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Honorable William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hassett:

Pursuant to the telephonic request of Miss Leila Stiles today, there are attached hereto brief summaries of available information relating to the Axis Victims League, Inc., and the Pan-Rhodian Society. x

A search of the files of this Bureau on the basis of the identifying data submitted has failed to locate any identifiable information concerning the Ekaterinoslaver Unt. Verein. x

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
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Enclosure

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AXIS VICTIMS LEAGUE, INC.

The Axis Victims League, Inc., was organized in 1943, is existing under the laws of the State of New York, and has its temporary headquarters at 6 East 61st Street, New York, New York. It is described as "an association for restitution and compensation of rights and interests to Axis victims".

Dr. Bruno Weil, President of the organization, in expressing the ultimate goal of the League, stated at the second round-table conference of the League held on January 17, 1944, at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, "This is a group of independent people of different nationalities, creeds and professions, united by the idea that the conscience of mankind demands the punishment of the terroristic activities and atrocities committed by the Axis powers and their satellites - punishment and reparation."

"This League would like to try in a very modest and humble way to help the Government of the United States and its allies to appear at the next peace conference with all the material available in the matter of reparation and compensation to Axis victims. It is necessary to collect all facts and figures by which the crimes and wrongful deeds of the totalitarian countries against individuals or groups can be proved."

To accomplish these aims and purposes, Dr. Weil in League literature pointed out, "We must try to reach a satisfactory solution of the so important question of reparations, not only in order to compensate the Axis victims but also because a reorganization of the disturbed European and Asiatic economic systems is a sine qua non for a lasting peace and the re-establishment of democratic life in all countries concerned."

As a preliminary to the formation of this organization, Dr. Weil in the fall of 1943 was reportedly contacting numerous prominent Jewish people in the United States for the purpose of forming a committee for the purposes above enumerated.

The officers of the Axis Victims League, Inc., are as follows:

Honorary Chairmen:	Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro	Prof. Carl Neuberg
	Dr. Henry A. Atkinson	Prof. James H. Sheldon
	Sylvan Gotshal	William M. Vermilye
Executive Board:	President - Dr. Bruno Weil	
	Vice Presidents - Dr. Fremont A. Higgins and	
	Borris M. Komar	
	Secretaries - Jacob S. Chalot and Dr. Adolf Hamburger	
	Treasurers - Paul E. Marxov, Robert D. Steefel	
	and Fritz Moses.	

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PAN-RHODIAN SOCIETY

The Pan-Rhodian Society is known to have existed since at least 1928 and has chapters in various American localities. It has been described as "anti-Fascist".

It has been reported that the purpose of the Pan-Rhodian Society is the sending of money to the Island of Rhodes to aid churches and schools there. Other available information reflects that a further purpose of the Society is to send in protests to the United States, English and French Governments concerning the maltreatment of Greeks in the Dodecanese Islands by the Italians.