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Reference Department's circular instruction of December 6, 1944 on the Safehaven project.

The primary purpose of the instruction under reference is to direct the Missions' attention to the importance of the Safehaven project as a phase of post-hostilities economic security, to suggest a long-range reporting task, and to have begin as soon as possible a flow of current information regarding suspect entities and transactions.

The reporting of current Safehaven information should be given a high priority but the Missions are not expected to report again to Washington detailed information they have already made available. Rather, it is thought that the Proclaimed List review required

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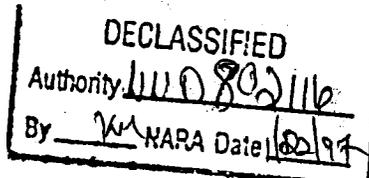
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by the Department's circular telegram of September 20, 5 p.m. will reveal cases having Safehaven implications, although not of sufficient importance from the Proclaimed List viewpoint to have been reported. Additionally, if Safehaven is kept in mind when the Missions' listing files are reviewed, there may come to light certain relationships between Safehaven and post-listing information regarding undesirable persons already recorded in the Missions' files but not reported heretofore for the reason that it was not necessary to do so for listing reasons. In this connection, particular attention is directed to the discretion lodged with the Missions by the definition of "enemies", first paragraph, page 2 of the circular instruction under reference.

That portion of the instruction asking for the preparation of a register of enemy assets should be construed to emphasize the need for reports on those enemy assets not covered previously by Proclaimed List

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or replacement program reporting, especially assets whose enemy ownership is not a matter of common knowledge.

The instruction's request for a survey of enemy persons and their activities merely orients existing functions toward another end, one that is apt to be of importance for a number of years. The Missions should consider the task as a continuing one in which priority will be fixed by them in accordance with the timeliness and the relative importance of particular cases.

While the Missions are reporting current Safehaven information and preparing for their long-range review functions, the data already in Washington will be collated for the purpose of asking the Missions to clarify particular points and to check the accuracy of conclusions based on information previously reported by them.

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