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To R. Admiral
Roscoe C. Hillenkoetter
Department of Defense,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Two years ago, when I was yet detained on Ellis Island (accused by Hungarian communists and others),- I informed You three or four times about my situation and I asked also Your intervention,-which You accorded to my case. Later, in August 1948, I got a letter from General E. Wittecll, Adjutant General of the Secretary Of Defense. I was told, that if I renounce on my hungarian citizenship and I make a legal statement, concerning this question, I may enter in the USA- Army. I wrote immediatly to Mr. James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, and I thanked him very much for his kindly interest,- but in the same time, I expressed my opinion,- that untill the day, that I am still detained and I can't finish my fight for my honour,- I can't decide myself to such a step,-because it could seem very opportunistic. I hoped for very long time, that I may win my case and clear my name from all false and tendencious accusations. However, I partly succeeded in that only,- as after winning three times my case before the Board of Immigration Appeals, I lost it before Judge Samuel H. Kaufman. This,- and the so long detention (25 months) forced me on the end, to leave "voluntarily", on February 5, 1950 the USA. From that time, I am living in Bogota, Colombia.

Now, in these so decisive days, when the USA might be forced from an hour to the other, to fight again for human freedom and for the ideals, what, in the battle of my people against Soviet Russia, I represented too, I want offer inconditionally my help and my service for the USA. Before the flight and escape of Ferenc Nagy from Hungary, between 1945 and 1947, the hungarian resistance was connected with my name. Even in the international organisations of the emigrants I had a leading part. It's true, I lost all that with my arrest and detention,-on Ellis Island. But,- it isn't my condition or my position, what I want to offer to the USA : it is my life. Simple soldier, or officer,- I want to fight on the side of the USA and if necessary,-to die for the USA, because I am sure, that if it comes to a new war, only the USA can free my own country and the world from the tyranny of Soviet Russia.

Whatever and wherever I can do for Your country, I shall be glad to do it immediatly, or at any time, when You will permit me,-to do.

Waiting Your answer, I remain

respectfully Yours :

Ferenc Vajta

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I was born in 1914, in Leva, a part of Northern Hungary, which after the first world war belonged to Czecho-slovakia. I am graduated from political sciences (Geneva, 1936) and from Law (Budapest same year). I speak correctly french, italian, german, hungarian, spanish and fluently english. I write and understand nearly in all slave languages. Between 1936 and 1945 I served, as diplomat my country, in minor post (my last post was Vienna, where I served as 1st. consul) I published 6 books in different languages, all about history and politics. I know all european countries and North Africa and Turkey. I founded in Hungary two newspapers (one scientific: The Europe Danubian and the Oresag, which was Hungary's greatest conservative paper. After the war I worked in Innsbruck for a year with the French "Secret Service, helping them to organize the counter intelligence. I founded two hungarian Resistance Committees (the Front Patriotique Hongrois and the Hungarian national Council (1946 and 1947). I worked with the USA too in Rome and in Madrid (in 1947), mostly to organize a proamerican refugee-front in Europe, -and I cooperated also with the CIC in Rome, by helping with informations about Soviet Russia and the communist underground. I went in December 1947 to the USA, where I was supposed to be represented by Colonel Albert L. Hoffman, USA military attaché in Madrid, to the Department of Defense. But after my arrival in the States, the hungarian communists, leaded by Ferenc GÖndör, ex-~~minister~~ people's commissioner of the first hungarian bolchevic revolution (now editor in New York) and later on his influence, also by Walter Winchell. I had only one witness against me: Martin Himler, ex-CSS agent, a former active communist, a close friend of Ferenc GÖndör, who made a false testimony against me. On the base of this testimony, I lost my case before Judge Samuel H. Kaufman (the same judge of the Alger Hiss trial). Now, in March and April 1950 Himler was demasked before the Senate's Judiciary Committee, as a communist and a cooperater of the russians in Budapest (in 1945 and 1946) Also all documents, letters, reports, what I sent from Ellis Island in 1948 and in 1949 directly to You, or to Your office, -might demonstrate the same: I always accused Himler of being a communist, and making his testimony of vengeance and because of the "party-line" against me. In the fact, -my "case" lost all its reasons: I appealed to the Senate and to the Secretary of State for reentry. But, -it's the same: even without that, I shall be glad at any time, in any country, -even with this so sad memory from Ellis Island, to fight, as I did in 1947, - for the USA.