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Hungarians in Colombia  
Serezo Vajta

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1. The subject returned to Bogotá on 25 January 1954, and is again teaching at the University of the Andes and the local normal school. He states that there is nothing to do but to make the best of the situation and wait for a more favorable opportunity to return to France.
2. During his stay in Lisbon he talked with many Hungarians and exiles of other eastern European countries. In his opinion the Czechs are putting out the best propaganda in that city, with the Poles second. However, he noted that there are fights between two groups of Poles, and the tendency to argue and disagree internally was apparent on all sides. Vajta said that this situation was rather discouraging, and he placed part of the blame on the letdown in connection with prospects for peace from the Berlin conference. He said that the Voice of America organization in Lisbon is very weak, largely owing to personnel with no press or publicity experience.
3. Vajta believes that his failure to obtain a French visa is a consequence of the fact that his name was placed on a French black list directly after the war when Communist influence was strong in the French government. He said that he could have exerted some pressure through his brother-in-law, who is employed by the French Foreign Office, but that he preferred to be obligated to no one. He thinks that in the long run the fact that he has been excluded from France because of his known anti-Communist activities will react in his favor.

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