

TF 2-206 DISPATCH FOLLOWS

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| <b>DISPATCH</b><br>VIA TELETYPE   |  | CLASSIFICATION<br>SECRET                                | DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO<br>EGMA 45907                      |
| TO<br>CHIEF, SR   | CHIEF, EE CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY  |   | HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.<br>32W-12-2/3<br>FIELD FILE FI/1293 |
| FROM<br>CHIEF OF BASE, MUNICH   | DATE<br>12 NOVEMBER 1959   |   | RE: 433 - (CHECK "X" ONE)                                 |
| SUBJECT<br>REDWOOD/LCTIMPROVE/OPERATIONS<br>DEATH OF STEPAN BANDERA   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING | <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED             |
| ACTION REQUIRED<br>NONE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION   |  | INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED NO. DESK ONLY       |   |
| REFERENCE(S)<br>DIR 01697   |  |   |   |
| <p>1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM [ ] CONCERNING THE CAVIRIL AND MUNICH POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATH OF [ ]</p> <p>STEPAN *BANDERA /BORN 1909 IN TROSTIANEC/</p> <p>2. RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY ON BANDERA'S BODY SHOW THAT BANDERA DIED OF POTASSIUM CYANIDE POISONING. PRESENT INVESTIGATION IS DIRECTED TOWARD DETERMINING HOW AND BY WHOM THE POISON WAS ADMINISTERED. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUICIDE BECAUSE OF BANDERA'S CHARACTER. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A MAN WHO HAD MAINTAINED HIS OWN INDEPENDENT, FANATICAL COURSE FOR SO LONG WOULD SUDDENLY BECOME SO DESPONDENT THAT HE WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE.</p> <p>3. THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBLE MEANS BY WHICH THE POISON MIGHT HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED. FOR ONE THING, THE AUTOPSY PRODUCED A FRAGMENT OF GELATINOUS MATERIAL FROM BANDERA'S STOMACH. THE EXAMINING DOCTORS THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE REMAINS OF A CAPSULE, BUT THERE IS NO PROOF THAT THE CAPSULE ORIGINALLY CONTAINED POISON. BANDERA HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM A COLD, WHICH HIS INTIMATES SAY HE HAD BEEN DOSING WITH VARIOUS PILLS, SO THE GELATIN MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESIDUE OF A CAPSULE HE HAD TAKEN. THE POSSIBILITY HAS BEEN CONSIDERED THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN GIVEN A CAPSULE OF CYANIDE BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO WAY TO DETERMINE WHO MIGHT HAVE GIVEN IT TO HIM, AND SO MUCH OF HIS TIME HAS BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR BY WITNESSES THAT IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT ANYONE COULD HAVE TALKED WITH HIM AND GIVEN HIM THE PILL WITHOUT IT BEING NOTICED AND REPORTED.</p> <p>4. [ ] PERSONALLY LEANS TOWARD THE THEORY THAT THE POISON WAS ADMINISTERED BY FORCE AFTER BANDERA ENTERED HIS APARTMENT HOUSE. HE HAS VARIOUS BITS OF EVIDENCE WHICH HE FEELS SUPPORT HIS THEORY. ONE IS THE PRESENCE OF UNEXPLAINED BRUISES AROUND BANDERA'S MOUTH. [ ] BELIEVES THAT BANDERA WAS SEIZED AND OVERPOWERED IN THE HALLWAY OF HIS APARTMENT HOUSE AND THE BRUISES ARE THE RESULT OF SOMETHING BEING CLAMPED OVER BANDERA'S MOUTH TO STIFLE ANY OUTCRY. NEIGHBORS IN THE APARTMENT HOUSE REPORT THAT THEY HEARD A SCUFFLE IN THE HALLWAY, BUT THEY THOUGHT IT WAS CHILDREN PLAYING AND DID NOT LOOK OUT. THE SCUFFLE OCCURRED AT ABOUT THE TIME WHEN BANDERA ENTERED THE BUILDING. ANOTHER PERSON IN THE BUILDING REPORTED SEEING TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN LEAVE THE BUILDING AT ABOUT THE TIME BANDERA RETURNED HOME. [ ] BELIEVES THAT THE MEN WERE HIDING IN THE ELEVATOR WHICH HAD BEEN STOPPED AT ONE OF THE UPSTAIRS FLOORS. NEIGHBORS ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN BLOOD SPLASHED DOWN THE STAIRS WHERE BANDERA MIGHT HAVE FALLEN OR BEEN THROWN DOWN, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE POLICE DID A POOR JOB OF GUARDING THE SITE AND THE JANITRESS REMOVED THE BLOODSTAINS BEFORE THEY COULD BE EXAMINED. ALTHOUGH THE AUTOPSY DID NOT DISCLOSE ANY STAB WOUNDS, AS FAR AS [ ] HAS BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, THE EXAMINATION WAS NOT THOROUGH ENOUGH TO HAVE FOUND A PUNCTURE MARK MADE BY A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE. THERE IS ONE OTHER POINT WHICH</p> |  |   |   |
