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SUBJECT: Cover for Mr. Zsolt Aradi

TO : Chief, SI, Washington

ATTENTION: Mr. D. DeBardleben

1. Your memorandum of 11 April on the subject of arranging a cover for Mr. Aradi has been received and noted. Prior to its arrival I had a talk with Mr. Shepardson and explained to him that we did not propose that anyone from SI Branch should approach NCWC in regard to Mr. Aradi's employment. It was thought desirable that the letter be transmitted for Mr. Aradi to NCWC and an amended copy of such a letter was forwarded, at Mr. Shepardson's suggestion, last week. I also told Mr. Shepardson that Captain Richard V. Burks of RAA, who is at present in Washington, knows Mr. Aradi intimately and would be in a position to offer any references which either OSS or NCWC might desire.

2. Mr. Aradi is not suggesting that he should undertake full time salaried employment with NCWC but simply that he be recognized as an accredited correspondent and send in articles from time to time on a pro-rata basis. Thus, under such an arrangement NCWC need have no objection to any additional service that Mr. Aradi might perform for some other organization, nor need they be informed about it. The two activities could be kept completely separate as far as the record goes. Mr. Aradi could engage in legitimate correspondent's work and at the same time report to us information which could not be publicly disclosed.

3. As I have stated before, I feel that this arrangement would be useful, not only because it would give Mr. Aradi some ostensible reason for remaining in Rome and maintaining an interest in public affairs but that also since the tenure of Mr. Aradi's employment with us is likely to be terminated within a few months I feel that we

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have an obligation to assist him in reestablishing some sort of commercial or newspaper employment.

4. I told Mr. Shepardson that I would send to him the name of Captain Burks as someone to consult and perhaps as someone who could approach Mr. Hall of NCWC, not as of OSS but simply as a friend of Mr. Aradi.

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