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9 Sep 1957

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
Attention: Col. Benjamin M. Davis

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: KUESHL, Francis (General)

1. Reference is made to your request dated 30 November 1956, file ACSI-CDEO, subject as indicated above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.

2. This office discussed Subject with you several times via phone and, as you know, there was a considerable quantity of material pertaining to Subject in our files, much of which was unavailable at the time of your request. This material has since been reviewed and the following represents a condensation of the pertinent information pertaining to Subject. Although the sources of this information are varied, the information overall is considered to be reliable.

- a. Subject, born 16 February 1895, comes from Minsk, in the Western, Polish section of White Russia. He attended the Vilna Infantry School, which was later transferred to Poltava. Upon completion of his military training, Subject was commissioned a lieutenant in the Czarist Army and, later, joined the Lithuanian/White Russian Division which fought with the Poles against the Red Army. Subject then joined the Polish Army and attained the rank of captain. In September 1939, during the Nazi-Soviet war against Poland, Subject was captured near Lemberg (Lvov) by the Red Army, being held in captivity until May 1941. He indicated that while in the custody of the "Cheka", he had shared a cell with General ABBERS. After the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia, Subject engaged in anti-Soviet activities in the White Russian movement and eventually became Supreme

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(Commander of the White Russian Army, which was formed under the auspices of the Germans. (The White Russian Army which Subject commanded actually amounted to a Byelo-Russian SS Division and should not be confused with the term "White" Russia as applied to those forces which opposed the Bolshevik movement from 1918 to 1923 under General Deniken.)

- b. One source reported that Subject was a military leader who had "hooked his career wagon" to independence of White Russia. Although Subject was not a politician, he had been connected with the White Russian nationalists, known as the "Krivichi".
- c. Subject is the husband of the well-known White Russian poetess, ARSENYEVA. Some time after 8 May 1950, he emigrated to the United States with his wife and son, previously having resided at a DP camp near Munich, Germany.

3. For additional information pertaining to Subject, the files of the Counter Intelligence Corps should be checked.

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