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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Sergei SCHEBALIN

1. On 25 February 1959 the undersigned contacted Mr. Pennington, in I & S at the request of Deputy Chief, SR.

2. Mr. Pennington stated that a problem had arisen concerning SCHEBALIN's application for United States citizenship. Specifically SCHEBALIN had entered on his application and on his wife's application information concerning his background which does not correspond to information previously furnished to the Immigration and Naturalization Service by the DCI in connection with SCHEBALIN's entry into the United States under Section 8, Federal Law 110. The specific item which is being questioned by Immigration and Naturalization Service is as follows:

A. SCHEBALIN listed his name on the application as Antonov, Rostislav L'vovich. The DCI memorandum to Immigration and Naturalization gave SCHEBALIN's name as SCHEBALIN and stated that he had changed his name to SCHEBALIN legally in Munich in 1950.

3. Mr. Pennington and the undersigned reviewed SCHEBALIN's application as well as his wife's and noted the following discrepancies in addition to that noted above:

A. The applications stated that the SCHEBALIN's were married in 1946. The DCI memorandum states that the SCHEBALIN's were married in 1947.

B. The SCHEBALIN application states that their daughter Margarita was born in 1947. The DCI memorandum states that she was born in 1948.

C. Mrs. SCHEBALIN's application states that she was born in Yekaterinodar. The DCI memorandum states that she was born in Krasnodar.

D. Mrs. SCHEBALIN's application states that she was born on 25 January 1921. The DCI memorandum states that she was born on 20 January 1921.

E. SCHEBALIN's application lists only his employment with Brown Instrument Division of Minneapolis Honeywell for the past 5 years. This employment started in January 1955, therefore it does not cover 5 years but only 4 years. There is no reflection on the application of SCHEBALIN's employment under contract with CIA which began in February 1954.

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4. Mr. Pennington stated the problems to be resolved; essentially as follows:

A. Something will have to be done concerning his employment with CIA in 1954. It was explained to Mr. Pennington that while SCHEBALIN was under contract with CIA, he was however attending an Americanization school in Washington, D.C., and he never performed any specific services for CIA.

B. We should check with SCHEBALIN to see what documents such as, marriage certificate, birth certificates, and his daughter's birth certificate he may have in his possession, so that new citizenship application made out in the future will correspond to the facts as set forth in these documents.

C. It will be necessary to get straight with SCHEBALIN exactly what the facts are concerning his date of marriage, his name, and his wife's date and place of birth before he appears in court to apply for naturalization.

D. SCHEBALIN will require two witnesses, U. S. citizens, to appear with him during the naturalization proceedings to swear that they have known him for at least 5 years and that they have had contact with him at least once a month during this 5 year period. Mr. Pennington stated that he feels that SCHEBALIN should not appear in court to apply for citizenship until we are sure that two such witnesses can be produced and that SCHEBALIN's application must be delayed until such time as two bonified witnesses are available. Mr. Pennington stated that it would be a very poor idea to shade the requirements in this respect since the proceedings take place in a Federal Court and the fact that naturalization would be in the interests of CIA would not be a mitigating circumstance if the question of perjury raised its head.

5. The undersigned will furnish Mr. Pennington with a memorandum with an explanation of the discrepancies between SCHEBALIN's application and the DCI memorandum, on the basis of which Mr. Pennington will write to Immigration and Naturalization Service (Mr. Pennington stated parenthetically that he felt we must admit we made an error in some respects). The undersigned will also investigate the availability of witnesses to cover SCHEBALIN's 5 year residence in the U. S. Mr. Pennington is going to call OO/Contact Division and advise them in general of the current problem. The undersigned will also provide Mr. Pennington with a recommendation as how to cover SCHEBALIN's residence in Washington, D.C. in 1954.

6. The following things to seek out:

A. Is Krasnodar the new name for the Yekaterinodar?

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B. Has SCHEBALIN had the same residence in Philadelphia during his entire 4 years there?

C. What is the extent of FBI interest in SCHEBALIN?

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