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| <p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> BELIEVES IS SIGNIFICANT. WHEN HE WAS FOUND, BANDERA WAS LYING ON HIS FACE IN THE HALLWAY OF THE BUILDING, WITH HIS LEFT ARM DOUBLED UNDER HIM AND HIS LEFT HAND CLUTCHING AT HIS RIGHT SHOULDER. QUESTIONING OF BANDERA'S ASSOCIATES REVEALED THAT BANDERA WAS LEFT HANDED AND CARRIED A PISTOL IN A SHOULDER HOLSTER ON HIS RIGHT SIDE. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> BELIEVES THAT BANDERA WAS TRYING TO GET TO THE PISTOL WHEN HE DIED, AND IF THIS IS TRUE THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMEONE THERE WHOM HE WANTED TO SHOOT.         </p> <p>           5. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> THEORY REQUIRES SOMEONE AS A FINGER-MAN WHO TIPPED OFF THE KILLERS WHEN BANDERA WOULD BE COMING HOME. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PRIME SUSPECT IS <u>EFGENIA MATVIYEVKO ALIAS MAK /BORN 6 JANUARY 1916 IN LEMBERG, POLAND/</u> </p> <p> <u>RE THE DEATH OF STEPHAN BANDERA</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH HAVE LED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> TO SUSPECT MATVIYEVKO. MOST IMPORTANT, SHE WENT SHOPPING WITH BANDERA ON THE MORNING OF HIS DEATH AND SHE COULD HAVE ARRANGED TO BRING HIM HOME AT A FAIRLY PRECISE TIME. BANDERA AND MATVIYEVKO VISITED THE 'GROSSMARKTHALLE', WHERE THEY PURCHASED AND IMMEDIATELY ATE SOME FRESH FRUIT. SOME PEOPLE HAVE CONJECTURED THAT THE FRUIT WAS POISONED, BUT <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> AND NO ONE ELSE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW THE POISON WAS PUT INTO THE FRUIT IN FRONT OF BANDERA. THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT THE FRUIT COULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN ADVANCE, AS THE TRIP WAS APPARENTLY SPONTANEOUS, SO NO ONE KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT THE TWO WERE GOING SHOPPING. CABOLT HAS LEARNED FROM HIS BANDERIST INFORMANT /KASHUBA/ THAT EFGENIA'S HUSBAND <u>MYRON MATVIYEVKO /BORN CIRCA 1919/</u> <u>RE THE DEATH OF STEPHAN BANDERA</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> WHO WENT TO THE UKRAINE ON A MISSION FOR THE BANDERISTS IN 1951, DID NOT GO VOLUNTARILY. THE BANDERISTS LEARNED THAT MYRON HAD BEEN STEALING ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS AND MYRON WAS GIVEN A CHOICE OF SUICIDE OR A MISSION TO THE UKRAINE. HE TOOK THE MISSION AND HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE UKRAINE EVER SINCE, A SITUATION WHICH CABOLT FINDS HARD TO BELIEVE. IT APPEARS MORE PROBABLE TO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> THAT MATVIYEVKO REPORTED TO THE KGB AS SOON AS HE ARRIVED IN THE UKRAINE, AND THAT HE HAS BEEN A DOUBLE AGENT EVER SINCE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOO DIFFICULT FOR THE KGB TO GAIN CONTROL OF EFGENIA, USING MYRON'S SAFETY AS A THREAT. EFGENIA ALSO HAS A BOY FRIEND IN INNSBRUCK WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A LEADING FIGURE IN THE ZCH/OUN AND WHO IS ALSO SUSPECTED OF BEING AN RIS AGENT. /NOTE - ALTHOUGH <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> DID NOT MENTION THE NAME, 3 13833 58/ -6-12 XX WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE <u>OSIP TIUSCHKA /BORN 20 MARCH 1908 IN MLSUM, POLAND/</u> </p> <p>           6. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ALSO OFFERED AN EXPLANATION FOR WHY BANDERA WAS KILLED AT THIS LATE DATE. HARKING BACK TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF <u>(GENERAL NIKIFOR HORBANYUK /BORN 13 MARCH 1891 IN FEDORINKA/</u> </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> SAID THAT HE WAS TOLD BY HIS BANDERIST CONTACT THAT THE BANDERISTS LEARNED, PRIOR TO HORBANYUK'S DISAPPEARANCE, THAT HORBANYUK HAD BEEN AN RIS AGENT FOR MANY YEARS. ALTHOUGH THE BANDERISTS DO NOT ADMIT IT, <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> IS CERTAIN THAT THEY KILLED HORBANYUK, AS THEY HAVE KILLED OTHER RIS AGENTS IN THE PAST. BANDERA WAS THEN KILLED BY THE RIS TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HORBANYUK AND TO LESSEN THE DANGER TO OTHER RIS AGENTS IN THIS AREA.         </p> |                          |   |
