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TO : WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, c/o []

FROM : Mr.A.Kurgvel

SUBJECT: Request for Clearance of Publication of an Article.

I was asked by Estonian Ex-Colonel R.MAASING, former 1-st Assistant to the Chief of Estonian General Staff, to write something for being printed in the History of the Estonian People and State in World War II, being published by an Estonian Publishing House in Sweden.

To comply with this request I have written a part of the story of my service with the G 2, of which Colonel Maasing was the Chief then, and of my later activity. The story carries the title "Viisteist aastat üle normi" (15 years over the rate). I chose that title because 15 years will be over in this July from the date when the Soviet occupational authorities in Estonia, in July 1940, ordered my displacement from G 2 because I was found unacceptable for them to cooperate with. As they most likely intended to liquidate me soon after that, like they did with all my fellow-officers who did not surrender to them but could not escape their hold, and as I am still alive, then I find that the 15 last years of my life have been over the rate foreseen by the Communists for me to live.

Up to now I have written 40 pages (1 to 41, with # 19 missing) starting with my entering the service with G 2, in 1934, and finishing with my escape from Estonia, in 1940.

I shall mail one copy of this writing to Colonel Maasing, so that he could read it . I will inform him that I have to receive the authority from my Employer to publish this writing. I do not expect that it will be printed in full, it is too long for that in frame of the volumes of this history book, but some parts of it, which are of some general interest, could be, if the authority for this will be given.

There is NO mentioning of the United States of America in this writing, except the names of two Military Attaches of the U.S. in Estonia, Major G.B.GUENTHER and Major W.E.SHIPP, and the note that Major Guenther fell during World War II in grade of General and Colonel Shipp represented the U.S.Army in many other countries later, at last in Spain, from where he returned in autumn, 1954 and retired in sight of the nearing limits of age.

Forwarding (here enclosed) one copy of this writing I herewith ask for Clearance of Publication of it, provided that the Publishing House, represented by Col. Maasing, will like to use it.

I kindly ask to return this copy to me after the decision will be taken.

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A. Kurgvel