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TITLE NIKOLAI GRIGORIEVICH NAZARENKO, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>MICROFILMED MAR 15 1963 DOC. MICRO. SER.</p> </div> <p>Subject's former associates in Europe advised NAZARENKO spent 5 years in German DP camps where he was involved in numerous immoral acts. Associates also state NAZARENKO discharged from German Army for brutality to prisoners. Information regarding Subject's employment by Soviet Police or NKVD apparently originated with one, ALEXANDRO PETRANKO, Freehold, N.J. Subject not known to have had unusual amounts of money in Germany but believed to have been friendly with Soviet MPs in Germany. One informant advised NAZARENKO fought Soviets in 1942 and strongly opposed to Soviet Union and Communism. Subject's DP sponsor advised NAZARENKO spoke against Communists. Subject continues to reside at Keansburg, N.J.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The following individuals who were acquainted with NAZARENKO in Europe were interviewed for the purpose of determining the source and accuracy of information regarding NAZARENKO's reported employment by the Soviet Police or NKVD in Taganrog, Russia during World War II and to determine NAZARENKO's present activities and sympathies.</p> <p>BASIL LESCHANKO, Lakewood, Cassville Rd., care of BOULAVIN, Van Hiseville, N.J., advised he lived with NAZARENKO for approximately five years in a Displaced Persons Camp at Puzen (phonetic), Germany. LESCHANKO stated that he was acquainted with the</p>			
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Subject for approximately one year prior to that time and first met NAZARENKO when the latter married the daughter of General NAUMENKO. LESCHANKO stated that during World War II and during the period he was in the above DP Camp, he was on the staff of General Naumenko. LESCHANKO stated further that NAZARENKO was in the German Army during the early 1940s but was discharged for brutality to prisoners. During their stay in the aforementioned DP Camp, LESCHANKO recalled that NAZARENKO committed a number of immoral acts but was always kept out of difficulty with the authorities of the camp through the intervention of NAUMENKO. LESCHANKO also advised that he was told by Mrs. ALEXANDRO PETRANKO of Freehold, N.J. that NAZARENKO was a member of the Soviet Police or NKVD in Taganrog or Saruipol, Russia during 1943.

LESCHANKO stated that he had no first-hand information pertaining to this matter. According to LESCHANKO, Mrs. PETRANKO stated that NAZARENKO had a wife and family in one of the above Russian cities prior to NAZARENKO's marriage to the daughter of General NAUMENKO.

In conclusion, LESCHANKO advised that he did not recall that the Subject ever had large sums of money while they were residing in the DP Camp, mentioned above.

ANTIP MAKARENKO, Cross Street, Toms River, N.J., stated that he was acquainted with NAZARENKO at the DP Camp at Fusen, Germany for several years and that he was also on the staff of General NAUMENKO, Subject's father-in-law. MAKARENKO advised that he and the Subject had a fist fight at the Cossack home near Farthingdale, N.J. as a result of an argument over a pair of military trousers NAZARENKO borrowed from him and failed to return.

MAKARENKO declared that the above fight did not occur as a result of his referring to the Subject as a NKVD agent. In this connection, MAKARENKO stated that he, nevertheless, believes that Subject is a NKVD agent because when he and the Subject and six other members of NAUMENKO's staff were removing Cossack relics from the aforementioned DP Camp during June, 1945, they were stopped by American Military Police and were questioned by American and Soviet soldiers.

MAKARENKO stated that during the questioning, NAZARENKO was very friendly with the Soviet Military Police and that he sincerely believes that NAZARENKO was acquainted with them previously. MAKARENKO declared that he possessed no information concerning the Subject's activities prior to 1945 but that he had heard from Mrs. ALEXANDRO PETRANKO that Subject was in the Soviet Militia in Taganrog, Russia at one time.

The aforementioned individuals were interviewed at the home of EVERETT BOULAVIN, Lakewood, Cassville Rd., Van Hiseville, N.J.

