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[Arthur J. LOHWATER] Db

REFERENCES: [OFHA-1282, 15 June 1956]

1. The Subject and his family left Helsinki for good on 17 July 1956. [LOHWATER] had just returned from his second trip to the Soviet Union during the week of 9 - 13 July and was only in Helsinki for four or five days prior to leaving for the United States via Europe. At the [Station's] request, the Cultural Attache, Dr. Ott, called [LOHWATER] into his office and asked him a few simple questions, such as, how was his trip to the USSR, if he knew any Soviets in Helsinki, and if so, which ones. According to Dr. Ott, the Subject seemed quite anxious to answer all these questions and even offered to give fuller answers, if required. He added that he had taken many pictures while in the Soviet Union, some of which were of the Soviet officials he met in Moscow.

2. Since [LOHWATER] had agreed to talk more at length with an American, Dr. Ott, as prearranged, told him that Mr. William Mansfield would get in touch with him over the week-end by phone and arrange to see him. [LOHWATER] gave Ott the telephone number of his temporary residence, but the [Station] was unable to reach him because no one answered the phone. The days between 13 and 17 July were rather busy at the [Station], since two KGB case officers were here on TDY and required varying degrees of [Station] assistance. Both Andrew L. Reuteman and Harold K. Shands, the case officers in question, agreed to pose as William Mansfield and do the debriefing if they could find the time. Both, however, were quite busy and [LOHWATER] could not be reached.

3. [LOHWATER] as Headquarters perhaps knows by now, is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the University of Michigan. His home address is 1409 Shadford Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born on 20 October 1922 in Rochester, New York. As can be seen from the information below, it would probably be of some REDCAP value for him to be debriefed at Ann Arbor next fall.

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 4. [LOHWATER] is not identical with the Fulbright student Jane P. Kichline spoke of. That student is John H. HODGSON of Dartmouth College, who was debriefed by Harold A. Shands on 14 July. 06

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 5. The personalities of interest whom [LOHWATER] has met seem to be GOLUB (fnu), a Soviet Vice Consul who is an assistant to Ivan SEMENYEV, and Yuri VORONIN. He also met a Finnish Communist named RASSA (fnu), who was sitting with GOLUB and VORONIN at a Finnish restaurant. On one occasion [LOHWATER] asked GOLUB over to his apartment for a drink and suggested that GOLUB bring VORONIN and the Finnish Communist along. When the Finnish Communist did not turn up for a drink, [LOHWATER] asked his Russian guests why. One of the Russians allegedly replied that, "we do not like to associate with these Finnish Communists. Many of these Communists who would betray their own country would also betray us too; you can't trust them."

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 6. On one occasion [LOHWATER] saw the Finn's passport and noted that he had travelled to practically every country in the world.

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 7. In [LOHWATER]'s USIS file there is a letter dated 16 April 1956, in which [LOHWATER] asks permission to go to the Soviet Union. The letter reads as follows:

"I have been invited by the Soviet Academy of Sciences to give one or two lectures in Moscow at the end of this week. The date of departure from Helsinki has not yet been fixed, but I should like to inform you at this time of the plans. The visit will not exceed three or four days.

Sincerely,

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 /s/ [A. J. Lohwater"]

Although USIS has been repeatedly briefed that the Embassy is interested in practically everything regarding the travel of persons in and out of the Soviet Bloc, this item was not brought to the Embassy's attention.

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 8. Since the experiences of [LOHWATER] and [HODGSON] have many similarities, it is possible that [LOHWATER] took only one trip to the USSR; however, [HODGSON] took two, and the undersigned may be confusing the two cases. On the other hand, if [LOHWATER] went in April and his last date of entry from the USSR was in mid-July, it looks as if he took two trips also. However, his file only refers to one.

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9. The fact that the above information is so spotty is a direct reflection on Dr. Ott's debriefing, which was very superficial because both he and the [Station] thought that [LONWATER] could be debriefed in more detail before he left Finland. 06

10. This is the first time the Station has heard of Vice Consul GOLUB. KORHIN and SIMONEN are, of course, well known. The Station would be very interested in all information [LONWATER] can give on GOLUB and the Finnish Communist. 06

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