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The Brothers RUDENKO

Ivan KOSHELIVETS mentioned during a private conversation that he personally knows the attorney general and general prosecutor of the USSR, Roman Andrievich RUDENKO and particularly his brother Mykola, who was his childhood friend and with whom he attended the Institute Narodno^o Osvity (I H O) (Institute of national culture in the city of Nizhen).

The RUDENKO brothers were born in the village of Stepni Khutory near the town of Nosivka, Raion Nizhen, Chernyhiv Oblast. Roman A. RUDENKO was born ca. 1907. In 1926-29 he was the local prosecutor in the Nizhen Raion.

Mykola RUDENKO graduated from the I H O in the 30's. He was a member of the Communist Party. In 1932-33 Mykola became vice chairman of the republican radio committee in Kharkov. In 1934, Ivan KOSHELIVETS met Mykola RUDENKO in Kiev. That same year Mykola was arrested and disappeared. In 1936-37, Mykola again appeared in Kiev in the post of instructor of the German language at the University of Kiev. At that time he was not a party member.

In 1956, KOSHELIVETS read in the Soviet press that Mykola RUDENKO participated in the XIX Congress of the Communist Party of the Ukraine as a member of the Central Control Commission. This leads KOSHELIVETS to believe that Mykola RUDENKO was again accepted into the Party during or after World War II and assigned to a higher Party post.

Roman A. RUDENKO was made general prosecutor of the USSR in 1953. Ivan KOSHELIVETS identified Roman in photographs in the Soviet press and in films made during the occasion of the Nuremberg proceedings shown in German cities.

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