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TO: Deputy Director, Plans
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

FROM: E. Tomlin Bailey *ETB*
Director
Office of Security

SUBJECT: Wasyl DANKIW aka Yaroslav STETZKO

Reference is made to your Memorandum SODB 42582 dated September 25, 1951, Subject: "DANKIW, Wasyl," in which it is stated: "If further information concerning Subject is desired, it is requested that the specific type of information desired be stated."

In connection with the above, there is attached a copy of a memorandum dated August 29, 1956 to VO, Mr. Welch from EE, Mr. Freers, outlining information desired from your agency.

Attachment:

Memo dated August 29, 1956

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W - Mr. Welch

August 29, 1956

EE - Mr. Proers

Visa case of Wasyl Jankiw (aka Yaroslav STETSKO)

You will recall that EE has recommended over the past several years that the various applications made by Yaroslav Stetsko for visitor's visa to the US be handled by delaying tactics. To our knowledge, however, no formal decision has ever been taken on his application.

EE tentatively believes that Stetsko's entrance into the US would be prejudicial to the public interest. However, before recommending that Stetsko formally be denied a visa under Section 212(a)(27) of the Nationality Act, EE suggests that the factual information regarding Stetsko and the views of the other interested government agencies be requested. ^{Since} Stetsko has established some influential friends in the US, who are not all aware of his background, grounds for denial for a visa to him should be well documented. In addition to any other checks which WD may wish to make on Stetsko the following features of his career might with some profit be checked through CIA, FBI, and DOD (CIC):

1) Stetsko's role in the Ukrainian Government which was established in Lemberg in 1941; character of this government, particularly its relationship to the Nazi Government and its policies toward the people. (There are persistent stories that upwards of 150,000 Ukrainians were assassinated by the government in the few weeks it was in power.)

2) The activities of Stetsko and his political organizations in intimidating entire refugee camps in the post war years; the use of assassinations and gangster-like methods to keep Ukrainians in line during this period; the extent and nature of Mafia-type operations, possibly extending into the US; and Stetsko's connections and control over these forces.

3) Attitudes of Stetsko and the press organs controlled by him toward the foreign policies and objectives of the US.

4) Probable impact on the Ukrainian Community of Stetsko's entrance into the US.

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When all the evidence appears to be available on Mr. Stetsko KE would be pleased to review the case with WD with a view to reaching a final decision on his application for visa. In the meantime, if there are phases of the investigation with which KE could be of assistance please let us know.

KE recommends that no answer be made to Mr. Stetsko's letter to the White House of July 23, 1956.

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