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Hqs Trace Results - Alexander RAMSAY

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Reference: EGGA-6016, 24 April 1974

1. Headquarters has initiated traces on Alexander RAMSAY with the following results. The information, most of which originated from Hamburg, Munich or Frankfurt, has been extracted from RAMSAY's 201 file and is either noted below or attached herewith. 1952 OPC information indicated that RAMSAY was born on 9 January 1914, Coldingham, Berwick, Scotland. Additional biographic data on Subject in that report is attached. Another report of 10 August 1952 (WSSA-4230) indicated that an RFE source of Station reported that Alexander RAMSAY would arrive in Stockholm on 20 August as a temporary replacement for that source. RAMSAY was to remain in Stockholm for about two months until a permanent replacement was named, and he was also to continue to function as the Chief of the Hamburg Bureau of the RFE during that period. RAMSAY was further reported to have been in the British military intelligence during the war and had served in Germany as a security officer immediately after the war. He was then assigned to the Foreign Office (possibly with the Information Research Department (IRD) section) and subsequently was employed by RFE. (It is interesting to note that if, indeed, he were employed by the IRD, he had at least a peripheral connection with intelligence activity. However, there was no record in London at that time of his ever having been associated with (SMOKE)).

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Bio data h/w

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2. In April 1955, CASCOPE reported that an alleged BIS Naval Intelligence man, a Mr. RAMSAY, was in touch with a Mr. MADGE (fnu), of the Hamburg Branch of the London firm, United Baltic Corporation which firm CASCOPE believed to be a BIS cover firm.

3. In 1957 proprietary approval was requested to use subject as a correspondent for RFE in Hamburg. This was disapproved based on the strong possible association of RAMSAY with British intelligence. In 1958 subject was transferred to Brussels with RFE and in 1964 proprietary approval for his use as Bureau Chief there was again requested. This was then granted as of 24 September 1964, but there is no further information in subject's file, an indication that he was probably never utilized.

4. The documents in reference, namely, EGMA-14836 dtd 25 March 1955, EGQA-64554 dtd 22 June 1955 and EGGA-402 dtd 29 November 1955 were searched at Hqs as they were not in subject's 201 file. Copies of the latter two are attached for Base; however, there was no abstract or record of EGMA-14836. It, therefore, is not recoverable.

5. The reply to the question in paragraph 1 of reference as to whether a British citizen could be a security chief of an American organization, namely, the RFE, is affirmative.