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MEMORANDUM FOR: C 7
Acting Chief, FPL Group

ATTENTION: C 7
FPL Group

FROM: C 7
Chief, Information Services Group

SUBJECT: Stefan Bandera
Myroslav Prokop, DOB: 6 May 1913
Myroslav Prokop, DOB: 1919

REFERENCE: OGC Request for Traces via FPLG Two-Way Memo
dated 13 January 1987 (U)

1. Stefan Andreyevich Bandera, aka Stefan Popel, aka Michael Kaspar, aka Stefan Donat, aka Hubert Bula, was born 1 January 1909, in Trostianec, near Stryj, USSR, alternate DPOB: 1 September 1909, Jaroslau, Poland. Subject became a member of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) while still in high school and by 1932 he was Chief of Propaganda for the OUN. Bandera was anti-Russian, anti-German, and anti-Poland and one of the most important Ukrainian nationalist leaders of his time. (S)

2. From 1932-1934 Bandera was assistant chief of the OUN and head of the underground activities in Poland. He was arrested in 1934 and charged with ordering the assassination of the Polish Prime Minister. At his trial in 1935, he was sentenced to death and the sentence commuted to life in prison. He was committed to Holy Cross jail in Warsaw and remained there until freed by the Germans in 1939. In 1939 Subject became head of the Ukrainian Nationalist Revolutionists (OUN/R). The Germans arrested Bandera in 1941 for resisting German restrictions on Ukrainian nationalists, imprisoned him in the Prinz Albrechtstrasse Gestapo jail, and then transferred him to Sachsenhausen concentration camp in 1942. He escaped from the Germans in 1944 and joined the Ukrainian Resistance Army (UPA) which had been reorganized to show the military nature of the organization and to inspire members to obtain their goal of Ukrainian independence by using denunciation and ruthless terrorism when they felt it was necessary. Bandera lived in

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West Germany from 1945 until his murder, by a confessed agent of the KGB, on 15 October 1959. (S)

3. According to information dated December 1951 from a Russian language monthly periodical, Subject was reported to be "Hitler's professional spy". This claim was never substantiated and there is no information in the Directorate for Operations files to indicate that Bandera was ever involved in Nazi war crimes. (S)

4. Myroslav Prokop, DPOB 13 May 1913, Peremysl, Western Ukraine, a member of the OUN/Bandera Directorate, was arrested by the Polish police in October 1933 and sentenced to seven years in prison for his OUN activities (NFI regarding these activities). This sentence was later commuted to four years. After his release he was sent to Germany, arrested by the Germans, and held in a concentration camp until the end of World War II. Subject immigrated to the U.S. in 1949 and became a U.S. citizen in 1958. (S)

5. According to information dated December 1960, Subject claimed membership in the Association for Free Ukraine Inc., the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, and the Supreme Ukrainian Liberation Council. (S)

6. There is no indication in the Directorate for Operations files to indicate that Prokop (DOB: 1913) was ever involved in Nazi war crimes. (U)

7. There are no Directorate for Operations records on a Myroslav Prokop, DOB: 6 May 1913. The files do contain U.S. Army European Command Counterintelligence records dated March 1951 on one Myroslav Prokop, aka Turner, aka Lang, aka Thiele, DOB: 13 June 1913, Naowal (sic), Czechoslovakia, who was a suspected Czechoslovak agent (NFI). (S)

8. The names Miroslav, Myroslav, and Prokop are all common Slavic names. (U)

9. According to information provided to this Directorate by DDA/IPD, as of 9 December 1986 there is no indication that Stefan Bandera, Myroslav Prokop (DOB: 1913), or Myroslav Prokop (DOB: 1919), has ever been the Subject of an FOIA/PA request. (U)

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