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HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)
APO 512

18 April, 1945

SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Aradi
TO : Mr. Whitney Shepardson
Chief, SI Branch

1. In pursuance of our conversation I would appreciate it if the attached letter were delivered or mailed to the addressee. I believe that it overcomes any possible objections which might arise on the question of arranging cover. No special facilities are contemplated. The letter is being forwarded by us as a convenience and if it accomplishes its purpose, our own (and the United States') interest will have been served in providing a plausible occupation for a very useful informant.

William P. Maddox /w
William P. Maddox
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Chief, SI, MEDTO

Enclosure (1)

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April 11, 1945

TO: Colonel Edward J. Glavin
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Co.,
2677th Regiment OSS (PROV)
Caserta

On March 6, 1945, Mr. DeB.
also sent Top Secret Cable
Out 5588, #27089 to Caserta,
re limitations in his employment
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ATTENTION: Lt. Colonel William P. Maddox

FROM: D. DeBardleben

SUBJECT: Cover for Mr. Zsolt Aradi

References: Your letter of 10 February 1945, enclosing
Mr. Aradi's letter to Mr. Hall of NCWCHS and subsequent
pertinent correspondence.

After further careful consideration, it is believed unwise
for OSS to be involved in any way with arrangements for NCWC
cover for Mr. Aradi. His letter to Mr. Hall will not be for-
warded. This letter contemplates delivery by an SI represen-
tative who would "give you enough references and tell you the
possibilities of what I can offer you". Certainly such action
could not be taken without arousing the suspicion of NCWC.
The alternative approach of frankly advising NCWC of SI's interest
in Aradi's employment would unquestionably fail.

The NCWC is an organization definitely controlled by the
Catholic Bishops of this country and is headed by an extremely
conscientious and meticulous administrator. It is most probable
that Aradi's OSS connections would, in due course, become known
to NCWC with embarrassing and damaging consequences. It is
informed opinion here that approach to Vatican circles under
NCWC cover is highly imprudent and that neither should SI
undertake NCWC cover arrangements nor employ any person repre-
senting that organization. Despite this opinion, your request
for such cover would be approved and diligently pressed if
the results to be expected were exceptionally valuable and
could be attained in no other manner. In the case of Aradi,
it appears that these two conditions do not exist and NCWC
cover with its attendant risks is not warranted.

D. DeB.

Approved:

S. B. L. Penrose
Acting Chief, SI

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