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Konstanty Z. Hanff, Editor-Publisher of "Wolna
Polska" (Free Poland), provided the New York Office of the
FBI with copies of his publication in which appears the fol-
lowing information relating to Stanislaw Strus. Hanff advised
that he learned of the information from a former Polish Security
Service Staff Officer who defected to the West in 1959. The
number W 201 has been assigned to Strus by Hanff.

Hanff advised Strus, Commercial Counselor, Polish
Commercial Counselor's Office (PCCO), 1 Dag Hammarskjold
Plaza, New York, New York, is a professional intelligence
officer, not very successful in foreign trade but a long-
time employee of the Department I of the MSW (Ministry of
Internal Affairs), known to be one of the top experts in
recruiting spies among the citizens of the country of his
residence.

His best achievement was to recruit the Director
of a Department of the Foreign Ministry of Denmark, who,
later in Bonn (in 1958), was arrested by the West German
counterintelligence. At that time he worked as a counselor
in the Danish Embassy in Bonn. Recruited by Strus in 1954,
five years later in 1959, he was sentenced to 12 years in jail.
The working pseudonym of this Danish - Polish spy was "Oliva".
Proof of the importance of the position then held by Strus
is the fact that he was in direct contact with the Vice
Director of Department I, Jozef Czaplicki, who later lost

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his job during the anti-Semitic purges. As an award for recruiting this Danish spy, Strus was honored with an expensive gold watch with a dedication written on the inside, "For Generous Service for the Benefit of Polish Intelligence", which was handed to him during a special banquet at the Palonia Hotel in Warsaw in 1954.

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