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Attn: CSOB

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

REF: (a) MGSA-4586; (b) WASH 26088 (OUT 54844), paragraph 11

1. Since Subject's arrival in this country, headquarters has uncovered certain inconsistencies in the file material relating to his background which necessitates investigation to determine his bona fides. It is requested that the field clarify and investigate the points raised in paragraph 2 so that we may be convinced either of the bona fides of the Subject or that we have an RIS agent on our hands. The following factors stimulated our speculation:

(A) CARRIAGE: The field report on the carriage of Subject, evaluated as reliable, indicated difficulty in its application due to "large muscles in the arms, hiding his blood vessels and making the recording of the heart pattern difficult". However, no such difficulty was encountered here when Subject was re-carried as required SOP. There were apparent positive reactions on his true name, date and place of birth, possible RIS affiliations and whether Subject was married. The several carriages that were made to clarify these points did not resolve them. (It must be noted that the carriage interrogations were not entirely satisfactorily conducted because of language difficulties.) However, later debriefings conducted in the German language satisfied a staff officer of the truth of Subject's assertions of his true name, date and place of birth, marriage and of no RIS connections (except as noted in the attachment).

(B) PERSONAL HISTORY: The PRQ sent to headquarters does not agree with all particulars included in the CIC worksheet on Subject (see attachment to MGSA-4586). The major discrepancies concern the units of the Soviet and German armies with which he served during WW II and the location of the area of his detention in the USSR as a prisoner of war. The PRQ indicates that Subject served from September 1941 to August 1943 in the 26th German Panzer Division. CIC reports that he served from 23 April 1938 to 22 June 1941 in the 26th Soviet Panzer Regiment, and

from 22 June 1941 to September 1941 with the Soviet 50th Infantry Division. The CIC report identifies the area of his detention as Brianska which was interpreted as Bryansk, located southwest of Moscow. Debriefing here revealed that he was detained at Brianka, in the Donbas coal region.

(C) SUBJECT'S UKRAINIAN ACCENT: According to the PRQ, Subject is of Western Ukrainian origin. His birthplace is given as Palahich. However, we find that he speaks with an Eastern Ukrainian accent. This could possibly be accounted for by his stay in the Donbas coal regions for four years as a Soviet prisoner of war.

2. The following action should be taken:

(A) Attached is the life history of Subject as obtained in a debriefing of Subject by a staff officer. It should be compared with all material available in the field and traces should be conducted wherever necessary. A reproduction of Subject's address book will be pouched as soon as possible for further tracing. Headquarters is conducting the traces on all leads on personalities in this country.

(B) The enclosed photograph of Subject should be checked against the field's copy to determine the possibility of a substitution of identities before dispatch to the U.S. Subject has a scar from a bayonet wound on his right forearm and multiple scars on his left arm, one of which obliterated an SS tatoo mark.

(C) It is requested that Subject's fingerprints, if available, be pouched to headquarters for comparison.

(D) It is requested that complete carriage results on Subject, including Subject's polygram(chart #K-1001), be forwarded to headquarters.

(E) It is requested that the CIC report by agent BINKO be forwarded to headquarters.

3. For your information, Subject's story about his German military record checks with OB information at headquarters as to formations, history, locations, dates, unit commanders and battle record.

Attachments:

- (a) Interview with Subject on 29 February 1952
- (b) Photograph of Subject

