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TO : ADSO

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FROM : Chief, FBM

SUBJECT: Anatoli Michailovich Granovsky

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1. Anatoli Michailovich Granovsky, Soviet deserter, became the property of the German Mission in December 1946, after considered decision that by this means Subject could be minutely debriefed on his knowledge of the upper levels of the Soviet espionage organization in the USSR and Europe, information of a type previously inaccessible to this Agency. In clearing with G-2 USFET for Subject's entry to the United States Zone of Germany, we were consciously aiding the Swedish and Danish Governments which had been placed in an uncomfortable position by increasing Soviet pressure for Subject's repatriation and by certain inadvertent indiscretions on their part which rendered such a repatriation for security reasons out of the question. Our action rid them of their only other alternative, that of liquidating Subject. Until September 1947, Subject underwent a series of continuous interrogations by members of the German Mission, handled with the maximum of security precautions in the event that Subject should turn out to be a penetration agent for the USSR. On completion of exhaustive debriefings and due to keen interest on the part of Subject's former Soviet employers as to Subject's whereabouts as well as Subject's own difficult and untrustworthy nature, expeditious and satisfactory arrangements were made for Subject's disposal [REDACTED].

2. It is pointed out that Subject's story, as contained in referenced communication, is, in its skeleton outline, factual. In its particulars, some of which are major issues, Subject has deviated far from the truth. Subject was never promised entry to the United States and it was clearly understood by all parties concerned that after final cash settlement at the port of embarkation on 21 September 1947, we were under no further obligation to Subject. A farewell letter from Subject, contained in the files of this Agency, is quoted herewith, in part and in translation from the Russian:

"For my part personally, I hope it is known to you what a disappointment it is in connection with the impossibility

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at the present time for me to live in the U.S.A. This is understood, since, except for the USSR, I have relatives only in Mexico and the U.S.A. However, I hope that I succeed in arranging my life better in South America than it is in the USSR. In parting, I promise you that in my life henceforth there will be no activity directed against the U.S.A. and their interests. In case of necessity you can count on me as your loyal ally."

Subject, despite his unusual value and keen intellect, was throughout his stay in the U.S. Zone of Germany a continuous vexation, in his attempts to force our hand in hastening his final departure from Europe. Subject's undesirable personality, plainly set forth in our files, had long convinced us that we were dealing with an extremely difficult person. It was feared, despite amicable final separation, that we had not heard the last of him.

Richard Helms

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