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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1 June 1955

SUBJECT: Letter from Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Stockholm, to Department of State, dated 31 March 1955

1. On 19 May 1955, in a private conversation with Mr. Edwin J. CROWLEY, of the Swedish Desk at STATE, CROWLEY advised the undersigned of the receipt by the Department of State of a letter from George ABBOTT, DCM, Stockholm, dated 31 March 1955 and addressed to Outerbridge MORSKY.

2. The letter reported a conversation which ABBOTT had held with Arne LAMBERG, Secretary General of the Swedish Foreign Office. LAMBERG advised ABBOTT in this conversation of information obtained by the Swedish authorities from a German admiral who had recently returned from Soviet prison camps. In questioning the admiral concerning any Swedes that he might have known while in Soviet imprisonment, the admiral told the authorities that he, himself, had known no Swedes, but that he had met an American sergeant named KUMISH in Vladimir Prison (KUMISH was said to have disappeared from Berlin in 1949). KUMISH had told the admiral that at some time during his detention by the Soviet authorities, he had known a Swede. The name of this Swede was unknown to the admiral, but LAMBERG indicated to ABBOTT that it was felt as a possible lead to Raoul WALLENBERG.

3. In connection with the above, LAMBERG reiterated the Swedish authorities' interest in obtaining information on WALLENBERG's whereabouts, as well as on any Swedish nationals detained by the Soviets. ABBOTT, in his letter, asked the Department to check into this matter and to determine if the Swedish authorities were being advised of any information obtained through interrogations of returnees and others concerning Swedes in Soviet Union.

4. CROWLEY indicated that the Department in replying to ABBOTT ~~stated~~ stated that they had no information concerning WALLENBERG, nor about any other Swedes, but felt sure that any such information would be communicated to the Swedes when and if obtained. CROWLEY also stated that the Army would be contacted for information concerning KUMISH.

5. CROWLEY concluded by saying that he was having a copy of subject letter sent to CIA. Upon rechecking with him on 31 May, the undersigned was advised by CROWLEY that a copy of the letter had been given to Mr. HUFORD, OLS, ~~Dept of State~~ Dept of State.

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6. Tennyson EDWARDS, RCM/UIS, was advised of the above on 31 May. He has agreed to check upon the location of this copy. The purpose of this check is simply to insure that, if the letter is indeed sent to CIA, that it go into the proper channels, i.e.,

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