

The attached memorandum was shown to [ ] on 21 May.  
It was then read by [ ] (Office of the Legal Council),  
who stated that this was all the background he needed in order to  
deal with Congressman Rarick.

[ ] will tell Congressman Rarick that it is not Agency  
policy to confirm or deny allegations of this kind. It would appear  
however, that the allegations stem from factionalism and personality  
conflicts. Such charges have been made in the past.

[ ] will show Congressman Rarick a copy of the Katzenbach  
report noting that this limits our domestic activities. We will  
receive an appropriate extract from the OLC journal after [ ]  
has seen Congressman Rarick.

This note dictated to [ ]  
by [ ] CSB/POS on [ ]  
22 May 1969

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
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SUBJECT: Ukrainian Association of America

REF : Rep. John R. Rarick's Letter of 19 May 1969

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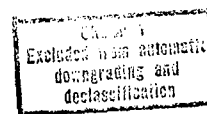
2. According to information in our files, the UAA was established in 1968 as an opposition group after a schism at the IX Congress of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, which has been run by Lev Dobriansky. Dobriansky has often raised the question of CIA involvement in Ukrainian emigre affairs. It is likely that the persons mentioned by Representative Rarick are involved in the new organization and the 27 May meeting may be their first attempt to establish a local chapter.

3. Following is the actual history of Agency involvement with the persons about whom Representative Rarick has inquired:

A. Stephan Olijnyk, a U.S. Army Reserve Captain, is a sympathizer and collaborator of the ZP/UHVR (Foreign Representation of the Supreme Liberation Council) which is funded by CIA through the cover mechanism, the Prolog Research Association. We assume he is witting of this relationship.

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

JOHN R. RARICK  
6TH DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

COMMITTEE  
AGRICULTURE

May 19, 1969

Congressional Liaison Office  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Gentlemen:

I have been contacted by substantial Americans of Ukrainian descent of the Washington community who advise me that certain parties, implying that they are members of the CIA, are mailing circulars to the Ukrainian community of Washington, D. C., calling themselves the Ukrainian Association of America. In fact, I understand that they have a so-called organizational meeting set for May 27 of this year.

The various Ukrainians in contact with this office wanted to verify the CIA connection and would like to know the purpose behind such government-financed activities by the CIA.

Expressly, are the following Americans of Ukrainian descent agents or in the employ of the CIA:

Stephan Olijnyk (or, Olinyk)

Omelan Antonovych

Bohdan Yasinsky

Thank you for your kind attention and I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
John R. Rarick  
Representative in Congress

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Cover Sheet for Chief, SB

In addition to the details vouchsafed the Legislative Counsel re CIA involvement with the Ukrainian-Americans mentioned by Rep. Rarick are the following:

Olinyk was debriefed by [ ] under alias and State Department Cover in 1959, following his trip to the Vienna Youth Festival and The Ukraine that summer. He was also given a foundation grant in 1960 for travel and research study in the USSR.

Antonovych was involved in REDSOX operations as well as AERODYNAMIC and WSOUTSERT and consequently has met over a dozen SR case officers who have been involved in these projects over a ten-year span.

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