

Jul. 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Abd-al-Karim SUBSIKOV

1. The following information on subject (encrypted NOSTRIL in the early 50's) is being documented in light of a possible major flap with the press---details of which are listed below.

2. It all began in late June of this year when NOSTRIL called his former BKHERALD case officer, [redacted] on the phone from Paterson, New Jersey where NOSTRIL had been living for the past several years disengaged from the Agency. The reason he called John was to seek his advice on an article which appeared in the New York Times in late June 74. The contents of this article was provided the NY Times by a NY congresswoman. It contained a list of Nazi war criminals believed still at large in the U.S. NOSTRIL's name was on this list. Sensing possible danger to his future security, NOSTRIL immediately called John for advice. John deferred offering any guidance pending his personal review of the file.

3. Some background material on NOSTRIL follows: He is a Circassian who came to the attention of the [redacted] Station) as a possible access agent to the Soviet community in Amman. He was recruited in the mid 50's and handled by [redacted]. Apparently, after a trial period his value seemed to diminish and he finally wound up immigrating to Paterson, New Jersey sometime in the late 50's.

4. After NOSTRIL called John, we requested the file from

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Registry but they failed to locate it. A special search was then instituted with no success. The file was either lost or destroyed. We were, however, able to reconstitute a portion of the file--9 cables were reproduced. None of these showed any connection between NOSTRIL and the Nazis. The dispatches were irretrievable.

5. [] contacted the Office of General Counsel and briefed them on the case. They advised that the best course of action would be to wait and see believing that the case would die a natural death and not blow up into a major scandal. John planned to phone NOSTRIL on 9 July and advised him to just sit it out for the time being. The undersigned briefed NE/COPS on 8 July.

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