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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/7/DOB

SUBJECT : Assessment of Tcherin SOOBZKOV

An assessment was conducted on Subject by SR/7/DOB/A&R between 20-25 February 1956 to determine his suitability as a spotter and trainer of REDSOX agents. The assessment was favorable.

1. Biographical Summary

Subject is a 38 year old Circassian from a middle class farmer family. After finishing middle school, he entered a Soviet military school and was graduated as a lieutenant in 1939. Although of the Kulak class, family connections were able to get him into the military school; the stigma of being branded a Kulak, however, prevented him for consideration for membership in the Komsomol and Communist Party. From 1939-1941, he served with the infantry in Poland and was transferred to the Rostov area where he fought against the German invasion until 1942. When his unit transferred, he deserted and hid in his native village in the Caucasus. The German Army occupied his village and he was elected as Chief of Police. In 1942 he joined the German Army and participated on numerous patrol missions; in 1943 he was wounded. After recovering, he was sent to the North Caucasian Legion near Warsaw with the appointment to recruit Caucasians for the German Army. In 1944 he was ordered to lead 3,000 refugees from Odessa to the Rumanian-Hungarian border. He then served in Greece, Warsaw and Berlin. In 1945 he joined the Caucasian SS Division and recruited in POW camps. After capitulation, he fled to Rome and lived on the proceeds of black marketeering. With Pope provided funds and assistance, he and a Circassian group settled in Jordan. From 1948-1956, he held various personnel officer jobs in the Jordan government in Amman. From 1953-1955, he was an Agency contract agent, functioning as an agent spotter and informant. In June 1955 he, his wife and child arrived for permanent residency in the United States.

2. Comments

Subject is an individual of strong moral character and intense nationalism whose behavior has been conditioned by a Moslem upbringing in a Circassian village. He is a rugged individualist who resolves most things into black or white; he sees no greys. This decisiveness colors his entire personality. He demands honesty and truthfulness in others and normally does not trust people. To a friend he can prove to be devoted and loyal; but he can be as fiercely loyal as treacherously dangerous. Though of average intelligence, he is a skillful manipulator of people and has characteristics of a good teacher. Everything about the man shows an emotional

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charge and although it makes him impulsive, he is a leader type that can get things done. His strong hatred toward Russians is oriented not only to Communists, but toward Russians in general. It can be expected he would have difficulty working in close proximity with former Soviet Russians. He is free of symptoms of a psychiatric nature, his bona fides have been reasonably established, his polygraph examination was favorable and a physical examination revealed no significant abnormalities. Employment with the U. S. Government is not a driving factor since his present auto salesman job provides adequate compensation. He has become established and integrated in his community through a recent arrival in the U. S. A. His past Agency field intelligence experience and strong motivation to participate in anti-Communist work are in his favor in considering him for employment. The [] Field Station recommended he be assessed for possible use in the U. S. A.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that Subject be hired as a contract agent to work in the field of spotting, recruiting and training of Caucasian, Turkestan and Tartar REDSOX agent candidates. He is qualified to work effectively in these fields and with these nationalities after Agency training and a justification for a specialist of this nature.

The following reports are attached as evidence to support the above recommendation:

- A. Biographical Debriefing - SR/7/DOB
- B. Assessor's Report - SR/7/DOB
- C. Psychiatric Examination - Medical Staff, Psychiatric Division
- D. Psychological Evaluation - OTR/Assessment & Evaluation
- E. Physical Examination - Medical Staff
- F. Polygraph Examination - Special Security Division
- G. Fingerprints
- H. Photographs
- I. Handwriting
- J. Assessment Schedule

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