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SR/DO3 Memo No. 686

2 April 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, SR/CE

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT :

Siarhiej (Serge) SINIAK alias CHMARA

1. The following information regarding Subject was reported by a Byelorussian contact of this office.

a. Subject was born ca. 1908-1910 in Russia. He lived with his parents in the village of Kazlouschyna (Kozloushtchina) near the town of Slonim, Byelorussia.

b. Subject was a member of the Communist Party of West Byelorussia (Poland) and a member of a terrorist group. Information regarding these activities of Subject was published in the Byelorussian newspaper, BACKAUSCYNA (The Fatherland), published in West Germany on 9 December 1956, No. 50(332).

c. Subject presently is living in Toronto, Canada, (exact address unknown). He is publisher of a Byelorussian language newspaper, BELARUSKAYE SLOVA (Byelorussian Voice), a monthly publication, located on 306 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Canada. This address supposedly is the place of his residence.

d. Source stated that Subject's activities in Canada indicate that he is an agent of the Soviet Union, with the specific aim of destroying the Byelorussian liberation movement abroad, particularly in the United States and Canada.

2. Attached is the February 1957 copy of the BELARUSKAYE SLOVA which appears in New York.

3. Given below is additional information regarding the newspaper as reported by Source:

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a. The newspaper previously was published in West Germany. It was edited irregularly with intervals of 2 or 3 months. Although the name remained unchanged, the contents have changed. The individuals connected with the newspaper are of "questionable reputation" with regard to communist activities. The newspaper is directed principally against American organizations of Byelorussian origins.

b. The first 3 numbers of the newspaper were printed in the shop where the Russian-communist newspaper RUSSKIJ GOLOS is printed. At present the editors of the BELARUSKAYE SLOVA are negotiating to make a contract with the Ukrainian-American Press, owned by R. Krukpa, 133 East 4th Street, New York 3, New York, (Telephone: GRamercy 3-0240) to print their paper regularly each month at a cost of \$120.00 monthly. To finance this enterprise the publishers of BELARUSKAYE SLOVA would need outside help and it is believed this help has been received from communist sources.

c. The BELARUSKAYE SLOVA is similar in content to the BELARUSKAYE SLOVA published in Toronto, Canada, which is financed by communist sponsored firms sending parcels to the USSR.

d. Persons responsible for publication of the New York BELARUSKAYE SLOVA are:

(1) Mr. Ivan KOSIAK
449 New Jersey Avenue
Brooklyn 7, New York

(Took part in subversive activities in Byelorussian movement in the University of Wilno before WW II. During German occupation worked with the Gestapo in Vialejka and Minsk. In the U. S. wrote and edited the book HISTORY OF BYELORUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH which is anti-Catholic.)

(2) Dr. A. ARECHVA
136 Lafayette Street
Stamford, Connecticut

(Before WW II represented communists in Western Byelorussia (Under Poland) until 1939. In 1952-1953 was expelled from University of Louvain, Belgium for suspicious activities.)

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(3) Mr. MANKOU
(temporarily living with
Vladimir FILEVA)
250 East 4th Street
New York, New York

(MANKOU arrived in the United
States only 2 or 3 months ago.
He was detained in Germany since
1949 because of past activities.)

4. The foregoing was brought to the attention of this office during an operational contact with the source of this information. SR/DOB has no interest in subject and the information is being passed on for whatever action you deem appropriate.

5. Please refer to SR/DOB Memorandum No. 687 for information regarding the source of the foregoing information.

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