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6 July 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FBI

THROUGH: COPS

SUBJECT: Zolt ARADI

1. Subject visited [redacted] in Washington on 3 July 1948. He stated that he has applied for his first citizenship papers but that it will be necessary for him to wait four years before he will have completed citizenship requirements. Subject also related that he has been offered a responsible position with the Voice of America as Chief of the Hungarian Section. A Mr. THAYER is his State Department sponsor.

2. Subject indicated that he desired to return to Rome, Italy, since he has seen very little of his family during the past ten years. In this regard, Subject recalled [redacted]'s explanatory proposition, made in early 1947, that Subject could be employed in Rome after his military assignments were completed. Subject related that an I. S. assignment would not affect his citizenship application since he would be able to remain outside of the U. S. during the four years as long as he returned to the U. S. at least once every six months. Subject also posed the possibility that he be granted a special citizenship by Congress in view of the years he has directly served the A.I.S.

3. Subject is well qualified for operational work in Rome. He has resided there for 16 years and has many excellent contacts. He speaks the language fluently and, as an accomplished writer, would be able to secure an excellent cover which would give him an entree to high grade sources. At present, subject is writing a number of articles in this country and will soon have a novel published in Germany. These publications as well as possible representation in Rome of a Hungarian newspaper printed in this country should go a long way toward establishing Subject's cover.

4. Aside from Subject's cover possibilities, there are also exceptional personal qualifications. Subject is aggressive and has always shown security as well as resistance to interrogation. During the period in which Subject worked in Rome, it was noted that he possessed the drive and ability to accomplish difficult assignments without exposing his own hand. (The VAJTA agent case is an example of Subject's work at short notice.)

5. Subject may be contacted at 160 East 72nd Street, New York City.
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