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RAMEY's Meeting with KANTIR on 29 August 1961

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1. Attached herewith is Arthur J. RAMEY's contact report of a meeting with KANTIR on 29 August 1961. The purpose of this contact was to determine KANTIR's current relationship with the RIS, ascertain his future plans, and debrief him about his friend William Steinsmith, an American who lives in Copenhagen illegally, and who has written several pro-Castro articles for local newspapers. He is also known to maintain a contact since February 1961 with the local Cuban legation officer Gabriel Califora.

2. We have asked A SOURCE TO LOCATE Steinsmith, determine the reason for his living here illegally (without residence permit) and obtain as much additional data as possible about his source of income, activities, and contacts here.

3. We will keep Headquarters advised of future developments. This case has been discussed with THE FBI representative from London, who suggested that Headquarters coordinate this case with THE FBI in Washington.

4. Forwarded under separate cover are copies of KANTIR's consular file including documents concerning his newly acquired wife.

Attachments:

A. Contact Report, h/w

B. Copies of Consular file on KANTIR u/s/o SK at 1/11/61 R/NOT MICROFILM

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1. After several abortive attempts to locate and contact KAMUT2

2. General criteria:

b) After his return from Yugoslavia, ~~KARAC~~ married his present wife. As a wedding gift, his father sent him \$ 600.00, from which amount ~~KARAC~~ paid \$ 400.00 for their passage to the USA, the rest went on living expenses and wedding presents. His father sent also an affidavit for ~~KARAC~~ a divorce that both can now travel together. They will leave Copenhagen on the "Stavangerfjord" on 2 September, traveling by tourist class.

3. Content with Content

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The interest in STEINERTH was explained by our desire to find out why an American citizen resided in Denmark illegally. After the above, in KAMER was told that he should not reveal our interest in STEINERTH to anyone, and he promised to do so.

b) According to KAMER, William STEINERTH, age 27-28, is a native of New York. His parents reside in Bronx, but their address is not known to KAMER. He believes that the name is fairly rare and that it should be easy to trace their residence through the Bronx telephone directory. As much as KAMER knows, STEINERTH studied in New York (possibly at the City College) and in California (possibly at the UCLA). His major was communication. STEINERTH is a free-lance journalist and lives or lives from the minor earnings of his journalistic work. To KAMER's claimed best knowledge and belief, STEINERTH has no other source of income.

c) At the present time, STEINERTH lives with his girl-friend, Tulla STEINERTH, 11, at Langelandsvej 2. He is definitely not registered there. STEINERTH came to Copenhagen some 6-7 months ago. Before that time he lived in Trondheim, Norway. He had a 1-year residence permit for Norway. As far as KAMER knows, STEINERTH had a residence in Scandinavian countries in due to his desire to be with his girl-friend. The latter is of Norwegian descent, but lived a longer time in the US, where she landed (first STEINERTH, possibly a Czech, then when she separated (but when she did not formally divorce). She has a daughter, 10 years old, from that marriage, who is with her mother. KAMER does not know anything about STEINERTH, except that he is an American citizen. Tulla STEINERTH moved from Norway to Copenhagen, allegedly to study clothes design, but at the present time she has no money to attend any school or courses. In general, the couple lives from hand to mouth. At one time during the last winter, when they passed through a particular hard period, they stayed with KAMER.

d) KAMER met STEINERTH in winter 1960/61 and has been seeing him fairly frequently since spring 1961. KAMER did not provide a clear picture of how he met STEINERTH, but in the beginning it seems to have been a casual acquaintance through "a friend of a friend of a friend". In spring 1961 KAMER translated one of STEINERTH's articles on Cuba from English into Danish as a linguistic exercise. As a result of this work, they got to know each other more closely, but while they can be said to know each other well, KAMER does not consider STEINERTH a really close friend. In general, STEINERTH is a quiet and reserved person. KAMER characterized him as extremely well-read, interested in politics and economics, politically "left of the center". The articles of which KAMER knows dealt with Cuba, the African question, the USSR (and the USSR was regarded as a anti-imperialist war), and, more recently, with Vietnam. The article on Cuba was published in the Danish journal "Indblik" (other articles were published in "Aktuelle" and "Information"). STEINERTH writes only in English. He does not know any foreign languages well and has no means of expressing himself in Danish and Norwegian. KAMER

