

Fleming, C      7 Contact Report of meeting 16 Feb 1962

14. GRAUBERT - Incident Involving GIBROVSKY and GIBROVSKY. FLEMMING related a strange incident that had gone to light, which possibly had been an attempt on the part of GIBROVSKY and GIBROVSKY to kidnap GRAUBERT in West Berlin. In early 1960, under rather involved circumstances, GRAUBERT was riding in a car (after dark) driven by WIDMANN and calling over some ops problems with GIBROVSKY. At one point the car approached to a halt and a policeman put his hand in the window and said he just wanted to alert them to the fact they were about to enter East Berlin. WIDMANN and GIBROVSKY expressed astonishment that this was the case and, with much comment about what an awful thing almost had happened, turned the car around. GRAUBERT assumed it had been an honest mistake and thought nothing more about it. He recalled the incident exactly and vividly and reported it after hearing that WIDMANN and GIBROVSKY had been arrested as Soviet agents. FLEMMING said that after GRAUBERT had been arrested as an incident GIBROVSKY had checked someone in WIDMANN's car about one week before the in Berlin. It also was determined that he earlier had pulled a personal file on GRAUBERT. FLEMMING said that the possibility of kidnaping was being checked further and that he personally had concluded that it had been a kidnaping attempt. There was further discussion of the reports that made such an attempt improbable (that in Berlin), and GRAUBERT, etc. FLEMMING claimed he still felt

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details the incident and represented a kidnaping attempt and added that it is reasonably probable it would be established, it might be possible to give GIBROVSKY a check on the 15th. [redacted] asked if there had been any interference in the incident and WIDMANN said no. [redacted] said that although it was improbable, GIBROVSKY would have anything to do with it. It is possible that GIBROVSKY would have been in the car, but it is probably preferable to hold off on this one until they are fully investigated. It is interesting to note that on page 25 of GIBROVSKY's file (reporting on his activities in early 1961) he revealed a strange query from GIBROVSKY on GRAUBERT, strange in that it gave GRAUBERT's private name, telephone and address. GIBROVSKY made the point by way of illustrating his conviction that the FBI had a source in the German DE. [redacted] said that GIBROVSKY probably was pointing this point of way of making sure that not all that material had been compromised in the GIBROVSKY file and had been compromised by GIBROVSKY. [redacted] said that