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1. An official of a Swedish security service has recently requested traces on the above Subject, who is an applicant for "a position of trust" in Sweden. We note that this man has been the subject of previous correspondence between this office and your Bureau, including our SO DB-53386, dated 29 May 1952. He is the subject of your file number 100-391429-11.

2. In connection with his inquiry, our Swedish source has furnished the following biographic data on DE CASTRO, which is possibly merely what DE CASTRO himself provided to the Swedes:

Date and Place of Birth: Born 3 October 1919, Blackpool, England

Citizenship: United States

Home Address: 4391 Revera (sic) Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

Swedish Address: c/o RAMBERG, 46 Ostmarksgatan, Farsta (Stockholm)

Passport: United States No. 54540

Date of Arrival in Sweden: 30 January 1961

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In asking for information on DE CASTRO, the Swedish official remarked, without elaboration, that DE CASTRO is possibly a Communist.

3. In reply to the official Swedish inquiry we have received on the Subject, we believe it would be pertinent to furnish some extracts from the report made by James Delk Leland at New York, dated 5 June 1953. We have in mind the following items of information:

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Subject studied Russian and other Eastern European languages. While in Finland, he also taught English. Source did not know what income Subject had, but wondered how he could manage to make enough money from teaching English to be able to afford a room costing \$40.00 per month, a telephone and riding lessons, plus the usual normal living expenses.

b. DE CASTRO returned to Sweden, penniless, in about 1958. On a visit to Helsinki later that year he stated that he had not been able to find a job in Sweden. During the course of his entire stay in Finland for about seven years, he gave no indication why he was remaining there for that length of time and he did not advance himself in any discernible way. He never visited his mother in England, although he did receive a visit from his aunt, who is also an Englishwoman.

c. Subject never expressed any political opinions, but his entire behavior aroused unfavorable speculation as to why he was in Finland.

d. In the summer of 1958 DE CASTRO was hired by Pan American World Airways to work at the Helsinki Airport, but he was discharged for incompetence. Subject also was given a job teaching English for the Tampere (a city in Finland) Finnish-American Society, but lost this position, too, because of incompetence.

5. Please advise whether the information in paragraph 3 above may be furnished to [the Swedish service] which is interested in Subject. We would also appreciate your advising whether you have received a separate inquiry from [official Swedish sources] in this matter.

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