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Subject: Kyril CORNELL (né PUSCHKAREFF)

CORNELL, an employe of the Passport Office, Finnish Police headquarters, Helsinki, was recently observed at his desk on a Saturday afternoon in mid-October after the office closed, copying information on those cards in the file containing names, residence, and other basic biographic data on U. S. citizens residing in Finland. He was subsequently interrogated on 25 October, said he was compiling the list for Victor LARIONOFF of the West German Intelligence Service, who resides at Smaragdstrasse 19 II, Munich.

Station traces reveal information on LARIONOFF contained in OFHA 4073, 25 August 1959 reports (S: VALINK) that LARIONOFF, who worked for (fnu) GRUNBAUM of Abwehrdienst, Munich, asked [ ] through a middleman, for information on Soviet escapees FORSELL and TUPITSIN. LARIONOFF was also reported to have asked for photographs of all Soviets stationed in Finland, and a list of diplomats who were suspected of working for the RIS. This request was passed to [ ] through an employe of the Finnish Police Passport Office who apparently is CORNELL. As a result of this inquiry, [ ] asked [ ] for information on LARIONOFF and traces were requested from Munich. According to BMA 46482, 15 January 1960, LARIONOFF is well known in emigre circles, acts as an informant for the Bavarian Landesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz (LfV) and is considered to be an unreliable source. Munich Ops Base express the opinion that the request presented to [ ] allegedly from LARIONOFF, was not an official request. In light of recent information on CORNELL, it appears that CORNELL fabricated the entire story and that this information was being obtained for the Soviets. CORNELL admitted, after further interrogation, that in addition to allegedly sending the list to LARIONOFF at Munich, he also provided it to Ivan Yefimovich SERGEYEV, RIS officer at the Soviet Embassy in Helsinki.

LARIONOFF and CORNELL, who were born children of Russian emigre parents, were childhood friends in Helsinki. LARIONOFF left Helsinki for Paris in 1927.

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