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FROM Chief, WF

SUBJECT | GENERAL Operational/Liaison
SPECIFIC Transmittal of report on Raoul WALLINERU

ACTION REQUIRED: For passage to liaison.

1. Transmitted herewith for passage to liaison is a resume of information supplied by a recent Hungarian defector concerning the missing Swedish diplomat, Raoul WALLINERU. It should be noted that the source has since returned to Hungary. This report is one of several elicited from him prior to his "redefection".

2. The attached information is obviously questionable, but it should be of some interest to the Swedes. Perhaps the report might serve as an excuse for the [redacted] to meet with one of the [redacted]

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NOTE: Hungarian defector whose source files have not been established.
Since analyzing this information, source has referred to Hungary.

1. In 1942, the Swedish diplomat Count Axel L. risked his life to help victims of the Nazi terror in Hungary. By issuing Swedish safe-conduct passes, he helped to save thousands of persons who otherwise would have perished. It is generally believed that Count L. helped only Jews. This is an error, for the brave Swedish diplomat helped the politically persecuted as well. The case of Irwin is an example.

2. H. H., the former chief state director of the National Theater, worked in the resistance movement under the cover name of "Uncle Laci." Several times he had discovered that he was being followed by the "Arrow-Cross Nazis" (Hungarian Nazi Party), and once he was so closely pursued that his arrest seemed imminent. On this occasion a motorcar driven by ... was passing by, and ... fled down the vehicle. When it stopped, ... jumped in and exclaimed in German, "Halpi Halpi I am a Communist...." At this time the Russian Nazi patrol reached the car, and leveled their weapons at protected the unknown man by claiming the motorcar to be Swedish territory and hence outside the jurisdiction of the Nazi patrol. After a exchange of words, the patrol left them, and ... drove ... to the other end of the city where he let him go. Later H. H. was arrested and tried by a military tribunal. ... again intervened in his behalf at the trial, but to no avail. H. H. perished, but the fact that ... saved his life in October 1944 is known to Lili, an opera singer who was ...'s former wife, and to Bela, a film star and actor who lives in Israel today.

3. At the end of January 1945, ... Gyula, former president of the Hungarian House of Representatives, was taken by two Russian army officers to a house in Lovobc Square, in the district of Source followed them to find out where they were taking "Uncle Gyula," and gave the following description of the address: "I do not remember the house number, but as we turned to the right from the Kiraly street, it was the second house on the square." At this address, source observed a Soviet soldier escorting ... through the courtyard, and watched him ascend the stairs. After a few hours, ... came out of the house. He told source that the Russians had asked him a number of questions, including whether or not it was really true that ... had helped so many people.

4. In March 1945, source became acquainted with a Russian officer, First Lieutenant Vladimir ..., who worked for ... (New York), the Hungarian language newspaper of the Soviet Army. This officer told of escorting ... from Budapest to ... in February 1945 in an open jeep. On the way, the Swedish diplomat related stories about the horrors of the war which shocked even the battle-hardened officer. ... claimed to have received an "assault of data" from

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... escorted ... to the Soviet Kommandatura next to the
Dory Museum, and a short time later to the residence of several ...
on Kossuth Street in Debrecen, a one-story, palace-like building opposite
the Theater and Finance Building. ... told source that he had tried to
contact ... early in March 1945, but had been unable to locate him.
Unfortunately ... was killed in an auto accident near Baden-Baden. He
had planned to publish his memoirs after the war, however, and his manu-
scripts are still kept by his father, ... who is a university pro-
fessor in Budapest.