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JACOB DE VRIES

JAN. - MAR. 1945

MINUT SHEET II

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TO. ESTABLISHMENT SECTION.

Ref. paper in this file

At minute 1 is a resume of the activities, which reveals that subject Jacob de Vries is an individual as an employee of this commission and its subunits.

V.P. CASE has been and direct the way that he agrees with the recommendations at minute 1, para 2. and suggests that they be carried out.

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1. See 1(e) — also 2, above,
2. For appropriate action.

Mr. Sec.

26 Feb

W. H. Houlton

TO EST.

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W. H. C. H. C.

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Sec. Sec.
26 Feb

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Rec. this. Opposite.
After further investigation & interview with Di. Huis
I conclude that his case merits re-consideration, and
that he can be employed by A.C.M.S. subject

to accept supervision.
W.H.C. has been called & agree.
C.A.S.

R. R. C. H. C.

25 MAR 45.
X. 608.

To P.S.

W.H.C. Returned for filing R. R. C. H. C.

C.A.S.

Seen and noted. Nothing to add to our letter of 21.1.45.
J. H. C. H. C.

MINUTE SHEET I

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To. VP.

Subject Employment of Susan Sussner (De Vries)

I doubt if you need to read these papers though.
As to the position is.

(a) Subject was originally employed by Regia Nazio,
Grenada. He claimed to be a DRIVER, but then in
a Canadian camp.

(b) Without anticipating screening.

(c) Some of his transactions in the Regia appear to have called
attention to themselves, and he quit and took up employment
with Grenada Regia.

(d) Engineers were then interested regarding him, the District Controller
replied that while he is not considered a security risk,
his past character is not good and they do not consider
him trustworthy.

(e) W.H.D. J.C. reported him of irregular transactions in the
material and how after the amount of money he now
appears to possess.

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(b) Some of his transactions in the Region appear to have called attention to themselves, and he quit and took up employment with Keresia Region.

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(d) W.H.D. J.C. reported him of irregular leave's actions in the material and have asked the amount of money he now appears to possess. 12.31

(e) Recommended that Col. Sec. be informed that he is unclassifiable as an employee of the Commission or of any of its subordinate units. That they inform Keresia Region with instructions to discharge him, and that all Regions and the District Personnel Board be advised not to engage him again.

CHM.
24 Feb 45

R.H. Briggs
cc

C O N F I D E N T I A LHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Jacob De Vries (Civ)

TO : Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region.

1. Ref File SD/500/83 and to letter of 21 March 1945 from Civil Affairs Section to Establishment Section over signature of R.R.Cripps, Col. C.S.O., CA Section. Subject, Jacob De Vries.

2. In view of this letter, our letter of 28 February 1945 directed to Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region, over signature of R. T. Uhler, Lt Col, AGD, prohibiting the employment of a/m De Vries, is hereby rescinded.

C. M. PARKIN,
Col. Inf.
Actg Vice Pres.

cc to:
Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region
" " Southern Region
" " Lazio-Umbria Region
" " Abruzzi-Marche Region
" " Sardegna Region
" " Toscana Region
" " Emilia Region
" " Liguria Region
" " Piemonte Region
" " Lombardia Region
" " Venezia Region

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Director, Public Safety Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SD/500-83.

21 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Jacob de Vries (Civilian).

TO: Establishment Section.

1. With regard to the papers in File SD/500-83 and Minutes 1, 2 and 3, after further investigation and interview with de Vries it is considered that his case merits reconsideration and that he can be employed by AG/AMG subject to careful supervision.
2. WED and IPW Sub-Commission have been consulted and agree.

RRC
R. R. GRIPPS, Col.
CDO CA SECTION.

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APO 394
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RTU/eh

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Jacob De Vries (Civ)

TO : Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region.

