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TO : COS, Karlsruhe

DATE: 10 May 1950

FROM : Chief, MOB *h/ed*

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Redbird/Operational *MATVIYKO*

SPECIFIC— Myron MATVIYKO @ Stefan JURIK

RE: MGM-A-973 paras 9d and e; MGM-A-2204; WASH 5734

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1. Myron MATVIYKO @ Stefan JURIK, MOB's old source, was the head of the intelligence branch (SB) of OUN/Bandera in Germany from 1945 through late 1949 or early 1950. During this period he "masterminded" all courier missions mounted by the OUN/Bandera, all debriefings and liquidations of suspected Soviet agents, counterfeiting of documents, contacts by SB members with American intelligence agencies including CIC, MIS, ODEUM, G-2 EUCOM, ONI, and ourselves, and OUN/B attempts to penetrate other Ukrainian emigrant organizations. Along with Yaroslav STETZKO, subject exerted tremendous influence on the policy and thinking of Stefan BANDERA. In late 1949 or early 1950, MATVIYKO was allegedly dismissed as head of SB and replaced by Ivan KASZUBA, a former assistant to subject. In March 1950, Ivan KASZUBA allegedly told source CAPELIN that MATVIYKO and wife had left Germany illegally for Paris, France from whence they intended to immigrate to Canada under false names. CID has allegedly been looking for MATVIYKO since fall 1948 when a six-man courier mission he prepared with the assistance of ODEUM was caught on the Czech-Bavarian border with three hundred counterfeit US dollars in their possession. CID never succeeded in catching MATVIYKO, although two scapegoats from OUN/B were tried and convicted by a U.S. court in Regensburg. The origin of the dollars was not established during this trial. The two most likely possibilities are that: a. MATVIYKO picked them up from counterfeiters in Western Europe, or b. they were of eastern manufacture. Undoubtedly, if they have not done so already, CID would like to clear up the mystery of the counterfeit currency, while on his part, the case officer would like, through the extradition facilities of CID, to get MATVIYKO back to Germany for a thorough debriefing with the interrogator from our outfit using CID cover. CAPELIN knows of a host of extra legal activities indulged in by MATVIYKO and alleges that breaking him under interrogation should be no problem at all since subject is said to be a coward.

2. On 2 May 1950, the undersigned conferred with a Captain of CID Munich who commented as follows:

a. The Munich files have no record of Subject's name or alias.

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b. The Regensburg CID office has been dissolved and the files moved to Heidelberg.

c. Extradition from France should offer no problem, since the CID receives excellent cooperation from the French Surete who often spirit bodies back illegally across the border for CID.

3. CAPELIN gives the following information which would aid in locating MATVIYEYKO in France:

a. Description: 35 years old, blond, sideburns, blue eyes, 165 cm tall, usually wears suit out of American army material and a brown felt hat.

b. Description of wife: 34 years old but looks 40, black hair, oval face, prominent cheekbones, very thin, looks exceedingly stupid, maiden name: Eigenia KOSZULENSKA.

c. Subject speaks: Ukrainian, Polish and poor German.  
Wife speaks: Ukrainian and Polish

d. Subject's employment assurance and/or invitation from sponsor in Canada will probably come from one of two Greek Catholic priests: fnu KUSYJ or Peter DAREWYCZ.

e. Subject is probably living with the chief of OUN/B in Paris.

f. Subject and wife are using fake names, possibly JURIK, and have fake papers.

g. Subject left Germany for France in early 1950.

h. Subject is preparing to emigrate through IRO channels in France.

