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1. IDEN OF REF IS HARRY ((MANNIL)) LAUL. FOLLOWING ARE HQS TRACES:

A. TX-564 DTD 3 AUG 1945; DOI JUL 1945 FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE; SUBJECT: NAZI ESTONIANS IN SWEDEN. MANNIL (SUBJECT) IS DESCRIBED AS A FORMER ECONOMIC STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TARTU AT TIME GERMANS OCCUPIED ESTONIA. IN 1942 HE ALLEGEDLY JOINED THE GERMAN RUN ESTONIAN POLITICAL POLICE AND PERFORMED SURVEILLANCE ON ESTONIAN NATIONALS IN TALLINN, ESTONIA. IN 1944 HE WENT TO SWEDEN WHERE HE CONTINUED HIS SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES. DESCRIPTION: 155CM TALL, ROUND FACE, RATHER SMALL PIERCING EYES, BLOND HAIR, BROAD SHOULDERS.

B. LA-9949 DTD 19 NOV 1945; SUBJECT: HARRY MANNIL (SUBJECT). SUBJECT, ESTONIAN NATIONAL BORN 17 MAY 1920, TALLINN, ESTONIA, APPLIED AT AMERICAN LEGATION STOCKHOLM ON 15 AUG 1945 FOR IMMIGRATION VISA TO ENTER U.S. AT THAT TIME HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH "INSTITUTE FOR MARKNADSUNDERSCKNINGAR," SVENVAGEN 90, STOCKHOLM. SUBJECT STATED HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF TARTU FROM 1939 TO OCT 1943 AND IN 1942 WAS EMPLOYED IN THE PRICE CONTROL OFFICE OF THE ESTONIAN GOVT. HE ADMITTED HE JOINED A "SELF-PROTECTION GROUP" IN ESTONIA IN SEP 1941 AND LATER VOLUNTEERED FOR SERVICE WITH THE ESTONIAN SECRET POLICE AND WORKED FOR THEM AS A FILE CLERK UNTIL NOV 1941. FROM NOV 1941 TO APR 1942 HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR A SELF-PROTECTION GROUP IN ESTONIA. HE DENIED HAVING DONE ANY SURVEILLANCE WORK AND DENIED EVER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE PERSECUTION OF JEWS BY THE SELF-PROTECTION GROUP. SUBJECT STATED HE LEFT ESTONIA FOR FINLAND IN OCT 1943 AND WENT FROM FINLAND TO SWEDEN IN OCT 1944. HE LEFT ESTONIA "FOR FEAR OF BEING MOBILIZED INTO THE GERMAN ARMY" AND LEFT FINLAND AFTER THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION. SUBJECT ALLEGED THAT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM HE HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY PERSECUTED BY THE ESTONIAN SOCIETY WHO CLAIMED SUBJECT HAD COOPERATED WITH THE GERMANS. HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THIS NOR COULD

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HE SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN HIS CONNECTION WITH THE ESTONIAN SECRET POLICE. THE REPORT INDICATED THAT "AN OBJECTION WAS REGISTERED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO SUBJECT."

C. [] 14717 DTD 14 JUL 1972; SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRACES ON SOVIET TRAVELING TO COSTA RICA; ([] ADVISED) THE COSTA RICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN CARACAS SENT TELEGRAM TO COSTA RICAN FONMIN REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT VISA TO DR. RALF ((MANNIL)) LAUL, SOVIET PP OM NR 094180 (SIC), TEMPORARILY RESIDING IN VENEZUELA. MANNIL'S BROTHER IS HARRY MANNIL LAUL WHO WAS RESIDING INDEFINITELY IN COSTA RICA AT FINCA MOTILONIA, CARRETERA MONTE LA CRUZ, HEREDIA. RALF MANNIL GAVE REFERENCES AS ARTURO AND MARIO ((ECHANDI)) (LATTER FORMER COSTA RICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE) AND FRANKLYN ((AGUILAR)).

