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Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 "E" St. N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to the case of **MYKOLA LEBED** also known as **ROMAN TURAN**, who is the subject of your memoranda dated June 20, 1949 and January 31, 1950.

For your information, there is quoted the following excerpt from an investigative report received from our New York office:

"For over a year several Ukrainian informants have mentioned the presence in this country of one **MYKOLA LEBED**. They all believed he had arrived here as a Displaced Person under an assumed name, and since his arrival, has been very active in Ukrainian Nationalistic activities, speaking on numerous occasions in different cities in the Eastern part of the United States.

"Lebed was well known in Ukrainian circles in Europe for years as one of the most important Bandera terrorists. He is known as one of the group of the Bandera men that assassinated Bronislaw Pieracki, the Polish Minister of the Interior during 1934. Lebed and his associates were tried and sentenced to death in January, 1936. However, it is believed that the death sentence was later commuted to a prison term. Lebed was in jail in Poland until the Germans overran that country, when he was either released by the Germans or escaped from jail in the confusion of a German air raid.

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Lebed then rejoined the Bandera group and began working for the Germans in organizing Ukrainian groups to aid the Germans in fighting Russia. These Ukrainian groups are reported as having been detained in a Gestapo school and later furnished with arms and equipment and worked with German Storm Troopers, suppressing local resistance, to the Germans, following the withdrawal of the Russian Army. Wholesale murders of Ukrainians, Polish and Jewish usually took place. In all these actions, Lebed was one of the most important leaders.

"During the German occupation of Ukraine, Lebed and his terroristic group were known as 'Special Defense Service.' Their activities were directed by the Gestapo."

These allegations, if substantiated by competent evidence, might render this alien subject to deportation. Before proceeding further with the investigation, however, I should appreciate receiving such evidence or information as you may have which may tend either to establish or disprove the truth of these allegations. In this connection you may also wish to consult the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Riley  
Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Enforcement Division

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