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Source of Clarifying Statement: A Hungarian DP who arrived in the US from Germany in 1950.

Source, who graduated from Joseph Technical University, attained a responsible engineering position with the Hungarian State Railways where he served as an official until 1945. From 1945 to 1950 he worked in the Western Zone of Germany as a hydroelectric power station engineer. During his years in Hungary, source had occasion to attend scientific meetings where he met scientific and semi-scientific personnel including subject. Source became acquainted not only with subject but a number of people who knew him.

1. General Ferenc Farkas: I knew General Ferenc Farkas quite well in Hungary. As I recall, he was the top man in the Hungarian Boy Scout movement up to 1945. Farkas should be approximately 62 years of age now. He is a tall man of heavy build, is very pleasant and, I think, extremely bright. Although he was opposed to the Nazis, I am certain that his hatred for the USSR and the Communists was, and perhaps still is, much greater than his attitude toward Hitlerism and the Nazis. Farkas, a graduate of Ludovica Military Academy, was branded a war criminal by forces of the USSR when they occupied Hungary in 1945. That same year Farkas fled to Italy. I honestly believe that Farkas, who is married, source doesn't know if Farkas has any children, would love to return to a Hungary free from Communism and Fascism. The feeling of the people towards General Farkas is one of trust. I am inclined to agree and state that in my estimation he is honest and sincere. I assume that most of the Hungarian people who were in Europe in the days during World War II and since would far prefer Farkas as a leader than Horthy or any of the subsequent successors to Horthy.
2. General Ferenc Farkas who speaks Hungarian, German and Italian is now residing somewhere in Rome, Italy. Source last heard of Farkas in 1950 when source resided in Germany.

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