

MATVIYEVKO, Myron

Memorandum for: Secy of Treasury

1. Ref is made to our memo of 13 Sept 50, containing info on members of a Uk group arrested in Germany with counterfeit US dollars in their possession, and to your letter of 14 July 50, file No. OO-15119, subject "Counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes, our Circular 1259."

2. As stated in our memo, this agency has no info on Maxym MOTECKO. However, it is believed probable that MOTECKO is identical with one MM, alias Stefan JURIK, head of intelligence branch in Germany of the anti-Communist Uk org known as OUN/B from 1945 thru late 1949 or early 1950. M was the object of a search by CID in fall of 48 when certain members of a courier mission which he had trained were apprehended on the Czecho-Bavarian border with 300 counterfeit US dollars in their possession. CID never succeeded in locating MATVIYEVKO, altho ~~two~~ two other members of OUN/B were tried and convicted by a US court in Regensburg.

3. The origin of the dollars involved in the Czech border incident was never established. However, a source who formerly worked with MATVIYEVKO and who is considered to be reliable has made certain accusations against subject which would appear to support one thesis that the counterfeit money was of Soviet or Eastern origin. This source has made the following allegations against subject, whom he considers to be a Soviet agent:

a. MATVIYEVKO, as intelligence chief of OUN/B, "masterminded" all courier missions sent into the Ukraine by the BANDERA group from 1946 on. All of these missions misfired for one reason or another: either the couriers never arrived in the Ukraine, or, in at least one instance, ran right into the hands of the Russian intelligence and were sent back to Germany as Soviet agents.

b. One Yaroslav MOROZ, alias SLAVKO, gave subject 240 US dollars when he (MOROZ) returned from the Ukraine in 1947.

c. MATVIYEVKO sent a courier east over a set of safe-houses including one in Prague belonging to a woman who was highly suspected by other members of OUN/B-SB of being under Soviet (MVD) control.

d. Subject has liquidated suspected or proven Soviet agents before they had been properly interrogated by interested parties.

e. News was brought out of the Ukraine that subject's parents been brought back from Siberia in 1946 or 1947 and that subject's brother, a Gr Cath priest, had been elevated to bishop during the same period.

4. Descriptive info on subject in the files of this agency is similar to that on MOTECKO contained in the CID report attached to your letter of 14 July 50. This similarity again would tend to confirm the identity of MOTECKO with MATVIYEVKO.

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