

ASSAEL, MAURICO

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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For the Secretary of the Treasury from Wood:

Re: Treasury Investigative Request Portugal No. 16,
Department's Report No. 238 August 2 1944 concerning
Maurico Assael Rua da Luobra Joaze 3 Coimbra.

Investigation has been made of the subject and I have
interviewed him. As a result it has been established that:

(1) The facts presented by the American Joint Distribu-
tion Committee in making application for license to reim-
burse Assael 10,000 are as stated.

(2) Assael, with his wife and three children, lives
in Coimbra and it is there that he wants to enter business.
This would consist of the manufacture of men's chess-ready-
to-wear garments which would be carried on by purchase of
materials, putting out these materials to Portuguese who
would process them in their homes collecting the finished
products and selling them in the principal cities of Portugal.

(3) Funds brought by Assael to Portugal from France
have been exhausted by living expenses, and he would use funds
not needed immediately in the business for that purpose and
also to repay loans recently made from friends.

(4) The Embassy possesses no unfavorable information
regarding Assael. He appears to be a very retiring person who
does not readily make contacts and is known by few people in
Coimbra.

Since Assael plans to remain in Portugal and must again
work for livelihood, it is recommended that the American Joint
Distribution Committee be issued a license allowing it to pay
Assael the pseudo equivalent of 10,000. Before entering into
contracts for purchases of equipment and materials, Assael will
obtain approval of the business contracts involved from the Embassy.

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