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MY PRESENT SITUATION
AND MY THOUGHTS ABOUT IT.
(Written upon Request.)

Motivation.

I saw the quick start of complete degeneration of life in my native country when the Communist came to power there in 1940. When I escaped their deadly grasp, I promised myself to be in the future as valuable as possible in the global fight against Communism. It was obvious that this was possible only in my professional field, Intelligence. I started at once, and I would like to continue as long as I can, as hard as I can.

Separation of Family.

My wife and I have been living separately all the time, except the last few months of 1951, when I first joined the Agency. The reasons were, and are:

1) My family was helped over to the U.S.A. while I had to remain behind in Germany because of the work the Agency had foreseen for me there.

2) When I was transferred to this country, in 1953, my family lived in New York. I was told to leave the family there because it was better for my duties that I was alone in Washington. My wife was then employed as a practical nurse.

3) Later the situation changed, and the family could have lived together. At the same time my younger son had been admitted to Catholic University in Washington, and we intended to move here. However, I did not receive an expected pay raise, and therefore it was impossible to meet the combination of the higher expense of living in Washington as a family, and the college tuition for my son, which would have been free in New York. (My wife pays

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an unusually low rent of \$ 56.00 a month because the antiquated 3-room apartment she occupies since 1952 is still under rent control. My monthly rent in Washington is \$ 30.00 for a bedroom.) My superiors told me at this time that I myself was to blame: I should have asked for a much higher salary in the beginning, because later substantial raises are almost impossible.

4) I am 58 now, and my wife is almost 54. She has a rather good job with the First National City Bank of New York where her gross salary is \$ 4,368. She is also covered by the bank's pension plan, life insurance, hospitalization, and she participates in profit sharing; her total salary, including these items, is \$ 5,200 per annum. She will probably be able to stay there up to the age of 62, and then enjoy her pension. She has worked for the bank since 1955.

5) I am older than my wife. It is probable that I shall be the first to be disabled. Therefore, I can not ask her to give up her present position and join me in Washington, where she has no friends, and where it would be impossible for her to find a new job on her own initiative which would provide the benefits she now has. I understand that the Agency has some means of placing some people in private businesses in the Washington area; I would be very interested in having the possibilities of my wife's being employed by a local bank explored, although she would have to receive a considerably higher salary here to outweigh the loss of seven years in her present pension plan, which is of great concern to her. We must be prepared for the situation in a few years to come, when she will probably have to help support an involuntarily unemployed husband.

6) Our family relations are good. We have endured the separation because we had to. However, we do not feel that this can last much longer. We must

settle together somewhere, after all these years apart.

Possibilities of a New Job for Me, Outside the Agency.

At my age, and without any "American experience" which I could cite when looking for a "private" job, it is most difficult for me to find a suitable one. The same is true for the government positions, as I saw when applying for them through the Civil Service Commission. Although I was found eligible for jobs in the field of Research work in Military Intelligence in grades GS-11 and GS-12, I received only two Requests for Availability, and not a single offer.

In 1957, when I felt that the Agency no longer had need for me, I tried to get a commission in the U.S. Armed Forces. I failed because I was not yet an American citizen. I like military life and work. Therefore I filed my second application for a commission in the Armed Forces in 1959. However, although a citizen then, my only long-time American acquaintance outside my line of work, the late Colonel W.E. Shipp, U.S. Army, Retired, persuaded me of the futility of this attempt: my age was too advanced for me to be accepted.

My Thoughts.

Having taught my classes of Agent Handling that an agent should not be concerned about his personal affairs because these will be taken care of by the "Sponsor", I should appreciate it very much if I could be helped in my own situation.

My superiors in the Agency have noticed that I have sometimes been dissatisfied with my assignments. This was true. The dissatisfaction was caused by the feeling that I was often left idle, and my extra work, done on my own initiative, was not recognized. During the last few years this feeling has

subsided. I have occupied myself, more than before, with matters concerning my national community in the U.S.A. I hope that this feeling will disappear fully when I will be able to settle down with my family.

I think that a solution to my problems could be found by helping me:

- a) either to find suitable employment in the New York area, inside or outside the Agency, so that my whole family could settle there, with my wife keeping her present job, or -
- b) to find a position in Washington or somewhere else, which would enable me to support my family properly even if my wife did not earn as much in a new job (if she were able to get one at all at her age).

In both cases, if this job would not be with the Agency but with some other government agency, steps should be taken against my losing my 730 hours of accumulated sick leave, and the annual leave I am entitled to after more than 11 years of service with the Agency.

In my application for Civil Service I could give the Commission only some vague information concerning my work with the Agency, as this was released by the Agency itself. Nevertheless, the C.S. Commission found me eligible for jobs in grade GS-12. My wish is that the Agency, knowing much more about me than the C.S. Commission, would honor the Commission's finding, and would use and pay me accordingly. Especially so because any work with the Agency, during which one has to live a cover, is much more difficult than a regular job.

I stated to the C.S. Commission that I prefer the New York area to such an extent that I would accept there a position in grade GS-11 to GS-12 elsewhere. I'd like to add here that this is especially so if I could remain with the Agency.

I am sure that the Agency, with its manifold fields of activity, could easily find a suitable job for me in the New York area or somewhere else. If, however, this can not be done, because of some special reasons, then I would be grateful for any help in obtaining a suitable job in any other government agency, preferably in one where I could work in the anti-Communist field.

Review of Information.

Although the Agency has full information about me, I shall give here a concise review of my education:

Gymnasium (high school and jun.college) in Kuressaare, 1914-1923.

Military Academy, Engineering Class, majoring in Communications, in Tallinn, 1923-1926. Degree: Jun.Lieutenant.

War College, in Tallinn, 1929-1932, including the dissertation for the degree "K.S.Diplom" (Brevete d'Etat Major).

Courses for Intelligence Officers, in Tallinn, 1931-32.

Course in Agent Training (refresher), in Washington, 1953.

Courses in: Teaching Methods; E & E; LZDZ, all in 1957.

Languages: Estonian, Russian, German, English - all fluent;
French - good (out of practice);
Finnish, Polish, Ukrainian and Belorussian - fair reading knowledge.

A detailed listing of my experience is available at any time.

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