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DELAVIN, who acted as interpreter, was previously recommended as a discreet, reliable American citizen by Confidential Informant Newark T-1, who is known to be reliable.

BASILE CANALI, Box 447A, R.D. #1, Farmingdale, N.J., advised that he has resided in the U.S. for three years. CANALI advised further that he had no contact with NAZARENKO prior to arriving in this country and possessed no information concerning Subject's activities in Europe and is unable to comment upon NAZARENKO's present activities or political sympathies. CANALI also advised that an individual, whose name he is unable to recall, informed him that NAZARENKO formerly worked for the bolsheviks in Taganrog, Russia.

Confidential Informant Newark T-2, of unknown reliability, stated that he was formerly on the staff of General NAUMENKO and was in Germany when General NAUMENKO and the Subject arrived from Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1945. Newark T-2 stated that he recalled that in 1945 he heard from other members of NAUMENKO's staff that NAZARENKO had been wounded while fighting Communist forces but that he possessed no first-hand information in this regard. Newark T-2 stated that he had never heard that NAZARENKO was a member of the Soviet Police or NKVD in Taganrog, Russia and that he did not believe such information to be true.

Newark T-2 stated that he believes NAZARENKO is strongly opposed to the Soviet Union and to Communism.

JOHN TROYANOFF, R.D. #2, Freehold, N.J., stated that he signed an affidavit for the Subject to enter the U.S. inasmuch as NAZARENKO was related to the Cossack leader, General NAUMENKO. TROYANOFF stated further that the Subject resided in his home for several months and that during that period often spoke of an incarceration in Soviet prison camps in Siberia.

TROYANOFF advised that NAZARENKO frequently spoke against the Communists during the above period. TROYANOFF declared that he is confident NAZARENKO is not a Communist and certain that the Subject is not a Russian Agent. TROYANOFF stated that this opinion was based on his observation of Subject's actions and hearing Subject speak against Communism during the period Subject resided in his home.

In addition, TROYANOFF noted that since arriving in the U.S., Subject has been employed as a heavy laborer although his physical condition hampered him to some extent.

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TROYANOFF stated that in his opinion, the Subject would obtain a different type of employment if he were interested in Espionage. TROYANOFF stated further that NAZARENKO is certainly not receiving funds from the Soviet Union since he lives very poorly.

In conclusion, TROYANOFF declared that he is a Cossack who hates Communism and that he would have noted immediately any pro-Communist or pro-Russian acts or statements on the part of NAZARENKO.

Confidential Informant Newark T-3, of known reliability, who was able to provide information concerning many residents of Vineland, N.J., advised that he is not acquainted with PORFIRIO NEKS, reportedly one of Subject's former associates. Newark T-3 also advised that a check of several farm organizations and the Russian Orthodox Church at Vineland, N.J., disclosed no information pertaining to NEKS' residence. Newark T-3 stated that inquiry in the White Russian community at Richland, N.J., disclosed no information concerning NEKS.

Confidential Informant Newark T-4 and Newark T-5, of known reliability, who are representatives of the only banking firms in Keansburg, N.J., advised that their records contained no reference to NAZARENKO.

Confidential Informant Newark T-6, of known reliability, advised that NAZARENKO continues to reside at Van Brunt Pl., Keansburg, N.J.

Investigation in the immediate area of Subject's residence, which included interviews with individuals residing in the neighborhood, disclosed no additional pertinent information concerning NAZARENKO.

Confidential Informant Newark T-2, who is mentioned above, advised that Subject has had no contact with members of the World Cossack Association at Farmingdale, N.J. for several months and that he had obtained no pertinent information concerning NAZARENKO. T-2 stated that he had ascertained that MICHAEL A. SKVORTSOV, a Cossack General who was associated with Subject in Europe, presently resides at 1412 Fourth Ave., Los Angeles 19, California.

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