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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Attention: Chief, U. S. Secret Service

SUBJECT : Maryn MORTKO (Myron MATVIYENKO)

1. Reference is made to our memorandum of 13 September 1950, containing information on members of a Ukrainian group arrested in Germany with counterfeit United States dollars in their possession, and to your letter of 14 July 1950, file No. CO-15119, subject "Counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes, our Circular 1259."

2. As stated in our memorandum, this agency has no information on Maryn MORTKO. However, it is believed probable that MORTKO is identical with one Myron MATVIYENKO, alias Stefan JURIK, head of the intelligence branch in Germany of the anti-Communist Ukrainian organization known as OUN BANDERA from 1948 through late 1949 or early 1950. MATVIYENKO was the subject of a search by CID in the fall of 1948 when certain members of a courier mission which he had trained were apprehended on the Czech-Bavarian border with 300 counterfeit United States dollars in their possession. CID never succeeded in locating MATVIYENKO, although two other members of OUN/BANDERA were tried and convicted by a United States court in Regensburg.

3. The origin of the dollars involved in the Czech border incident was never established. However, a source who formerly worked with MATVIYENKO and who is considered to be reliable has made certain accusations against MATVIYENKO which would appear to support one thesis that the counterfeit money was of Soviet or Eastern origin. This source has made the following allegations against MATVIYENKO, whom he considers to be a Soviet agent:

a. MATVIYENKO, as intelligence chief of the OUN/BANDERA, "masterminded" all courier missions sent into the Ukraine by the BANDERA group from 1946 on. All of these missions miscarried for one reason or another: either the couriers never arrived in the Ukraine or, in at least one instance, ran right into the hands of the Russian intelligence and were sent back to Germany as Soviet agents.

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b. One Yaroslav MOROZ, alias SLAVKO, gave MATVIYENKO 240 United States dollars when he (MOROZ) returned from the Ukraine in 1947.

c. MATVIYENKO sent a courier east over a set of safe-houses including one in Prague belonging to a woman who was highly suspected by other members of the OUN/BANDERA intelligence branch of being under Soviet (MVD) control.

d. MATVIYENKO has liquidated suspected or proven Soviet agents before they had been properly interrogated by interested parties.

e. News was brought out of the Ukraine that subject's parents had been brought back from Siberia in 1946 or 1947 and that subject's brother, a Greek Catholic priest, had been elevated to bishop during the same period.

4. Descriptive information on MATVIYENKO in the files of this agency is similar to that on MOTSCHO contained in the CID report attached to your letter of 14 July 1950. This similarity again would tend to confirm the identity of MOTSCHO with MATVIYENKO. Further information on MATVIYENKO which has been reported and which may be of interest for identification purposes is as follows:

MATVIYENKO is the son of Vasyl MATVIYENKO, a Greek Catholic priest who was deported to the NKVD in 1941. He attended school in Zloczow in 1933 and then went to Belgium to study medicine. He was unable to finish his medical work in Belgium, however, as the Polish Police withdrew his passport. He has been a member of the OUN/BANDERA since 1933 and allegedly has exerted tremendous influence within that organization. In 1946 he was reported to be living in Munich, writing children's stories which were published by a Ukrainian welfare organization. He speaks Ukrainian, Polish and poor German.

b. MATVIYENKO's wife, nee Efgonia KOSZULIENSKA, has been described as a woman who looks much older than her 34 years, has black hair, an oval face, and prominent cheek bones, and is very thin. She speaks Ukrainian and Polish.

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5. According to a recent report, MATVIYEVKO and his wife left Germany illegally for Paris in the spring of 1950 and intended to emigrate to Canada through IRO channels in France. The source of this report indicated belief that MATVIYEVKO may be living in Paris; that he may be using an assumed name, possibly Stefan JURIK; and that he carries false papers. In the event that MATVIYEVKO emigrates to Canada, his employment assurances and/or invitation from sponsor may come from one of two Greek Catholic priests, exact location unknown: Peter DAREWYCZ or a certain KOSYJ.

6. Since MATVIYEVKO has in the past used various aliases, of which HOTECHIO and JURIK are two, it is possible that he is now using another, unknown, assumed name. An effort is being made to ascertain what name he is using and, if possible, his present location.

7. This Agency would appreciate being informed of any action which you may take with regard to Myron MATVIYEVKO.

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