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Haldor Kiljan Laxness  
Special Inquiry, State Department

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The State Department has advised that the above captioned individual is a prominent Icelandic author, who is also a leading member of the Communist Party in Iceland. Mr. Laxness' book, "Independent People," was a Book of the Month Club selection for 1945. The book is reported to have sold some 429,000 copies from which Laxness allegedly received a considerable amount of income.

The American Legation in Iceland has requested the State Department to ascertain the average monthly remittances Mr. Laxness has received in 1946 and thus far in 1947 from the sale of his book in the United States through the Book of the Month Club. They advised that this information would be extremely useful in order to find out how much support is being given to the Communist Party in Iceland from funds originating in the United States.

Your Office should endeavor to discreetly ascertain the amount of money Laxness has received from the sale of his book in this country through the Book of the Month Club. This information should be furnished to the Bureau promptly.

Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Griffin, Dir.  
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