KAMER does not know anything about STEINERTH's background. He knows only that prior to his coming to Norway, STEINERTH worked in New York as a sort of clerk or secretary for the American Consulate.

tion. KAWER believes that STEINBERG has not traveled extensively and has possibly visited only Mexico (when he studied in California) and Norway and Denmark.

KAWER knows STEINBERG only under this name and has never heard directly or indirectly that STEINBERG could have used another name. He has seen an article written by STEINBERG, which was signed by "STEINBERG", but that seems to be only a spelling variation of the same name.

c) In connection with STEINBERG's article on Cuba, STEINBERG visited the Cuban Legation. In this manner he met and got acquainted with the Cuban Charge d'Affaires, Gabriel CALLEJA, a very "intelligent and brilliant young man"; he is a very good linguist and knows English, French, Chinese, possibly some Japanese. KAWER himself was introduced to CALLEJA and has met him at least 3-5 times. Initially, CALLEJA and KAWER even planned to exchange some language lessons, but after two lessons their efforts petered out. CALLEJA, according to KAWER, is a 100% "fideista", strongly anti-American, but has some reservations concerning the Russians and Communism, at least in his utterances towards KAWER. The nature of contacts between CALLEJA and STEINBERG is not really known to KAWER. He does not believe that STEINBERG, who KAWER judges as a rather independent person, performs any particular services for CALLEJA and doubts very much that STEINBERG gets any money from CALLEJA. As stated before, STEINBERG's material situation is very poor. The only material guarantee he has is an assurance from his parents that they will pay his passage back to the United States.

KAWER stated that STEINBERG plans to return to the United States within 1-2 months. He will probably go to New York.

d) According to KAWER who is aware of the fact that STEINBERG resides in Denmark without a residence permit, the only known reason for STEINBERG's coming first to Norway and then to Denmark was his desire to be with his girl friend (Tulla ZIMANOVIC). At one point, STEINBERG told KAWER that since he was planning to go back to the United States pretty soon, it did not really matter whether he had or had not a residence permit. In short, vis-a-vis KAWER STEINBERG represented his illegal residence as a case of personal negligence and indifference and as purely connected with personal reasons.

e) Summarizing the somewhat impressionistic data on STEINBERG, KAWER stated that he considers him to be "quite progressive", but not necessarily Communist. On the other hand, STEINBERG is not a type to have his soul easily and though KAWER has been knowing him for quite some time, he cannot make the claim to know him well. However, KAWER does not believe that STEINBERG is on any one's pay roll.

5. General Remarks

a) KAWER discussed STEINBERG fairly frankly and without any visible mental reservations, but he obviously did not provide a complete

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picture of the man and their relationship. In all fairness to KAWER he is not a good reporter in general, is not a very keen observer, and is not always able to concentrate on the topic at hand. But from the tenor of the interview and KAWER's total lack of any serious or relevant information, it seems probable to assume that the questioning concerning STEINBERG did not bother him personally. He does not seem to have any guilt feelings concerning his relationship with STEINBERG and it is very unlikely that the latter has been cultivating KAWER on behalf of the NKVD, if it is assumed that STEINBERG has NKVD contacts.

b) KAWER's financial status has not been clarified completely, but the gift of \$100.00 from his father in connection with KAWER's wedding and increasing departure from Newark does not seem to be unusual. In KAWER's description of his father's business, the latter has a small enterprise and is certainly not a wealthy man, but he has some modest means and savings.

6. Final instructions:

a) KAWER asked for instructions for the event of a contact by the Soviets and was told that if such contacts and attempts of contacts should occur in the United States, he would have to contact the FBI immediately.

Arthur J. Ramey