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19 November 1945

Memoandum for: Mr. Jack D. Seal
Department of State

Subject: Harry WASHIL

1. The attached report is forwarded as of possible interest to you.
2. It is not known whether or not this information has been made available to any representatives of the State Department.

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1. A Stockholm dispatch, dated 21 September 1945, states that Subject applied at the American Legation, Stockholm, on 15 August 1945 for an immigration visa to enter the United States. He is of Estonian nationality, born on 17 May 1920 at Tallinn and is presently employed with Institutet for Vardnadsundersokningar, Sveavagen 90, Stockholm.

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2. The following information on Subject has been received from a reliable source:

MEMBER OF FASCIST ESTONIAN

"Harry MANNIL was a young student of economics when the Germans occupied Estonia. In 1942 he was a member of German-run Estonian Political Police. Together with his friend Otn MARKS, who now is in Finland, he kept surveillance over well-known Estonian Nationalists in Estonia, more specifically Tallinn.

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"In one instance he questioned harrister MARK, now in Sweden, on the street in Tallinn. A man in Finnish uniform entered the house where MARK lived and when MARK came out of the house MANNIL came to him and asked for the identity of the man. Later MANNIL was sent to Finland where he continued his observations. In 1944 he came to Stockholm. The Swedish Police preferred to send him out of Stockholm last year but it is believed that he is now in Stockholm and perhaps released from surveillance."

3. Subject advised that he attended the University of Tartu from 1939 to October 1943 and in 1942 was employed in the Price Control office of the Estonian Government - this being during the German occupation. He admits that he joined a self-protection group in Estonia in September 1941 and that he later volunteered for service with the Estonian Secret Police and worked for them as a file clerk until November 1941. From November 1941 to April 1942 he claims to have been employed as a procurement officer for a "self-protection group" in Estonia. He denies having done any surveillance work with Otn MARKS, but admits having known MARKS. He also denies ever having questioned MARK or that he has ever participated in the persecution of Jews by the "self-protection group".

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4. Subject states that he left Estonia for Finland in October 1943 and went from Finland to Sweden in October 1944. He left Estonia "for fear of being mobilized into the German army" and Finland after the Russian occupation. He listed as one of his references Professor R. POOM, who is reliably reported to have been an Estonian collaborator and the central figure of a group working with the Germans. Subject states that he knows nothing derogatory against Professor POOM, who was formerly head of the faculty of economics at the University of Tartu and is now in Stockholm. *CONTACT OF R. POOM IN SWEDEN*

5. Subject further stated that since his arrival in Stockholm he had been continuously persecuted by the Estonian Society who alleged that he had cooperated with the Germans. He could not explain the reason for this nor could he satisfactorily explain his connection with the Estonian Secret Police.

6. An objection was registered to the issuance of a visa to Subject.

NOTE: - A field report dated 6 March 1945--evaluation: B-3--described Subject as a German agent and as a member of the Fascist Estonian Wignea Corporation, who had continued his "obscure activities" in Finland before fleeing to Sweden. This report also indicated that Subject was forbidden by the Swedish police from residing in Stockholm.

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