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TO : Chief, SI

FROM : D. DeBardleben

SUBJECT: Cover for Mr. Aradi

DATE: May 7, 1945

I forward to you the latest communication from Maddox on the above subject, and request a decision on action to be taken.

As you remember, shortly before your recent trip to Europe, you sent to Penrose, Nicholas and me, for appropriate action, a request from Maddox for reconsideration of the Aradi matter. Nicholas had previously discussed the subject of NCWC cover with informed persons in the New York office. They strongly recommended that no attempt be made by OSS to establish NCWC cover because of the nature of the organization and the possibility of serious embarrassment. After meeting with Penrose and Nicholas, I wrote the attached letter to Maddox.

Now we receive the letter of 25 April 1945. There is certainly no intention to be stubborn or prejudiced in this matter; but Nicholas and I still feel that however arrangements are made, we are using NCWC cover if Aradi works for OSS and NCWC simultaneously. Hence even if Captain Burks of R & A handles the matter informally, approval of the cover by Mr. Cheston would be necessary and he will not consider the subject unless it has your approval. Further if you approve the application for cover, Nicholas feels that there would still be some doubt of Mr. Cheston's favorable action which could not in any case be expected without reference to the Director.

If OSS feels an obligation to assist Mr. Aradi in securing employment with NCWC to take up where his OSS labors end, then it might be desirable to help by openly recommending him at the proper time as a valuable OSS employee whose work for us has ended.

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