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| <p>7. ANOTHER PERSON BEING INVESTIGATED BY CAVIRIL, BECAUSE HE STOOD TO ADVANCE IN THE ZCH/OUN HIERARCHY AFTER THE DEATH OF BANDERA, IS</p>   |   |  |
| <p>EUGEN <sup>74</sup>ARTSYUK <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>IN THE DEATH OF BANDERA</u><br/><u>PAROLE</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> &gt;</p>   |   |  |
| <p>ARTSYUK'S LATEST ACTIVITY IS WRITING ARTICLES FOR VARIOUS MINOR NEWSPAPERS PRAISING KRUSHCHEV AND DENOUNCING EMIGRE POLITICS.</p>  |   |  |
| <p>8. ANOTHER UNEXPLAINED ANGLE TO THIS WHOLE AFFAIR IS THE ENTRANCE OF</p>   |   |  |
| <p><u>FRIEDRICH <sup>74</sup>MATTHIAS <sup>74</sup>BERGER ALIAS SARTORIUS</u> <u>RE. THE DEATH OF THE LATE BANDERA</u><br/><u>/BORN 20 MARCH 1911 IN SCHOENEFELD/</u> <u>OF THE LATE BANDERA</u><br/><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> &gt;</p>   |   |  |
| <p>WHEN BERGER RETURNED FROM POW CAMP A FEW YEARS AGO, HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY KASHUBA, WHO MADE A PRACTICE OF TALKING WITH RETURNEES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAD KNOWN ANY UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS IN THE PRISON CAMPS WHERE THEY WERE HELD. THE INTERVIEW WITH BERGER WAS QUITE BRIEF AND NO CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED. HOWEVER, SHORTLY AFTER BANDERA'S DEATH, BERGER CONTACTED KASHUBA AND ASKED KASHUBA TO COME AND VISIT HIM, EXPLAINING THAT HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT BANDERA. KASHUBA KEPT THE APPOINTMENT AND WAS ASKED BY BERGER WHETHER BANDERA'S MURDERER HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS YET. KASHUBA REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE, WHEREUPON BERGER SAID THAT HE KNEW WHO HAD DONE IT AND WOULD PRODUCE THE KILLER WITHIN A WEEK. KASHUBA THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A LOT OF TALK AND DID NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION, BUT CAVIRIL HAS ALSO STARTED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF BERGER TO DETERMINE WHY HE HAD INVOLVED HIMSELF IN THE AFFAIR. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTED THAT HE HAD HEARD OF BERGER, BUT IT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH ONE OF HIS FORMER EMPLOYEES, WHO WAS ALLEGED TO BE WORKING FOR THE MFS. AFTER <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> HAD OFFERED TO ASSEMBLE OUR FILE MATERIAL ON BERGER AND THE MFS CASE FOR <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> USE, <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> WENT ON TO SAY THAT BERGER HAS BEEN A CONSTANT INVESTIGATIVE TARGET OF THE LOCAL POLICE, BECAUSE HE HAS ACCESS TO A QUANTITY OF GOLD BARS FROM AN UNDISCLOSED SOURCE. THE POLICE INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT IF BERGER OBTAINED THE GOLD IN THE WEST, IT MAY BE PART OF THE LOOT FROM A ROBBERY OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL BANK, WHEN A NUMBER OF GOLD BARS WERE STOLEN.</p> |   |  |
| <p>9. WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MAY PRODUCE CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION, AND IF HQS HAS QUESTIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC POINTS, WE WILL BE GLAD TO TRY TO OBTAIN THE ANSWERS FROM <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> IF SUCH QUESTIONS DO EXIST, PLEASE FORWARD THEM BY FLEXWRITER.</p>   |   |  |
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