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From Press Clippings received from America we note reference to detention Ferenc VAJTA alleged Nazi pending deportation proceedings and possible subpoena before House Unamerican Activities Committee. There follows a brief account of his connection with Embassy last year.

About May 1947 an American citizen married to an Italian called at Embassy and requested our intervention with Italian authorities on behalf of VAJTA who had been arrested and held for deportation to Hungary at request of Hungarian government on charges of being a war criminal. American citizen, a Mrs. KECIOVINAN stated that VAJTA among other things had formerly worked for French Secret Service. We stated that we could not intervene in matter and suggested that French Embassy be approached. At request of American citizen we telephoned counselor of French Embassy and introduced her to him. Some days later, we received a letter from VAJTA thanking us "for saving his life" and asking for an appointment to thank us personally. He called at Embassy and saw PAGE. During months of June and July he called on several occasions and proffered information on various other groups in Central Europe and Italy such as INTERMARIUM, CONFEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLES et cetera. He never brought up question of proceeding to U.S. and as far as we are aware never applied for a visa in Italy. We were cognizant of his alleged Nazi background and treated him with great reserve.

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