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TO: Isolt Aradi 7 September 1945
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THROUGH: Mr. Richard Stebbins, Acting Chief, Political Subdivision, EAA
Mr. Walter Langsam, Chief, Central European SI
Lt. Col. William P. Maddox, Chief, SI, MEDTO
Lt. Col. Howard M. Chapin, Chief, SICE

Dear Mr. Aradi:

Since Dick Burks' departure, I have been delegated to take over the functions which he was performing here in conjunction with your work in the field. He wrote you that this development might occur, and explained to me before he left the general aims of your work and of his own efforts here. I have had an opportunity to go over the files of your reports and was much impressed with the quality of the stuff that you were turning out. With such coverage in the field, I am sure that much can be developed here and await with great interest additional reports from you.

Like Burks I am especially interested in the lines of study which grew out of your reports from Austria and Germany. Since I am also attached to the Italian section, I am interested in such Italian problems as Vatican attitudes towards (a) the coming elections in Italy, (b) developments in the Christian Democratic party, and (c) Communist-Yugoslav problems in Venezia Giulia and Croatia. But as you are on the spot and already have clearly in mind the developments in the field, you are probably in a much better position than I am to judge in what directions your work can best be directed.

Unfortunately I had already left Italy before you came to work with us, and so do not have the advantage of knowing you personally. I am sure, however, that we will be able to develop the closest collaboration.

Sincerely,

George T. PECK, Lt. (j.g.) USNR.

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