1. Subject civilian is to be discharged effective upon receipt of this letter.

2. Under no circumstances is he to be employed by any units of the Allied Commission or Regional AMG's.

For the Vice President, Establishment Section:

*R.T. Uhler*R.T. UHLER,
Lt Col, AGD,
G-1 American.

cc to:

Regional Commissioner,	Sicily Region
"	" Southern Region
"	" Lazio-Umbria Region
"	" Abruzzi-Marche Region
"	" Sardegna Region
"	" Toscana Region
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Question: Were you ever a member of the Dutch Nazi Party?

Answer: Yes. From 1933 till end of 1935.

Remarks: When after a long absence I came back in Holland in 1933 I found my country in a very easelate condition. As in many other countries of Europe at that moment, the parties of the extreme left were gaining ground and trying to take over into their own hands the power of the weakened government. In order to do something against these evils which were in my opinion disasters for my country I joined with some other friends a party which has as a device the following Three points: Absolute loyalty to the royal family - Strong opposition against all left parties - Raising of the national feeling, strong army and Navy.

The actual commander of the fighting Dutch troops in western Europe, Lieutenant-Colonel de Huyter van Steveninck was among those who were in the party with me.

When after two years I saw that the above mentioned activities were merely a pretext to introduce Nazi-propaganda and race theories into my country, I left this party at the end of 1935. Soon afterwards I went abroad to work and up to now never came back to Holland, except at my Father's death, for a couple of weeks (June '38). I am willing to swear that this statement is true. Since I left Holland in 1935 I never had any contact whatever with the Dutch Nazi-party.

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Question: Did you ever give yourself a title, as for instance; "Colonel"
Answer: No.
Remarks: None.

Question: Did you ever have a commission in the Dutch regular Army?
Answer: No, neither in the regular army, nor in the reserve.
Remarks: In 1920 I joined as a volunteer the motor-corps-section of the "Voor- Jongeren", a semi official military institution.

Volunteers serving in this corps could obtain freedom of military service if called on later by the War Department. They received military training and the same ranks as in the army, such as Corporal, Sergeant, etc. When called under the arms by the war department, they were allowed to come over in the same rank. As I served two years as a volunteer I tried on the basis of this voluntary service to get a catch-up commission. This was refused, but my government let me know, through our legation in Rome, that she had no objection for my taking a British Commission.

QUESTION:

Why did you not give documents concerning salVage of trucks to Ltut. Colonel Campbell?

ANSWER:

I never got such an order.

REMARKS:

When I entered the service of the Region IV on the 21st of June 1944, I was told to be in charge under the orders of Col. Edwards ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of the salvaged abandoned trucks in the region. A contract for salvage was drafted and signed by Col. Edwards before my arrival in the A.C. My work consisted in supervising the private firms which had obtained a contract and to see that they carried out the obligations. Records were kept of the amount of money they had to put as a guarantee in the bank as well as the statements of our experts who had valued the trucks. When Region IV left Rome for Chiasso I was ordered by Col. Edwards to stay a couple of weeks in Rome to handle over as well salvage as transportation to Ltut. Harper. I saw Ltut. Col. Campbell twice, once alone and once together with Ltut. Harper when I introduced to him as my successor. On the last meeting

As at that moment

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but only carried out the orders given to by Col. Henders.

Why do you wear a British Uniform?

Because I have the authorisation of the Dutch government to wear a British uniform with the patches "Netherlands" on the left shoulder.

Question;

Answer;

Remarks ; None.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.C. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/500-83

23 February 1945

SUBJECT : Jacob de Vries.

TO : R.P.S.O. Lazio Umbria Region
(att'n R.S.O.)

