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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Peter KROCHAK

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1. Attached is a translation of a letter written in very poor German from Peter KROCHAK of 2433 Meredith (sic) Street, Philadelphia 30, Pennsylvania, addressed to the police station in Kornberg/Hesse, West Germany, reporting the murder in 1947 of five persons at the Ukrainians DP camp in Kernberg. The letter, which was postmarked in Philadelphia, was received by the police in Rotenburg/Fulda on 2 January 1963.

2. According to the Bavarian police, similar allegations have been made in the past in anonymous letters believed to represent Soviet propaganda items and in statements made at press conferences in East Berlin by Stefan LIPPOLZ on 13 October 1961, by Otto FREITAG on 10 November 1961, and by Ossip VERHUN on 2 April 1962, in connection with a Communist "atrocity propaganda" campaign directed against the FedRep. VERHUN alleged that "the number of Ukrainian emigres in Europe and America protesting against the pogroms and political murders committed by the Bandera men" was steadily increasing. The Bavarian police commented that obscure letters mailed in the U. S. and Canada have been received and that these were believed to have been mailed by the Soviets.

3. Our files confirm the press conferences mentioned in the above paragraph. Stefan LIPPOLZ is a former Ukrainian emigre and Soviet in the Munich area who returned to the East about December 1959. Otto FREITAG is the former head of the executive committee of the Trotskyist Fourth International in the FedRep who defected to East Germany about November 1961. Ossip VERHUN is an intelligence peddler and former well-known Ukrainian emigre of unsavory reputation in Munich. It may be noted that the above press conferences were held in connection with Eastern efforts to discredit the statements of Bogdan

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Nikolayevich STASHINSKIY, a Soviet agent who defected to the West in August 1961 and confessed to having murdered Lev REBET and Stefan BANDERA, two Ukrainian emigres in West Germany, on orders of the KGB.

4. A knowledgeable emigre source of this Agency has identified KROCHAK as a member of the Brotherhood of UPA (Ukrainian Insurgents' Army) and confirmed KROCHAK's residence as Philadelphia. In commenting on the massacre described by Subject, source said that KROCHAK's account is more or less correct and that many Ukrainian emigres know about it, have talked about it, and have on more than one occasion brought the matter to the attention of German authorities.

5. If Subject is contacted by representatives of your Bureau, we would appreciate receiving the results of your interview, particularly as relating to Subject's motive for informing German police officials at this late date of his knowledge of murders committed in 1947.

Enclosures: (2 copies) a/s, h/w

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TRANSLATION

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(Letter written by Peter KROCHAK to the Police Station in Kornberg/Hesse)

In 1947 there was a Ukrainian DP camp in Kornberg/Hesse. At the end of the camp, near the forest, there was a house where the camp police was accommodated. There, five persons were killed and buried in the cellar, two meters deep.

These persons were the following:

1. Gerg CHELJKOWSKY (Igor TSCHAIKOWSKY)
2. Mykola MUSCHKA (Nikolai MUSCHAK)
3. Teodor RYKADCHUK (Teodor RIKATSCHUK)
4. I. STELMASTCHUK (STELMASCHTSCHUK)
5. Tamara CHERNETSKA-ZAKYNNYK (Tamara Tschenezkaja-Caprynyk, a woman.)

The murderers were:

Iwan KASCHUBA, Peter KOVALSKY, and Iwan KLUCHOWEZYK, all of them living now in Canada.

Witnesses of the crime are:

Peter IWANOCHKO (IWANOTSCHKO), residing at Steinstrasse 3, Munich, and Wasyl WOLOSCHYN, residing at Walchensee-Platz 4-11, Munich.

Another camp was located in Mittenwald, Jaegerkaserno. Somewhere in this camp there is a tunnel which was used as a cemetery.

You will find more witnesses in Germany, if you want to.

(s) P.K.

(Note: Letter was written in very poor German.)

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