

GAD/A Memo No. 222
5 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of General Counsel
ATTENTION : [J]
SUBJECT : Prosecution of Konstanty Z. Hanff (C)
REFERENCE : QDL Memo No. 51-78, 7 April 1978

1. (C) While attending the meeting of the International Association of Forensic Science in Wichita, Kansas, during the week of May 21, 1978, I had occasion to talk with Peter Tytell, the Questioned Document Examiner originally used by the U.S. Attorney's Office, New York, NY, to examine the documents involved in the Hanff case.

2. (C) A second anonymous letter regarding Hanff was mailed from Chicago to a Polish newspaper in Brooklyn, NY, some time within the last month. The anonymous letter, which was prepared on an IBM Selectric typewriter with a European made Selectric ball, enclosed documentary evidence that Hanff did attend school in Vilna during the years 1939-1942.

3. (C) Apparently the perpetrators of this disinformation effort feel it is necessary to bolster the claims that Hanff was a war criminal from Vilna. They are unaware that there are Israeli witnesses claiming that Hanff was in Czestochowa during the years 1939-1942. It is to be recalled that at our last meeting with AUSA Batchelder and AUSA Schrag in the offices of the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, it was agreed that if there was any positive proof that Hanff was actually in Vilna during the critical years, then Hanff would be vindicated. The perpetrators have unwittingly exculpated Hanff through their heavy-handed insistence on putting him in Vilna.

4. (C) Tytell readily admitted working several months in the Israeli Police Laboratory in Jerusalem and commented that he would collect extra copies of technical papers from the meeting for the Israeli Laboratory. It is possible that he is not aware that the Israeli Police Laboratory []

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5. (AIUO) For further information on this matter, please contact the undersigned on x-3636.

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