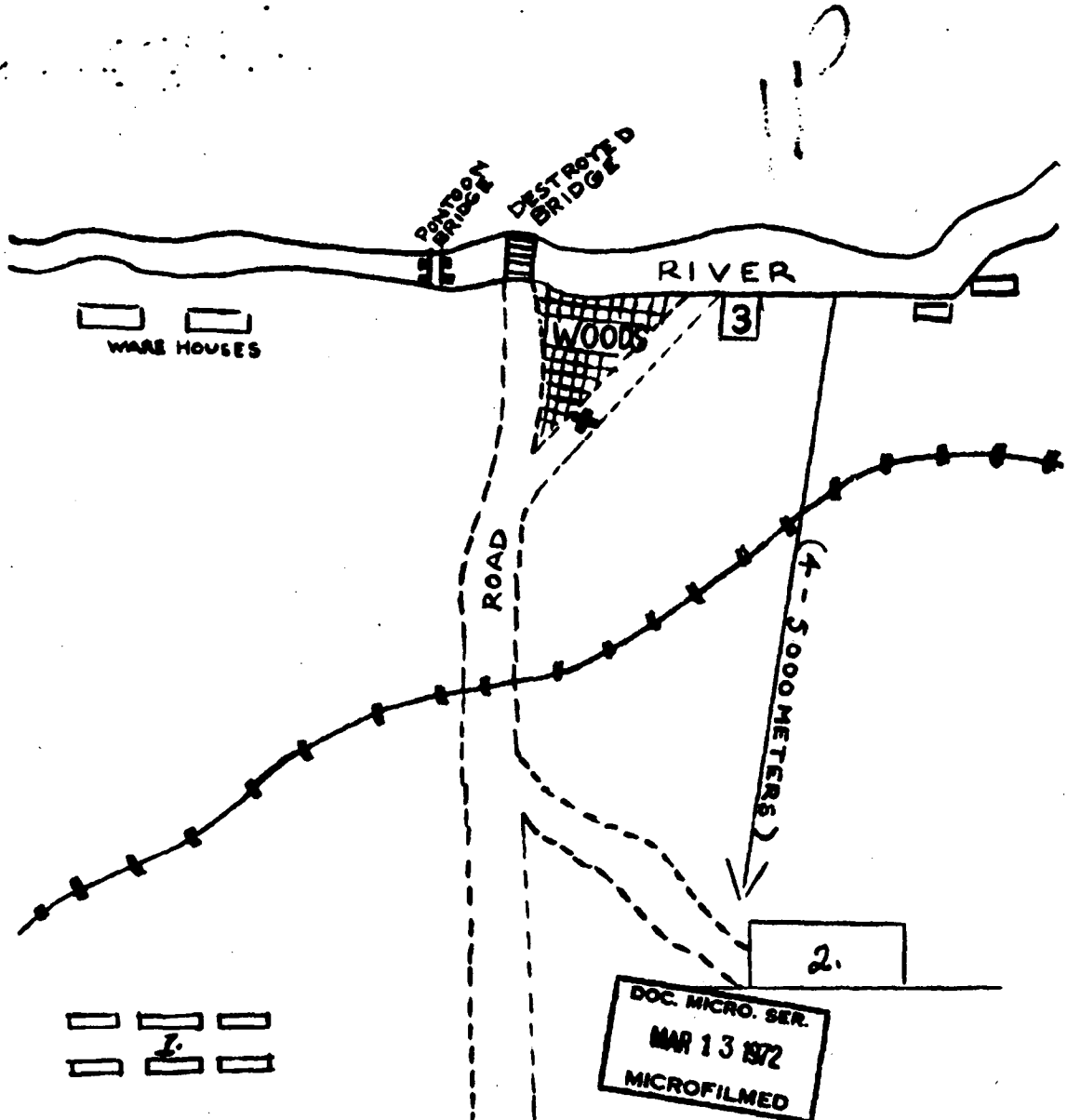
Respectfully,

Aiti Purunen

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KEY

- 1. Barracks accommodating about 600 POW. **CS CAP?**
- 2. Five Story Bldg. housing officer's quarters, class rooms, and rooms of R.W and Americans.
- 3. Bathhouse.
- (X). Point where R.W was observed by Subject.
- Barbed wire fencing in compound area.

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TO: Washington (FBI)

FROM: [] *Sub*

SUBJECT: Ossian ERIKSSON

REFERENCE: LSS-184 dated 19 March 1947.

Due to an oversight the above Subject was not checked in our files prior to the writing of our LSS-184.

Our files, however, reveal little beyond confirming the information that Subject had during the spring of 1945, been in contact with a representative of the U.S.S. Mission in Stockholm.

According to information on file the Subject was born in Hälsingborg, Sweden. During 1945 was an employee of the firm Einar Eriksson & Co, Kungätor, Hälsingborg. During this period it is also confirmed Subject was actively engaged in smuggling individuals out of Denmark. In addition, we have a memorandum from the British stating Subject was employed by them in the spring of 1945.

It will be noted a discrepancy exists in Subject's previous and present statements as to his birthplace and place of employment during the year 1945.

Since Subjects leaving this office as indicated in the above reference we have heard nothing further regarding his whereabouts or his activities but from Mrs. VON DARIEL, on 31 March 1947, it is learned that she is still in contact with the Subject and that he is continuing to work on the case in her behalf. Mrs. Von DARIEL appeared reluctant to reveal any of the details of the activities presently being carried out by the Subject. She did, however, say she would ask Subject to again take up contact with our representative in order that he may be informed of the latest developments in the case.

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