1. Reference your S/1422 of 21 Feb. 1945.

2. Para. 2 of the above letter refers to letter from this office SD/500-83 of the 19 Feb. 1945, Para 2. As the facts in this paragraph were obtained from Public Safety, Lazio Umbria on or about 3 Feb. 1945, it is not understood how you were unable to ascertain them.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D., 4224
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

CBH/nb

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APO 394

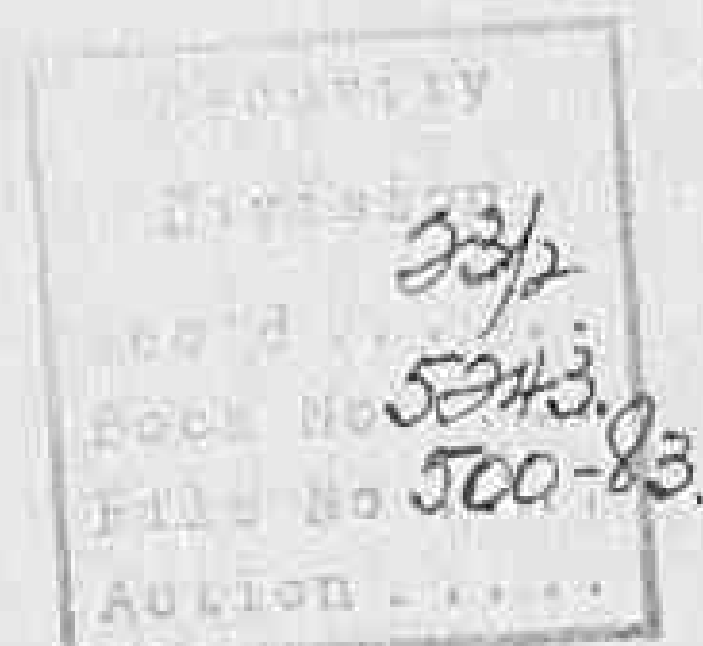
REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER

Ref. S/1422

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Jacob DE VRIES

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission HQ A.C.
Attention Col. Chapman.



1. Reference is made to the attached documents re:Subject:
 - a - S/1396 - 10 Feb. 1945, this office;
 - b - SD/500 - 24 Jan. 1945, P.S. Security Div. AC
 - c - SD/500-83 - 19 Feb. 1945, P.S. Sub-Commission AC
2. With reference to the question in para 2 in your SD/500-83 19 Feb. 1945, this office was unable to ascertain the facts because Subject left ~~his~~ his employment with these HQ before screening was possible.
3. He had been employed as an expert in transportation by then Major HARRIS. Within a week or less he decided to accept a similar appointment with then Region XII.
4. It was precisely because he left for Region XII before we had an opportunity to vet him, that we communicated with Col. MILLHOUSE.
5. We shall be glad to assist in any further inquiries re: Subject you may deem necessary.

COPIES TO: Maj. S. J. HARVEY ✓
Security Div. HQ AC
Capt. WILSON, P.S. Div. L. & U. Reg.

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A. E. HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer;
gt. John Capone
for

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LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

Regional Security Officer

Ref. S/1396

10 February 1945

Subject: DE VRIES

To : Regional Public Safety Officer - Venezia Region
Att. Capt. MILLHOUSE

1. Reference is made to attached letter re Subject.
2. In view of inquiries lately initiated by the Regional Public Safety Officer, these HQ, any information you may have re Subject would prove helpful.

/s/ A.E. HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer.

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APO 394
Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division

24th January, 1945

Ref. SD/500

Subject : Jacob de VRIES

To : Lt.Col. E.J. Bye. RPSO, Emilia Region.

1. De Vries was born of a respectable middle class family; his father was mayor of a small village in Holland.

2. His employment was that of a bus driver on a local Amsterdam service.

3. Before the war he was a member of the N.S.B. (Dutch Nazi Party) from which he ~~was~~ expelled for misappropriating the funds.

4. He has never been an officer in the Dutch Army, and his request for a commission was refused on the grounds of "undesirability".

5. He has posed as a count without any claim to the title.

6. The Dutch authorities do not regard him as a danger to Security even with this N.S.B. record but they consider him untrustworthy.

