UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

146-2-47-407

DATE: July 3, 1980

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Arthur Sinai, Deputy Director
Office of Special Investigations AS

SUBJECT: LUITJENS, Jacob

TO: Allan A. Ryan, Jr., Director
Office of Special Investigations

Jacob Luitjens, who is wanted by the Government of the Netherlands, resides at 460 East 44th Street, Vancouver, Canada. He is employed as a senior instructor of biology at the University of Vancouver.

Both the Dutch and Canadian authorities have been notified of his current residence.

Since Mr. Luitjens is not a resident of the United States I recommend that his case file be closed.

CONCUR:
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APPROVED FOR CLOSING:
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) 7-8-80
Allan A. Ryan, Jr., Director

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Washington, D.C. 20530

June 3, 1980

The Honorable Robert P. Kaplan
Solicitor General of Canada
Sir Wilfred Laurier Building
340 Laurier Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1A09A, CANADA

Dear Mr. Solicitor General:

Following our meeting in Washington on April 20, I directed my staff to review thoroughly our investigative files for information on alleged war criminals in Canada. Information follows regarding eight persons, believed to be residing in Canada, about whom we have received allegations of involvement in war crimes and persecution:

PUNTULIS, Haralds Peters. Born May 14, 1909 at Jaroslavlas, Latvia. Current address: 117 Anndale Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

Puntulis was tried in absentia by the Soviets for his role in the murder of the inhabitants of Audrini village in Latvia and other crimes committed during his tenure as captain of the Fourth Police Precinct in the Rezekne District of Latvia.

Also enclosed is a translation of a judgment (following a trial in absentia) against Puntulis.

RAUCA, Helmut. Born November 3, 1908 at Trieb, Vogtland, GDR. Current address unknown.

Rauca was a member of the SS who is wanted by the Federal Republic of Germany for murder.

LUITJENS, Jakob. Date and place of birth unknown. Current address: 460 East 44th Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Luitjens is named in a list of alleged war criminals who are being sought by the Government of the Netherlands.

SKRODELIS, Alfreds. Born May 22, 1894 in Latvia. Last known residence was in Hamilton, Ontario.

Skrodelis is reportedly a representative of the Latvian Evangelical Church in Canada. We received information that he was a member of the SD in Latvia. We have not verified that information.

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The following persons are alleged to have been members of the Iron Guard, a fascist organization which led an anti-Semitic uprising against the Rumanian government in January 1941. There are no specific allegations in our files against any of the four.

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While this list represents our knowledge on the subject, I do not mean to suggest that it is in any way exhaustive. Naturally, our inquiries have focused on persons in the United States, and knowledge of who may be in Canada is fortuitous rather than systematic.

I have instructed my staff to bring to my attention, as it comes to them, any further information on these persons or on others who may be in Canada. I will certainly pass such information to you.

I appreciate the continued assistance of your government in our investigations. Please feel free to write if I can be of further assistance to you. I think that both our governments can benefit from continued cooperation in this endeavor, and I am glad we have established the necessary channels of communication toward that end.

Sincerely,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Allan A. Ryan, Jr.
Director
Office of Special Investigations
Post Office Box 28603
Washington, D.C. 20005

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

cc: Martin Low, Executive Assistant to the
Deputy Ministry of Justice
Georges Leger, Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C.
Charles Renfrew, Deputy Attorney General

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Charles M. Wyman, CA/CCS/EUR

DATE: January 29, 1980

FROM : Arthur Sinai, Deputy Director
Office of Special Investigations

SUBJECT: Judicial Assistance: War Crimes Investigations
Jacob Luitjens (AS)

Please send the following cable to our Embassy at The Hague for immediate action, attention (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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TO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TAGS: CGEN

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE - WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

PRIORITY: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARTHUR SINAI, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WISHES THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE RELAYED IMMEDIATELY TO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) AND TO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE IDENTICAL TO AN INDIVIDUAL BEING SOUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, IS PRESENTLY RESIDING IN CANADA:

LUITJENS, JACOB
DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 18, 1919
COUNTRY OF BIRTH: INDONESIA

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT MR. LUITJENS CURRENTLY RESIDES WITH HIS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) HE IS EMPLOYED AS A SENIOR INSTRUCTOR OF BOTANY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VANCOUVER AND HIS OFFICE ADDRESS IS ROOM 2522, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER, CANADA, TELEPHONE NO. 604/228-4788.

2. PLEASE REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THE RESULTS RELATING TO THIS MATTER.

cc: Chron WF
Cable WF
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530
January 16, 1980

Address Reply to the
Division Indicated
and Refer to Initials and Number

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Liaison Officer
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Canadian Embassy
2450 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, we would appreciate your assistance in obtaining information regarding a Mr. Jacob Luitjens.

Mr. Luitjens was born April 18, 1919 in Indonesia. According to our latest information, he may have been on the staff of the University of Vancouver in Canada, and may still be. Also, he is believed to make regular trips into the United States. Mr. Luitjens was convicted in absentia by the Dutch for his role in having committed grave Nazi war crimes--thus, our interest in him.

We would appreciate your assistance in determining:

1. Whether or not Mr. Luitjens is alive;

2. If he is alive, where he resides;

3. Whether or not he is on the staff of the University of Vancouver; and,

4. If he is not on the staff, where he is currently employed.

Also, because of the sensitivity of the situation, we would appreciate that only limited and discreet inquiries, if any, be made so that Mr. Luitjens will not be alerted to our interest.

I thank you for any cooperation you can give us in this matter. If you have any questions, please call me, or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of my staff, at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) respectively.

Sincerely,

Arthur Sinai
Deputy Director
Office of Special Investigations
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
P.O. Box 28603
Washington, D.C. 20005

cc: Nazi War Crim WF
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF J ICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SUBJECT DIRECTORY

Full True Name: LUITJENS, Jacob

Address:

Identification Nos.:

OSI No. 146-2-47- 407-SI

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Soc. Sec. No.

Other

Alias(es):

Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

Ethnic Origin:

Alleged War Crimes Activity:

Nature or Type - -

Function or Title at Time - -

Location of Activity - -