MEMORANDUM FOR:

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VIA:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Information Available in Directorate of

Operations Operational Records on Mikola Lebed

- A trace of the subject in DO operational records has produced subject's [I. The 201 contains an apparently complete record of Agency cooperation in earlier investigations of Mr. Lebed by the Department of Justice and the Government Accounting Office as well as other documents including a study prepared from Polish newspaper reporting from the mid-1930's on Mr. Lebed's trial in Poland, his personal history statement provided to Agency officers when he entered the United States in 1949, and other material relating to the allegations by Ms. Elizabeth Holzman and John Loftus of Mr. Lebed's involvement in Nazi war crimes. It is our recommendation that this 201 file be provided to the Agency's History Staff to support and expedite their search of Agency records in response to Ms. Holzman's request. Since the 201 includes information on the subject's long association with this Agency and information provided by the subject on his activities in Poland and during WWII, we are seeking advice from the Directorate's Information Management Staff and the Office of General Counsel as to how and under what controls access to this 201 should take place.
- Our review of the information contained in the 201 is that there is no information contained therein to support the allegations that Mr. Lebed was involved in Nazi war crimes.
- In further response to Ms. Holtzman's request for information in CIA records on alleged Nazi war criminal Mikola Lebed, we suggest the following: Our review in support of her request continues and has broadened to include certain other Agency records. If information pertinent to her request and releasable under FOIA and EO 12333 is found, we will advise her.

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SUBJECT: Elizabeth Holzman's Query Regarding Mykola Lebed's Alledged Nazi War Crimes,

The response should include a reference to the difficulties of the search based on the way these records are organized the existence of other priority archival searches such as that on material relevant to the Kennedy assassination. A copy of Admiral Studeman's initial response is attached.

4. The Public Affairs Office response to any queries on our management of this case should be not to comment on Mr. Lebed's alleged association with the Agency and to indicate the investigation of historical records is continuing. Questions regarding information to which Mr. John Loftus had privileged access while employed by the Department of Justice are a subject on which we also have no comment.

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