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TO Chief, WA	DATE 20-2-4/3
FROM Chief of Station, Helsinki	DATE 21 April 1961
SUBJECT 1 VALINK/Operations 1 Harry Alfons SUNDEVIK**	RE: "43" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
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1. The purpose of this dispatch is to report on a case involving one of the Finnish employees at the American Embassy, Harry Alfons SUNDEVIK. He has been employed as a chauffeur/clerk in the General Services Section of the Embassy since 1951 and presently is in charge of the Unclassified Mail Room. His duties also include arranging travel documents for U. S. Diplomatic couriers between Helsinki and Moscow and hence he has reason to visit the Soviet Embassy from time to time. Recently the Embassy General Services Officer brought his suspicions to the attention of Hoodine, saying that they were based on Sundvik's general attitude, particularly after the latter had expressed his interest in making a trip to the Soviet Union and his taking Russian lessons for this purpose. The GSO also reported that Sundvik was known to have talked a number of times with Soviet Vice Consul Anatolij Klimov while on routine business at the Soviet Embassy. These points led to the screening of Sundvik's personnel file (with the concurrence of the Charge d'Affaires) and to a check of the references he had given on his employment application. The latter turned out to be quite shady. According to the VALINKS two of the three are listed as having a number of arrests each, including manslaughter, drunkenness, theft, etc., and the third could not be identified. These obviously were not investigated very closely at the time Sundvik applied for employment. On 5 April VALINK surveillance was placed on Sundvik (again with the Charge's concurrence). He was followed each evening after he left the Embassy and on 10 April, after it was learned that Sundvik was driving to the Soviet Union for a four-day trip, he was followed from Tervakoski to the Finnish-Soviet border point at Vaalimaa. Two VALINK detectives were on hand here to observe the crossing. They reported a routine border crossing, that no customs inspection was made, and that Sundvik met two Soviet Soldiers at the border station (on the Soviet side) before continuing from there. He drove off following the soldiers' car. The circumstances of the border crossing are suspicious in that he crossed the border alone, in his own automobile, in bad weather, and for only four days. They also compare closely to the Alanko case where Alanko was asked by the Soviets to rent a car, leave his family on the Finnish side (Lappeenranta) and cross the border alone for a short trip. On Sundvik's return trip 15 April he was again followed from the border to Tervakoski, and then to Helsinki where day to day surveillance continued. Attached are translations of the VALINK surveillance reports and a report of the border crossing which we have received to date. The weekend prior to his trip into the USSR Sundvik spent in Tervakoski with his fiancée, hence there are no reports covering this period.

2. We have now learned from the travel lists which we get every two weeks and which list all travelers going to and coming from the Soviet Union that Anatolij Klimov went to the USSR on 9 April, crossing the border at Valnikkala (railroad crossing point). Whether he has returned to Finland we do not know at this point. Since Klimov's travel coincides with Sundvik's, it is possible that there is some connection.

3. Harry Alfons SUNDEVIK, formerly VESTERLUND**, was born on 19 September 1930 in Helsinki and lives at Stenbackinkatu 4a A 29, Helsinki. He is divorced but has reportedly mentioned the possibility of remarrying (present fiancée is Hilka Kyllikki TUOMINEN**, nee KANTYIA). His economic standing is considered good as he has owned an automobile for a number of years and always dresses quite well. Politically he is Conservative and has given the understanding that his leanings are toward the West.

4. As attachments we

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4. As attachments we are including further biographic data on Sandvik, his family, and most of the names that have come up in this investigation. Also attached are translations of the VALLEN surveillance reports, as stated in paragraph 1.

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1 original copy as stated
in para. 4 above.

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