4. Source CAPELIN was a member of SB under MATVIYEYKO in 1945 through 1947. CAPELIN and CARTELs 1, 2, 3 and 4 are convinced that Subject is a double agent for the Soviets. Here are a few of the accusations made against Subject:

a. Every courier mission he managed from 1946 on misfired: either the couriers never arrived in the Ukraine, or in the case of Yaroslav KOROSZ @ SLAVKO (See MSC-429), the courier ran right into the hands of the KGB and was sent back doubled to Germany.

b. News was brought out of the Ukraine that Subject's parents were brought back from Siberia in 1946 or 1947 and that Subject's brother, a Greek Catholic priest, had been elevated to bishop during that same period.

c. Yaroslav MOROZ @ SLAVKO gave Subject \$240.00 U.S. on his return from the Ukraine in 1947.

d. Subject almost always has liquidated suspected or proven Soviet agents before they had been properly debriefed.

e. Subject used two or three informants to report on the activities of members of the ZP UHVR as early as 1946.

f. Subject was continually instrumental in influencing BANDERA against the UHVR.

g. Subject sent a courier group east over a set of safe-houses, including one in Prague belonging to Olga JAROS, which were highly suspected by other SB members of being under MVD control.

h. Subject has had liquidated several innocent people just because they threatened to leave OUN/B and tell some of the secrets of that organization to the opposition press or to the Americans.

i. In April 1948 when a UMGB/Uzhorod lieutenant named Mikhailo SERBAN was caught by the SB while trying to contact Vasil MORDOVANETS @ OSTAP and Mikhailo SHTIBEL @ GAILAN (see MGM 33, MSC-483) the undersigned on a tip-off from CAPELIN tried with the help of the Military Police to kidnap SERBAN from the Funk Kaserne DP barracks where he was being held by the SB. The abduction misfired because the Funk Kaserne camp police warned the SB who spirited SERBAN to a subterranean bunker in Mittenwald where SERBAN allegedly committed suicide during the interrogation, according to CAPELIN.

j. In early September 1948 MATVIXEYKO sent off towards the Czech border a group of six agents without informing ODEUM who had footed the bill for their training in radio, etc. In a mysterious manner real US dollars given by ODEUM through the cutout Mrs. ~~SMYCHUKOVA~~ for this operation were replaced by counterfeit dollars. The purpose of sending in these couriers ahead of schedule was said at the time by CAPELIN to be a back-handed attempt by OUN/B to steal a march on the ZPUHVR and get the Banderist version of the Mittenwald conference of August 1948 back to the Ukraine before the ZPUHVR could do so. It was at this Mittenwald conference on or about 29 August 1948 that the definitive and final split between OUN/B and the ZPUHVR occurred. The sextet of couriers was very poorly equipped for their long journey on foot and mainly for that reason they turned themselves in voluntarily to the Bavarian border police. In addition to the bogus dollars, it was discovered after their arrest that most of the scanty ammunition they had for their pistols did not fit. This fiasco, entirely the responsibility

of MATVIYEYKO, resulted in the severing of ODEUM connections to OUN/B. This instance of double-crossing and alienating an American intelligence service is but one of many stage-managed by MATVIYEYKO. For a time in 1946 and 1947, it will be remembered, Subject was the leader of the LYNN group until MOB was forced to drop him for unreliability, falsification of reports, etc. [ ] knew MATVIYEYKO personally at that time. The case officer, indeed, knows of no contact that any American intelligence service had with SB OUN/Bandera which did not end with complete disillusionment during MATVIYEYKO's regime. This fact taken with others suggests more than ineptitude on MATVIYEYKO's part.

k. Although OUN has used the same mailing addresses in Poland for the past several years and although these addresses were supplied by an OUN/B member named MAR or KHMAR (whose wife is an MVD agent, according to information brought out by [ ]), every single item of mail has gotten through to Poland and every item from Poland has gotten through to Western Germany, although secret inks used were usually urine or blood. The statement that correspondence between safe addresses in Germany and Poland has functioned without a hitch for the past several years was made by Major Bohdan PIDHAINY personally to the undersigned in December 1949. PIDHAINY is the OUN/B official in charge of "Contact with the Homeland".

l. PIDHAINY confessed to the undersigned that somewhere among the top bracket OUN/B officials an RIS agent was believed to be lurking. Security leaks, which he did not specify, were given as the foundations for this belief.

