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MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/CI/K

VIA : SB/CI/P  
Attention: [ ]

SUBJECT : Contact of an American Citizen  
(Stepan PROCYK) by a Soviet Citizen

REFERENCE : Memorandum same subject from SB/CA  
dated 27 October 1967

1. On 3 July of this year, at 5:30 p.m., Stepan PROCYK was contacted at his home at 5219 N. Warnock Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by a Soviet citizen about 36 years of age, approximately 5'9", slender, dark gray eyes, brown hair combed back and slightly to the left. He had a round-shaped scar about 1 1/2" in diameter under his left eye. When PROCYK answered the door the Soviet said he brought "greetings from Volodymyr Hryhorovych" and asked PROCYK if they could take a walk down the street and talk for a few minutes. (Volodymyr Hryhorovych DRABYSHEVSKY was the name used by a Soviet who had contact with PROCYK at Expo-67 in Montreal). PROCYK inquired about the health of "Volodymyr Hryhorovych" but Mykola said he didn't know him personally.

2. The Soviet told PROCYK his name was Mykola. When asked about his patronymic, he said it was not important, "but let it be Opanasovych". Mykola told PROCYK that all the processing for the immigration of the latter's parents to the United States was now complete and that they would be soon leaving the Soviet Union. He said that PROCYK and his parents had been thoroughly checked out, and there was no reason to hold up the parents' departure any longer. He added that the Soviets were pleased with the fact that PROCYK's wife, who visited the Soviet Union three years ago, was behaving properly on her return to the United States

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and not making the usual unnecessary noises about conditions in the Ukraine.

3. Mykola told PROCYK that the Soviets were interested in discussing political topics with him, and he proposed that PROCYK agree to a meeting for such discussions someplace in Bulgaria or Rumania. Czechoslovakia and Poland were not suitable because of all the Americans milling around. PROCYK said it would be more logical for the meeting to be in Poland, since he had relatives there and could explain his travel to Poland, but he had no reason to go to Bulgaria or Rumania. Mykola finally agreed to a meeting in Cracow, and outlined the following contact plans: PROCYK is to wait to the left of the main entrance of the main post office in Cracow at 1600, 1700, 1800 hours, beginning 20 August through 27 August. He is to carry a newspaper under his arm, a camera hung over his left shoulder and hold his hat in hand. PROCYK is to wait only a few minutes at the scheduled hour. If no one approaches him, he is to leave quickly and return for the next scheduled time. If for some reason PROCYK cannot keep the appointment, he is to mail a card to his parents, stating that Luba (his wife) became ill on 20 August. In reply to PROCYK's inquiry as to how the card would reach Mykola, the latter told him not to be concerned, that everything would be arranged, and he added that "we have all your correspondence to your parents." When PROCYK inquired whether the arrival of his parents depended on whether or not he agreed to the meeting, Mykola said it did not. PROCYK was instructed to be alone when he comes to make the contact in Cracow. "Later on, there can be others present."

4. The above was reported to AECASSOWARY/2 by PROCYK on 10 July. PROCYK had telephoned A/2 earlier saying he wanted to see him to discuss an urgent matter concerning "Volodymyr" with whom he had contact last year. He asked A/2 to meet him in Philadelphia, stating that he was working overtime and that his hours at work were such that he could not take the time to travel to New York. A/2 agreed to see PROCYK, and suggested that the latter meet him at the North Philadelphia Pennsylvania RR Station. It was A/2's intention to go to a restaurant from there. PROCYK was about 20 minutes late for the meeting and suggested that, in order to save time for A/2, they talk in one of the two upper platform waiting rooms at the station. During the conversation PROCYK asked A/2 for his advice. A/2 said

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he did not feel inclined to advise PROCYK in this regard as it was a matter the latter should report to the FBI. PROCYK told A/2 that he was going to report to his contact at the FBI office in Philadelphia on Friday, 19 July, but that since the meeting with the Soviet contact would cover political topics he felt A/2 should be interested and have some advice to offer. A/2 said he would like to have some time to think about what PROCYK told him, but that at the moment all he had to say was that he felt PROCYK acted unwisely. In the first place, PROCYK should have insisted that he wanted to see his parents in the United States before he agreed to any dealings with the Soviets; and in the second place, if he was foolish enough to participate in such discussions he should have insisted on a meeting place outside the Communist Bloc.

5. A/2 was told not to offer any encouragement to PROCYK, and to stick by his original advice to PROCYK to take the matter up with the FBI. A/2 said he actually would be very interested to know what the Soviets want from PROCYK. He asked me whether there would be any objection to his suggesting to PROCYK that the latter not keep the meeting but send the message to his parents that Luba became ill. When (and if) the Soviets do return to PROCYK, he could tell them that he was afraid to keep the appointment for fear that if American authorities learned about the meeting he would lose his government job. I told A/2 I saw no objection, so long as he showed no interest in PROCYK's collaboration with the Soviets.

6. There is another aspect to the meeting between A/2 and PROCYK, which if not merely a coincidence, would indicate PROCYK's collaboration with the Soviets in an attempt to involve A/2 in some intrigue. When after PROCYK's arrival (20 minutes late) at the North Philadelphia railroad station A/2 suggested they talk in a nearby or station bar or restaurant, PROCYK said it would take less time if they just sat in the waiting room at the station. There were only two other individuals in the waiting room at the time, each sitting at opposite ends of the room. As soon as A/2 and PROCYK were seated, a man rushed in, tossed a briefcase on the bench directly across from where A/2 and PROCYK were seated and walked out the waiting room. He did not return for the briefcase until 40 minutes later, just minutes before A/2 was to board the 7:20 train for New York. According to A/2, the man was in his early thirties, neatly dressed in a business suit, about 5'9" tall. The

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briefcase was the size of an attache case, but it was soft black leather or vinyl. A/2 said his immediate reaction to the briefcase was that it contained a recording device and that PROCYK was collaborating against him with someone, but instead of revealing any suspicion he decided merely to be cautious in what he said.

7. The above is a strange story to say the least, and it is felt that PROCYK acted very foolishly. This office would be very interested to learn what PROCYK reports to the FBI concerning Mykola's conversation with him.

8. FYI: It is felt the FBI compromised the fact that A/2 reported about PROCYK's contact with DRABYSHEVSKY. PROCYK told A/2 he realized the latter must have reported to Washington what PROCYK told him, because the FBI agent with whom he spoke in Philadelphia, according to PROCYK, asked him whether he was not confused in the spelling of DRABYSHEVSKY's name. The FBI agent told him the spelling he submitted to them (DRABOSHYNSKYJ) was different than the spelling in a similar report they had from another source, which was the spelling under which PROCYK submitted the name to A/2 (DRABYSHEVSKY).

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