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the point of organizing some such expedition when VAS suddenly informed the Swedish consulate in Hamburg (by letter) that he had been arrested by the American authorities, and was being held in Aueburg, Straffenstalt II, P.K. Kaserne.

4. This surprising news impelled DANIELSSON to decide to attempt a trip to Germany for the purpose of interrogating VAS personally. He therefore felt it necessary to check with us to determine where he should go, and whom he should ask to see. We was most anxious for an immediate reply, since he wished to leave on 16 April (two days later). He said that he had made such a trip in 1947, and had met several army officers, in S.I.C., who had been most helpful. We told him that we could see no obstacle to his making such a trip, but simply could not give him a go-ahead without consulting both German and Headquarters. He very reluctantly acceded to this, and agreed that a prior check with our facilities in Germany might well reveal that we had concrete evidence on VAS' activities which would disprove the entire story he had told the Swedes. He emphasized the need for discreet handling of the case, in order to prevent any leak back to the Soviets to the effect that the Swedes were hot on the trail of KILLER, etc., if, in fact, he should be in the prison described by VAS.

5. We therefore sent reference A, telling DANIELSSON we would advise him as soon as some word was received. On 16 April (a Monday), we received a telephone call at about 1000 from DANIELSSON, telling us that VAS had been released, and was now in the French zone, and asking us to take no more action. This anti-climactic announcement resulted in reference B. We told DANIELSSON we would request whatever information was available on VAS, in any case, as of possible assistance to DANIELSSON.

6. At the close of our interview with DANIELSSON, we told him how much we appreciated the rare opportunity of meeting him, and remarked that he was undoubtedly aware of our longstanding desire to have a more direct relationship. He agreed that he was aware of this, adding that it seemed best to continue with the present arrangement, however. There seemed to be no alternative but to drop the matter at that point.

7. As indicated above, we shall be grateful for any information on VAS which Headquarters or Germany can supply, for transmittal to DANIELSSON.

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