

9th January 1941.

Dear Captain Cowgill,

Your CA/ of the 27th November addressed to Captain Aiddell concerning the case of A.D. van BUREN, has been handed to me for action. I regret that I have not been in a position to reply earlier but I have had some difficulty in requisitioning the dossier in question.

I quite agree with you that the responsibility for the release lies with our Dutch enemies rather than with our Dutch friends.

On perusal of the file I come to the conclusion that two points stand out in the case, i.e. the actual evidence supplied against van BUREN by General van 't Sant and the influence and pressure exerted by a number of members of the Dutch Government for the purpose of engineering van BUREN's release.

It becomes apparent that van BUREN was chosen as the subject for a dispute between the Dutch Secret Service and the official members of the Dutch Government.

In his letter to the Dutch Minister of Justice of the 5th August 1940 General van 't Sant brought forward the following evidence to the detriment of van BUREN:-

Van BUREN admitted that -

- 1) he had acted as translator in 1934 during a conference between Mussolini and Lussert;
- 2) according to him, the object of the conference was solely the question of Mussolini providing funds for Lussert for the N.S.B.;
- 3) he never reported this to the Dutch authorities;
- 4) he, himself, had an interview in the company of Ir. Wigersma with Lussert at Utrecht;

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