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20 October 1948

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to refer to my letter of October 18, regarding the arrival in this country of Dr. Gustav Hilger.

Dr. Hilger's dependents are as follows:

Mrs. Gustav Hilger; Mrs. Elizabeth Schaab, their married daughter whose husband was abducted by the Soviet Secret Police in the United States Zone of Germany in 1945 and has not been heard from since; Miss Angelica Schaab, five years of age; Miss Veronica Schaab, ten years of age. (Dr. Hilger's grandchildren).

Dr. Hilger and members of his family are now at the Roosevelt Hotel where they are living in rooms No. 733 and 735. It is planned to establish them in a modest, furnished house as soon as possible and after a series of interviews with various officials of this Government, he will begin work which will involve various Government agencies.

For your information, also, Dr. Hilger is considered as one of the few outstanding experts on Soviet economy and Soviet politics. He has not only a scholarly background on Soviet subjects, but has had long practical experience in analysing Soviet operations on a day-to-day basis. Your office may, or may not, be aware that Dr. Hilger was brought to the United States in 1946 and spent some nine months in this country in the custody of our military authorities, during which period he rendered valuable services and assistance which can be explained to you in greater detail by the Director of Intelligence, Department of the Army.

Should you desire any further information regarding Dr. Hilger, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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Policy Coordination

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Mr. Wigner:

Dr. Milner agrees that the Washington Post story is very significant and recommended to me that we check with OPERATION RUSTY at once. He said that he saw hundreds of Russian deserters each month being contacted and "milked" by various RUSTY personalities on the military side and he can't imagine this source being completely dried up.

I assume, therefore, that you will do necessary.

C. G.