

Paul: A very persistent man named [ ] called on the Wallenberg case on Thursday, after the publication of the Washington Post article (14 June). I spent almost an hour on the phone trying to get across the fact that we don't know (on this desk at least) whether RW was working for OSS. [ ] is in the Int'l Issues Division/OPA/NFAC and he's read about everything there is in the way of published information on this case. He is concerned that the Soviets will embarrass Carter in Vienna by revealing an OSS connection with Wallenberg. He has reviewed the dossier in OCO (CRS) and asked if he could review the official 201. I told him we didn't have it, and I doubted it would answer his question. After all, if the Soviets had evidence that Wallenberg was an OSS agent, they would surely have surfaced it before just to get the Wallenbergs, the Swedes and International Jewry off their backs. Anyway, I told him that I couldn't help him. He may call you, but I hope to stall him by reproducing the unclassified articles by Kalinski which appeared in Jan 79 / in that Russian-language publication with the unpronounceable name.

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Paul,

I mentioned that, in researching the Wallenberg file in connection with BNNB-~~82015~~<sup>82018</sup>, I saw references to allegations that W was on an espionage mission for the U.S. at the time. This speculation apparently is not ~~new~~<sup>Mar 79</sup>; the/Swedish press quotes from a U.S. Embassy dispatch dated 25/2/57 which begins: "A general explanation to why W was liquidated by the Russians is that they believed he was an American spy, the Secretary of the Wallenberg Committee - a group of prominent Swedish citizens - at one time maintained that W was on a secret mission for President Roosevelt."

Most of the/<sup>recent</sup>speculation concerning Wallenberg's "dangerous mission" stems from some research done by Swedish correspondent Sven Stromberg who reviewed material in U.S. archives, including State, under the FOIA. He specifically refers to OSS in a 21 Mar article in Dagens Nyheter, but only as a deduction on his part.

It is true, however, that Wallenberg accepted his assignment in Budapest to lead a rescue operation for Hungarian Jews at the request of the then U.S. Ambassador to Sweden. Confirmation of this is in a State Department memo to Kissinger dated 26/7/73.

I only mention this because it may come up at some point. A paper called the "New Times" alleged on 11 Dec 78 that "The Insider" had learned from CIA officials...that W was mixing in intel duties with his humanitarian work ...by serving as a go-between for a separate peace deal between the then Fascist government of Hungary and the Allies." According to this version, Stali<sup>N</sup>g was so furious that he ordered Wallenberg imprisoned.

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