7. He was formerly a lover of his present wife's mother, but later married her daughter.

8. The Dutch authorities ask that the above information be regarded as strictly confidential.

CBH/

s/ S.J. HARVEY, Major,
JOHN W. CHAPMAN;
COLONEL, J.A.G.D.
DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION.

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APO 394

Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division

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19 Feb. 1945

Ref. SD/500 - 83

Subject : Jacob de Vries

To : Regional Security Officer
Lazio Umbria Region.

Reference your letter S/1396 of 10th Feb., 1945, which has been passed to this office for attention.

1. A copy of report furnished to RPSO Emilia Region is attached. Subject is now employed in a civilian capacity by Emilia Region.

2. It is pointed out that he registered for employment at your Headquarters about three months ago and that your records show that he claims to be a 1st Lieutenant in the Dutch Army, official number 628933. It is presumed that you have established the truth or otherwise of this unusual claim.

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/s/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN
COLONEL, J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTLAZIO-UMBRIA ~~ROME~~ REGION
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REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER

Ref. S/1422

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Jacob DE VRIES

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission HQ A.C.
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Division
Sec'd <i>272</i>
Book No <i>5227</i>
File No <i>500-83</i>
Action

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Security Div. HQ AC
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Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer;
St. Mark Caprio
for

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Regional Security Officer

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DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION.

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APO 394

Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division

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19 Feb. 1945

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Lazio Umbria Region.

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/s/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN
COLONEL, J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION.

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A.P.O. 394

Public Safety Sub Commission
Security Division

Ref: SD/ 500 - 83

Subject: Jacob de Vries.

To : Regional Security Officer
Lazio Umbria Region.

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COLONEL, J.A.G.D.,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY
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Public Safety Sub Commission

Security Division

Ref: SD/ 500

24th January, 1945

Subject: Jacob de VRIES

To : Lt.Col. E.J. Bye, RPSO, Emilia Region.

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2. His employment was that of a bus driver on a local Amsterdam service.

3. Before the war he was a member of the N.S.B. (Dutch Nazi Party) from which he was expelled for misappropriating the funds.

4. He has never been an officer in the Dutch Army, and his request for a commission was refused on the grounds of "undesirability".

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APO 394
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Obey the law
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Ref.S/1396

10 February 1945

SUBJECT : DE VREIS

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer - Venezia Region
(Att.Col.MELLHOUSE)

1. Reference is made to attached letter re Subject.
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A.E. Heath
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Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
ABO 394
Regional Security Officer
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Ref.S/886

September 3rd 1944

SUBJECT Civilian Employee

TO / Col.MILLHOUSE
Public Safety ,Region 2

1. Three days ago a civilian (name DE VRIES) of Dutch nationality left his employment with the Transportation Section, Region IV to accept employment with your Region, ^{presumably} with Transportation.
2. He has not been screened and we were about to do so when he left. We have no facts to warrant his discharge, but his nationality and sudden change make it advisable that he be thoroughly investigated.
3. The matter was first referred to Security Branch, A.C.C., but little interest was shown. We were advised to ^{write} ~~write~~ directly with you.
4. Results of screening would be appreciated. 1212

Lt. Gene CAPRIO
Asst. Security Officer

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

SD/500-83

5 February 1945

SPECIAL ORDER)
NUMBER 22)

E X T R A C T

4. Mr. Jac DeVries, Netherlands Civilian, atchd this Hq, accompanied by Sig. Gino Zoli, Italian Civilian Driver, atchd this Hq, WP Rome, Italy o/a 5 Feb 45 for ten (10) days temp dy in connection with Emilia Region activities, and upon completion thereof return proper sta. Travel by Govt MT is atzd. Rations for five (5) days will be provided.

By order of Colonel BOWMAN:

ALDEN T. HINSON
1st Lt, A.C.
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

ALDEN T. HINSON
1st Lt, A.C.
Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - Mr. DeVries
- 1 - Driver
- 1 - Adj (File)

I certify that this is a true copy
of original order.

