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TO : Chief, WE

DATE: 24 January 1958

FROM : Chief of Station, [redacted]

SUBJECT: GENERAL - VACCINE/OPERATIONS

SPECIFIC - REDCAP - Relations between Grigori GOLUB and VACCINE/1

ACTION: For information only

1. On 22 January Branley saw VACCINE/1 on the subject of HIR-03704 and DIRA03625 and we will report separately on these topics. However, during the conversation that followed VACCINE/1 said that just the day before Grigori GOLUB (present Soviet consul and suspected HIR officer) called him and invited him to lunch as he does from time to time. VACCINE/1 said that at this lunch GOLUB, for some reason, wanted to impress on VACCINE/1 that he manages to keep informed of certain things even though VACCINE/1 doesn't help him. By way of putting this point across, he made a number of statements:

a. He knows that Antti MARRA (born 1 July 1921 - see [redacted] 2814, 21 September 1957) and Gahari VARRINE (born 4 November 1925) are in Haaparanta. Furthermore, he has the photographs of MARRA's documents and knows that an American interrogated these men in Haaparanta.

b. An American Captain (GOLUB could not recall the name) said, while he was drunk, that the VACCINE/1 detective [redacted] (probably Einar Torsten [redacted]) is his friend and has the job of keeping track of the Soviets in Helsinki.

c. He knows that there was a meeting of Scandinavian Security chiefs in Helsinki in November and that SWEDEN (Sweden), DENMARK (Denmark) and the Norwegian chief attended. VACCINE/1 said this was so.

d. The American military has 15 persons working for them in Helsinki although only 7 appear in the Corps Diplomatique.

e. Col. Bjork, the American military attache, is the man who calls the shots for American espionage in Finland.

2. As VACCINE/1 mentioned each item, we talked about them. On (a) Branley asked VACCINE/1 whether he intended to tip off the Swedes. He said he certainly did intend to because it appears that the Soviets have an agent in Haaparanta. Regarding item (b) GOLUB had automatically eliminated Capt. Felix Sachmann who is the only man of that rank here who speaks Swedish well enough to converse with [redacted]. [redacted] speaks only Finnish and Swedish. Capt. Justin Unger the only other Captain speaks neither Finnish nor Swedish. VACCINE/1 said he had asked

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WESTERBERG whether he had any American friends and the latter said that he did not. Here VACCINE/1 remarked, "I feel quite sure that my men would tell me if they had any Western contacts, but this is a free country and I told GOLUB so. GOLUB was somewhat surprised because he thought any such contact would have to be approved in advance. Still I'm pretty sure I would know if my men were engaged in any shady contacts." (Station Comment: We have considered the possibility that GOLUB may have gotten wind of the VAMERACE/2 - VACCINE/4 acquaintance-ship and this is his way of trying to put the point across to VACCINE/1 without being more specific. We intend to advise VAMERACE/2 to go very slowly with VACCINE/4. VAMERACE/2)

3. In talking about item (c), VACCINE/1 said GOLUB had asked him whether he knew the other Scandinavian chiefs well. To this VACCINE/1 had replied, "Of course" and added that he has known them for 15 years. VACCINE/1 went on to say that last spring when Soviet officials in Finland were receiving IWS literature via the mails from Sweden, GOLUB had come to him and asked whether he could do anything with the Swedes about stopping it. VACCINE/1 replied he might try. GOLUB not returned to this subject and reported the mailings had ceased. He asked whether VACCINE/1 had talked to anyone in Sweden about the matter. VACCINE/1 responded that he had; in fact he had talked to two persons. GOLUB was profuse in his thanks and said that it is a great step for his career that he will be able to report to Moscow that he has enough influence with VACCINE/1 to get a job like this taken care of. Also, GOLUB added and VACCINE/1 related to Bramley with a laugh, it will raise VACCINE/1 to a high level of esteem in Moscow.

4. We failed to mention that at one point in the talk VACCINE/1 said he took GOLUB to task for having interests not consistent with a diplomat's job. "Are you," he said, "the highest intelligence officer the Soviet Union has in Finland?" GOLUB protested that his interests were purely diplomatic and that he had no other than normal consular duties. VACCINE/1 smiled and said to Bramley, "Of course, that is baloney" (Free translation).

5. In an additional comment to the conversation on the IWS matter, GOLUB appeared highly pleased and remarked that Moscow had recently told him that his reporting was far better than anything SEREBYEV had done.

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