5. Case Officer's Comment: A thorough debriefing of MATVIYEYKO will, in the case officer's opinion, enable even the most enthusiastic to see that no operational business can be transacted with OUN/B in its present state. The case officer is positive that any one who takes up operational contact with OUN/B and tries to mount operations into the Ukraine will get their fingers burned, this and nothing more. The proposed debriefing of MATVIYEYKO is in line with Washington's suggestion in WASH 5734 that we get "operational contact with OUN/B highest level for purpose assessing its ops potential". The case officer, however, is dead set against wasting one of our case officer's time to approach BANDERA or STETZKO until we have interrogated MATVIYEYKO. Many other American intelligence personnel in Germany and elsewhere are already in contact with BANDERA people; why not let them investigate the operational possibilities? We have reference to CIC Regensburg, among other offices, which has contact with the present SB chief KASZUBA, who, without a shadow of a doubt, is passing CIC breath-taking plans for contacting partisan forces in the Ukraine. Let us receive these plans [ ]

assessment. Even CIC Regensburg, however, is coming around to the opinion that they have "picked a lemon". (See CIC report on Ivan KASZUBA forwarded to MOB as an attachment to MGSA 1275 and returned by MOB to Karlsruhe under MGM-A-2778). One false deduction leads persons unfamiliar with the maelstrom of Ukrainian affairs astray - that Stefan BANDERA, the only really famous Ukrainian partisan leader alive, is the head of OUN/B, one of the larger Ukrainian emigrant groups; therefore that this group is probably more important than the other emigration groups; therefore that this is probably the proper rallying point for anti-Soviet Ukrainian emigrants and as such deserved our attention both along intelligence and VLKIVA lines. The case officer is convinced in his own mind that we do not want to deal with the OUN/B on any basis for the present because they are a penetrated and insecure group (see paras. 8 to 10 in MGM-A-793). The case officer will argue this stand with all comers.

6. Concerning the plan for interrogating MATVIYEYKO, the case officer has the following recommendations and ideas:

a. CID Heidelberg should be queried whether they are interested in extraditing MATVIYEYKO from France to question him about the counterfeit dollars. They should be reminded that the two individuals tried in Regensburg were merely underlings of subject.

b. If CID is not interested in extraditing him for themselves, we would be interested in having them extradite him for us and allowing us to interrogate him using CID cover.

c. The French Surete should be given as little information as possible about who subject is and why he is wanted.

d. The interrogation should take place in the Provost Marshall jail in Mannheim.

e. CAPELIN will be asked to furnish questions for the interrogation.

f. Interrogation should start on subject of the counterfeit of dollars. POB should have a few questions to offer here.

g. CARRIAGE test could be used, since it is not a classified fact that CID gives them.

h. CARRIAGE test and threat of jail sentence in connection with illegal activities should get subject into a communicative state of mind.

i. Subject should be assured that all information he gives on OUN/B will be for American intelligence consumption only.

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j. [ ] should be our interrogator and the interrogation should be recorded on a tape machine with subject's full knowledge so that CAPELIN and [ ] can guide the interrogation from a distance. Also the interrogation can be forwarded verbatim to Washington.

k. If it is apparent that subject will get jail sentence anyway, [ ] could also be used to help in the interrogation.

l. Both interrogators to be dressed as CID lieutenants in uniform.

m. Extreme care in secure transportation of subject to Munich must be taken so that OUN/B will not get wind of what has happened to him. His wife should probably be picked up and extradited at the same time to Munich, for she will try to find out where her husband has disappeared to. The pick up in France by the Surete should be managed so that Ukrainian friends in France can merely say that MATVIYEYKO disappeared mysteriously.

7. The interrogation of MATVIYEYKO will also undoubtedly help us in our assessment of the CARTELS' security. Please advise us of your reaction and, if favorable, of any action you are taking to assist in subject's extradition.

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Karl note to MUCOM Liaison, 25 May 1950: Please inquire and advise whether the Prov Marshal is in a position to assist in this matter.

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