

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ARCASCHANY - Information on Former UPA Member in Poland

1. According to ARCASCHANY, TIMCO was born in the Ukraine around 1912 in the city of Lviv. He has two sisters, one of whom is living in Buffalo, New York, at the home of Stephania, where she is married to Yaroslav PRISNIAK. Her address here is 23 Kirtland Street, Buffalo 10, New York. In his early years, Subject was captured in 1944 or 1945 and sentenced to 25 years in a labor camp in Siberia. While he was connected with various strikes which took place in this labor camp, he managed to get another 25 year sentence for himself. Later on with the help of another camp mate he succeeded in killing a BRIGADE who was acting as a spy for the camp authorities. For this deed he was awarded another 25 years, making a grand total of 75. Apparently the camp authorities considered him a trouble maker. While in camp he contracted TB or some other chest ailment of that variety. Also while in BRIGADE camp he composed patriotic poetry which he sent to Ukrainians in other camps.

2. In about 1955 his sister in Buffalo received a letter from her mother in Lviv. In 1956, perhaps with the help of the International Red Cross, the mother succeeded in emigrating from Lviv to Poland as a Polish citizen.

3. A second sister of the Subject who was also interned in a labor camp, was freed in 1953 or 1956 and went to join her mother in Poland. Before she went to Poland she visited her brother in his labor camp and received from him two patriotic poems which she copied and sent from Poland to her sister in Buffalo. These poems were eventually given to the ARCASCHANY and were reprinted in Ukrainian Review as poems written by a woman in the emigration.

4. Stephania has said that she and her husband have been doing everything possible to get her brother to Poland as a Polish citizen. They succeeded in getting an official statement from the Polish Government that this Subject is a Polish citizen. All papers on Subject were sent by the Polish Government to the Soviet Union and in March 1959 Subject was on the last repatriation train bearing Polish citizens from the Soviet Union to Poland. On 22 May Subject was freed from the Polish prison of Siedlice. As of mid-June he was reportedly in a hospital in Warsaw. While repatriate he is privileged to receive free medical care. It is reported that he will soon be sent to a resort for lung patients in the Carpathian Mountains. This is obviously an important



The correct name is Szyszynka - 49-26 north and 20-30 east.) This spa is located near Zakopane. Subject is supposed to receive a three month rest cure there.

5. Subject is now 27 years old. His health is poor. However, according to letters from Poland his chest condition is not serious. His sister in Buffalo has received a picture of him and two letters. In one of these letters he said that he had with him "some things of organizational character" which would be of importance "for you." In one letter he asked if it were possible that the International Red Cross could help him go to Switzerland. Also in one of the two letters he asked for the address of a second Yaroslav PRISHLAK (now living in Canada) to whom he wishes to give some information on his brother. (According to ABCASSOWARY 2 the brother of the Yaroslav PRISHLAK in Canada was and perhaps still is a leader in the Ukrainian underground who allegedly died of a heart attack several years ago.)

6. ABCASSOWARY 2 imagines that the "things of an organizational character" are probably more poems and letters from Ukrainian nationalists now enjoying supervised outdoor work in the magnificent climate of Siberia. He imagines that these documents are not really as important as the Subject makes them out to be. He does, however, think that Subject must have in his head a lot of information on the status of former members of the UPA and of the OUN who are now in Siberia. There is evidence from other camps that these fellows still remain organized and capable of inciting riots, strikes, insurrections, etc.

7. ABCASSOWARY 2 is very anxious to investigate and utilize various ways of getting Subject out of Poland into the West.

8. When asked whether he did not consider it rather extraordinary that the Soviets had released the Subject, ABCASSOWARY 2 replied that the Soviets probably took into consideration the Polish Government's official request for Subject's repatriation and the fact that Subject was no older than 14 when he was captured. Subject's sister in Buffalo is extremely nervous about any proposals to get her brother out of Poland, i.e., any proposals which have any substantial risk factor in them.