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RE GRIFFITH'S CNR 4 REQUEST TODAY FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF ADAM MULLER, POLISH-BORN NATURALIZED AMERICAN WHO IS FACING TRIAL IN WARSAW ON CHARGES OF GIVING MILITARY, INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TO U.S., BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN 1958:

TRIMBLE TALKED EXTENSIVELY WITH MULLER'S LAWYER WHO IS HOME IN NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT BECAUSE OF A DEATH IN HIS FAMILY. THE LAWYER, RYSZARD S. MROTEK, IS RETURNING TO WARSAW SATURDAY. HE SAID MULLER'S CASE IS "PROGRESSING WELL," THAT HE HAS HAD "MEANINGFUL CONTACT" WITH POLISH AUTHORITIES, HE IS "HOPEFUL" AND THINKS MULLER'S RELEASE IS "QUITE LIKELY" AT THIS POINT. BUT HE ADDED THAT POLISH AUTHORITIES WERE UPSET BY A PREVIOUS RFE BROADCAST ON THE CASE AND MROTEK REQUESTS THAT RFE REFRAIN FROM DOING ANY BROADCASTS ON IT AT THIS POINT. MROTEK ADDS THAT COVERAGE OF THE CASE HAS BEEN "BLACKED OUT" IN THE POLISH PRESS AND RADIO.

MROTEK, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT DIVISION OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS, SAID HE WAS ASKED BY THAT ORGANIZATION TO SERVE AS AN OBSERVER AND BY MULLER'S FAMILY TO ACT AS ATTORNEY. HE SAID MULLER, WHO IS NOW 43, DEFECTED FROM POLAND IN 1958 WHILE ON A KAYAK TOUR TO E. GERMANY. HE WAS DEBRIEFED BY U.S., FRENCH AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES, AND THE PRESENT CHARGES AGAINST HIM ALLEGED THAT HE GAVE "STATE SECRETS" TO THESE DEBRIEFERS AT THE TIME. MULLER SUBSEQUENTLY CAME TO THE U.S., LIVES NOW IN DAYTON, OHIO WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, AND IS A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN. LAST FALL HE APPLIED FOR A VISA TO VISIT HIS FATHER IN POLAND. MROTEK SAID AT THE TIME OF VISA APPLICATION, POLISH AUTHORITIES DISCUSSED MULLER'S DEFECTION WITH HIM BUT DID NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO HIS ALLEGEDLY GIVING ANY STATE SECRETS AWAY. MULLER WAS ARRESTED LAST OCTOBER 31 AND HAS BEEN AT KIELCE BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO WARSAW WHERE, MROTEK SAID, HE FACES COURT-MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER POLISH PRACTICE RATHER THAN CIVIL TRIAL. MROTEK SAID "I AM REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT MULLER WILL BE TREATED AS WELL UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS A POLISH CITIZEN WOULD" AND ADDED THAT WHEN POLISH AUTHORITIES MENTIONED THE PREVIOUS RFE BROADCAST, MROTEK TRIED LARGELY UNSUCCESSFULLY TO EXPLAIN TO THEM WESTERN PRACTICES OF FREE FLOW OF NEWS. MULLER WAS IN MROTEK'S FIRM, A BUSINESS MANAGER AT THE NOWA HUTA STEEL MILL AT THE TIME OF HIS DEFECTION.

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