D. [] 37662 DTD 21 JUL 1978; SUBJECT: HARRY MANNIL; [] TELTAP REVEALED MANNIL WAS CONTACTED BY SOVIET COUNSELOR VISLOUSIV IN EFFORT TO INTEREST MANNIL IN MASHINOEKSPORT PRODUCT. FORMER [] SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED MANNIL TO DISCUSS VISLOUSOV'S APPROACH. DURING MEETING MANNIL CLAIMED TO BE PERSONAL FRIEND OF FORMER PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND FORMER COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT JOSE "PEPE" FIGUERES. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD A BROTHER WORKING AS A SCIENTIST AND STILL LIVING IN ESTONIA. BROTHER HAS BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THE WEST OCCASIONALLY OVER THE YEARS, LAST TIME BEING SOME FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS ABLE TO VISIT COSTA RICA, BUT SINCE THAT TIME THE KGB OFFICIAL WHO USED TO AUTHORIZE HIS ESTONIAN EXITS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED AND THE NEW KGB OFFICIAL WAS NOT SO FORTHCOMING. MANNIL SAID THAT THERE WAS LITTLE MASHINOEKSPORT COULD OFFER THAT WOULD BE COMPETITIVE WITH SIMILAR WESTERN PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA, BUT THAT HIS COMPANY WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE CHANCE SOMETHING INTERESTING MIGHT DEVELOP. HE OFFERED TO KEEP [] INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. MANNIL MARRIED TO MAZULA D'EMPAIRE. HE IS GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF TARTU AND HELSINKI, POST GRADUATE WORK IN ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM. THERE WAS NO SUBSEQUENT C/O CONTACT WITH MANNIL AFTER JUL 1978.

2. RALF ((MANNIL)) LAUL, DPOB: 24 OCT 1924, TALLIN, ESTONIA, USSR, IN 1957 WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY, ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AT TALLIN. AN AUG 1966 OPEN SOURCE PUBLICATION INDICATED THAT AFTER TWENTY YEARS ESTONIAN SCIENTIST RALF MANNIL HAD COMPLETED GEOLOGICAL CHARTS OF THE EXTENSIVE TERRITORY OF THE BALTIC-SCANDINAVIAN BASIN. THE CHARTS DESCRIBED THE HISTORY OF THE BASIN THROUGH THE WHOLE MINERAL FORMING ERA THERE. HIS WORK WAS HAILED AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE. A MAY 1968 CONFIDENTIAL INTEL REPORT CITED RALF MANNIL AS A PALEONTOLOGIST AND STRATIGRAPHER IN HIS MID-FORTIES. HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY, ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. HE HAD TWO YOUNG CHILDREN, A BOY AGE FIVE AND A GIRL AGE THREE. HE HAS A BROTHER, AN

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IMPORT-EXPORTER, LIVING IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA. IN SEP 1972 HE WAS CITED AS DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY AT THE ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. ALSO IN SEP 1972, MANNIL TRAVELED TO PARIS, FRANCE, TO ATTEND AN ACADEMIC CONFERENCE. ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RALF MANNIL IS CONTAINED IN ABOVE PARA 1-D.

3. IN ADDITION TO GUIDANCE OFFERED IN DIRECTOR 760226, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF MANNIL'S CLOSENESS TO VYALYAS WHICH BEGAN SOME THREE YEARS AGO. UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES AND BY WHOM WAS THE INTRODUCTION BETWEEN THE TWO BROKERED. WE CAN SURMISE THAT MANNIL'S CLOSENESS TO VYALYAS MIGHT POSSIBLY SERVE AS AN INDIRECT MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH HIS BROTHER/FAMILY IN TALLIN, BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHAT DOES VYALYAS STAND TO GAIN FROM A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MANNIL. ARE OTHERS IN THE SOVIET COMPOUND GENERALLY AWARE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP? OR DOES VYALYAS KEEP MANNIL TO HIMSELF. WHAT USEFUL SERVICE COULD (OR DOES) MANNIL PROVIDE TO VYALYAS? DOES MANNIL REGULARLY CORRESPOND WITH HIS BROTHER RALF AND VICE-VERSA? WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE UNIDENTIFIED SPANISH BANKER WHO PUT MANNIL IN TOUCH WITH THE SOVIET COMMERCIAL SECTION. WOULD TRACE THIS SPANISH BANKER TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS A SOVIET CONNECTION.

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