Alfred A. Guarino
ALFRED A. GUARINO
Captain, F.A.

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Subject de Vries

Jacob de Vries:

Date of birth: July 24th 1904.

Place of birth: Amsterdam.

Subject is of a good middle class family and became bus driver on a suburban line between Amsterdam and Hilversum. He is said to have belonged before the war to the Dutch Nazi Party (N.S.B.) and to have stolen the cash of his local Party branch in Hilversum. He married Selma van Booven born in Hilversum (19 Dec. 1904). They have one ten year old child.

Subject left Holland before this war and travelled with his family and parents in law in Central and South Europe. In Austria he called himself - Count de Vries - At the outbreak of the war he got in financial difficulties and tried to get financial support from Reichslands Legations and Consulates

which was refused on above mentioned grounds. He turned up again in Italy, where he has been professionally employed in the Engineering and Transportation Department of the A.C.C. In order to carry on with his job he tried to get a commission in the Royal Netherlands Army, which request has been rejected.

Information received from Minister Kraandjck, Dutch Minister to the Quirinale.

J.A.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

24 January 1945

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To : Lt. Col. E.J. BUE, RPSO, Emilia Region.

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1. De Vries was born of a respectable middle class family; his father was Mayor of a small village in Holland.
2. His employment was that of bus driver on a local Amsterdam service.
3. Before the war he was a member of the N.S.B. (Dutch Nazi party) from which he was expelled for misappropriating the funds.
4. He has never been an officer in the Dutch army, and his request for a commission was refused on the grounds of "undesirability".
5. He has posed as a count without any claim to the title.
6. The Dutch authorities do not regard him as a danger to security even with his N.S.B. record, but they consider him untrustworthy.
7. He was formerly the lover of his present wife's mother, but later married her daughter.
8. The Dutch authorities ask that the above information be regarded as strictly confidential.

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Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
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SUBJECT : Jacob de VELLES.

TO : Lt-Col FINDLAY, V.C., D.S.O.,
Regional Engineer,
Lazio-Umbria Region.

1. The above named is being considered for a position as Civilian Transportation Director in this Region.

2. It appears that his status is that of a civilian and, before he is engaged, it is necessary to make some enquiry into his character. He has given your name for reference purposes and supplied the following information concerning him self and his movements:-

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- Joined Dutch Army 1920.
- Promoted to rank of Lieut 1922.
- Left Army in Summer of 1922 to take a course in Mechanical Engineering in Universities in Holland and Germany.
Course completed in 2 years.
- Was not called up for Military Service in Holland.
- States that his parents had a house at Aboaria, near Plume, Italy where he spent his holidays each year until war broke out in Jugo-Slavia.
- Is married and has one child.
- At outbreak of war was in Jugo-Slavia. Entered Italy and then went to France. He was not allowed to leave at first, but later was sent to Turin. Here he remained free for 4 or 5 months until he was interned with his family at Saluzzo, Piemonte.
- He remained there until 1943 when he escaped and made his way to Rome.
- On arrival of Allies he reported to Col Edwards, Regional Engineer Region IV and was employed by him until 30 Aug 44. Later joined Region XII and was employed at Bagni di Chianciano and Pesaro until 30 Nov 44 when he reported to Region Emilia.

3. It would be appreciated if you would be kind enough to verify these statements as far as you are able. Any personal remarks of your own regarding this man would also be welcome.

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Dear Milhouse,

I have replied to this, giving a favourable recommendation. I stated that the particulars given appeared similar to those given on joining Region IV but I had no record.

If you want to give de Vries a helping hand perhaps you could reply to this also.

I have not told DVE that I have sent it to you so if you so wish put it in Westenberg's basket and I'll court martial you for divulgence of CONFIDENTIAL documents!

P.S. May see your report in 5-1 April 44.
Steps working & smoking & Shum biesthor? so far no complaints.

*for E.J. DVE, Lt-Col.,
Regional Public Safety Officer
Emilia Region.*

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