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E.O. 12958: RDS 8/29/94 (WILGIS, HERBERT E. JR) DR-4
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, SMUM, MU, UR, SN
SUBJECT: WALLEMBERG CASE

REF: A) STATE 216676, B) STOCKHOLM 3484, C) TEL AVIV 18423

1. C- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON RIERMAN'S ARTICLE, BUT IT WAS QUERIED ON SUBJECT CASE ON JULY 20 BY AMCIIT HARVY ROSENFELD WHO WAS IN BUDAPEST RESEARCHING HIS "ROOTS". ROSENFELD VISITED EMBASSY AND SOUGHT TO ENLIST ITS ASSISTANCE IN DOING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON JEWISH HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING FATE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WALLEMBERG. (ROSENFELD, A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, PLANS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE, POSSIBLY A BOOK ON THE HOLOCAUST). ROSENFELD PRESENTED TO EMHOFF A COPY OF A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN KEMP (NY). ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, DATED JUNE 26, KEMP HAD ASKED HUNGARIAN AMB ESZTERGALYDS TO PROVIDE "ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE" TO ROSENFELD IN MEETING

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WITH HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS REGARDING THEIR EFFORTS TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST'S VICTIMS. KEMP, ACCORDING TO ROSENFELD, DID NOT RECEIVE A REPLY FROM ESZTERGALYOS PRIOR TO HIS (ROSENFELD'S) DEPARTURE FROM U.S.

3. ROSENFELD ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH GOM MFA AND CHURCH AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, SAYING THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN BUDAPEST, INCLUDING DR. (MRS). SZEIFERT, AND THEY "KNEW NOTHING ABOUT WALLENGER". EMBOFF ADVISED U.S. DESK OFF AT MFA OF THE OVERALL NATURE OF ROSENFELD'S RESEARCH EFFORT AND ASKED IF HE COULD PUT ROSENFELD IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOM OFFICE FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS. DESK OFFICER WAS INITIALLY HESITANT PLEADING SHORT NOTICE, VACATIONING PERSONNEL, ETCMN BUT SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK. IN VIEW OF ROSENFELD'S SHORT TIME HERE (ABOUT A WEEK) EMBOFF AGAIN CALLED DESK OFFICER, WHO SAID HE WAS STILL WORKING ON MATTER AND THAT HE HAD NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON ON THE KEMP-ESZTERGALYOS CORRESPONDENCE. ROSENFELD, APPARENTLY FRUSTRATED, APPRECIATED EMB'S EFFORTS AND SAID HE WOULD VISIT SWEDISH EMBASSY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

4. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH EMB OFF (GANSLANDT) ROSENFELD VISITED SWEDISH EMBASSY BUT WAS TOLD SWEDISH EMBASSY HAD NO DOCUMENTATION ON WALLENGER CASE AND REFERRED HIM TO STOCKHOM MFA.

5. COMMENT: SENSITIVITY OF GOM TO WALLENGER CASE MOST PROBABLE REASON FOR MFA'S FOOT-DRAGGING ON ROSENFELD'S REQUEST. THE HUNGARIANS CLEARLY DO NOT WANT TO TOUCH THIS CASE, OVER WHICH THEY HAD NO CONTROL WHEN IT OCCURRED AND THE MEMORY OF WHICH IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. ABOVE REPORTED SO THAT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BUDAPEST, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY PERIPHERAL TO WALLENGER CASE.
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