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ATTENTION: [] SR/2, Room 2611, J Building
FROM : Deputy Director of Security (Investigations & Support)
SUBJECT : ADVISORS, Vronika
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FILE NO. []

DATE 22 December 1960

SYNOPSIS

At Chicago and Cicero, Illinois. SUBJECT, reportedly born in 1876, was satisfactorily employed by Alex BROZAS as practical nurse for approximately three years in the late 1950's and is eligible for rehire. Three developed informants commented favorably regarding SUBJECT's character, reputation and recommended. They knew of no Communist connections and believed SUBJECT to be pro-American in her views. Credit and police were negative. SUBJECT's Immigration and Naturalization File #A8023036 was reviewed and this file reflected SUBJECT entered the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 5 May 1951 under Section 2(c) of P.L. 77th as amended and Section 3 of Immigration Act of 1917. A \$1,000 Public Charge Bond was required before SUBJECT was admitted. SUBJECT had no formal education and was said to be 50 per cent senile. A U.S. Displaced Persons Commission European Case #124834 stated that a thorough investigation had been conducted into character, history of SUBJECT and it was determined that SUBJECT was of good character, behavior and has never been a member or an advocate of any group or organization hostile to the United States. SUBJECT's son, who resides in Germany, visited SUBJECT and other relatives in the Chicago area within the past two years.

EMPLOYMENT:

At Cicero, Illinois

On 21 December 1960, Mrs. Charles BROZAS, 2103 South 48th Court, advised that the SUBJECT was satisfactorily employed for a period of approximately three years in the early 1950's as a practical nurse for the informant's father at 2103 S. 48th Court. The SUBJECT's duties consisted of taking care of the informant's invalid mother-in-law and the SUBJECT would be eligible for re-hire.

REFERENCES:

At Cicero, Illinois

On 21 December 1960, Mrs. Charles BROZAS, a developed informant, approximately 50 years of age and previously identified under the employment section of this report, was interviewed concerning the SUBJECT. Mrs. BROZAS was friendly, cooperative and gave every indication of being a stable, reliable individual.

The informant stated that she has known SUBJECT for several years and knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning her. The SUBJECT, a woman approximately 85 years of age, was born in Lithuania and came to the United States approximately 10 years ago. The informant stated that she believes the SUBJECT speaks no English but does speak Lithuanian and possibly Russian. ----- enjoys good health even though she is in her 80's and has resided with a granddaughter and the granddaughter's husband at 2113 S. 49th Court in Cicero for over 5 years and prior to that resided with them at 1938 S. 48th Court.

The informant stated that she was not certain just exactly how long the SUBJECT resided at the latter address but stated that the SUBJECT is well regarded by everyone in the neighborhood and by everyone who knows her. The SUBJECT's granddaughter is one Regina VAITKEVICIUS and Regina's husband is Vincas.

BROZAS stated that she is of the opinion that the SUBJECT is pro-American in her views and likes residing in the United States. The informant knows of no Communist affiliations on the SUBJECT's part, has no reason to question the SUBJECT's character, reputation and morals and would be happy to recommend her. The informant stated that she believes the SUBJECT has one son who resides in Germany with his spouse and that this son is the father of previously mentioned Regina.

BROZAS stated that she believes that the SUBJECT's son and daughter-in-law visited the SUBJECT and other relatives in the Chicago area within the past two years.

BROZAS added that she knows of no questionable organizations to which the SUBJECT belongs, knows of no weaknesses that the SUBJECT has and stated that she is quite certain that the SUBJECT is not an American citizen.

On 19 December 1960, Mrs. William SMITH, a developed informant, approximately 55 years of age, was interviewed concerning the SUBJECT at 2109 S. 49th Court. Mrs. SMITH was friendly, cooperative and gave every indication for being a stable, reliable individual.

The informant stated that she has known the SUBJECT for a period of two years or longer and knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning the SUBJECT.

The SUBJECT has resided at 2113 S. 49th Court with a granddaughter and the granddaughter's husband and three children for a period of more than five years and previously to this resided at 1938 S. 48th Court. SMITH stated that she did not know how long the SUBJECT had resided at the latter address but believes it was for a period of perhaps two or three years.

The informant stated that the SUBJECT, who is over 80 years of age, was born in Lithuania and came to the United States approximately 10 years ago. Even though the SUBJECT is quite elderly, she enjoys good health and is well regarded by everyone who knows her. The informant, however, believes that the SUBJECT is not generally well known and is a quiet person who does not speak English.

SMITH knows of no Communist connections that the SUBJECT might have and doubts very much if the SUBJECT is sympathetic to the Communist way of life. Informant based this reasoning on the fact that while the SUBJECT resided in Europe during the Second World War, she was exposed to many hardships and from all indications was quite certain that the SUBJECT is pro-American in her views and the informant stated that she would be happy to recommend the SUBJECT as a reliable, reputable individual with good character.

On 21 December 1960, Mr. Joseph TUMENAS, a developed informant, approximately 55 years of age, was interviewed at 1938 S. 48th Court, concerning the SUBJECT. TUMENAS stated that he has known the SUBJECT for six years or longer and knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning her.

TUMENAS described SUBJECT as an elderly woman of approximately 85 years of age, who was born in Lithuania and came to the United States approximately 10 years ago. She is not a citizen of the United States and has for over five years resided with a granddaughter and the granddaughter's husband at 2113 S. 49th Court. Prior to this residence, the SUBJECT resided with the granddaughter at 1938 S. 48th Court. Informant stated that he was not certain how long the SUBJECT resided at the latter address but believes it was for approximately two or three years.

TUMENAS mentioned that the SUBJECT is a reputable, reliable, friendly woman who has an exceptionally good memory for a person of her age. She has one son who resides in Germany and this son, within the past two years, visited the SUBJECT and other relatives in the Chicago area.

The SUBJECT resides with the daughter of this son. The informant stated that she knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning SUBJECT or any of her relatives and has no reason to believe that she has any Communist affiliations. The informant stated that the SUBJECT was quite grateful for being allowed to reside in the United States and it was the informant's opinion that the SUBJECT was pro-American in her views.

TUMENAS added that he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning the SUBJECT and would be happy to recommend her.

NEIGHBORHOOD:

At Cicero, Illinois

On 19 December 1960, 2113 E. 49th Court, was observed to be a two-story, stucco home in a residential type neighborhood.

On the same date 1938 S. 48th Court was observed to be a large, brick apartment building in good repair.

Mrs. Charles BROZAS, Mrs. William SMITH and Mr. Joseph TUMENAS, all of whom are fully identified under the Reference section of this report, reside in the neighborhood of the two above-mentioned apartment buildings.

CREDIT:

At Chicago, Illinois

On 16 December 1960, the records of the Cook County Credit Bureau, 218 S. Wabash, were searched in SUBJECT's name with negative results.

At Cicero, Illinois

On 19 December 1960, Genevieve ASBURN, Credit Bureau of Cicero Berwyn, 5838 Germak Road, searched the records in SUBJECT's name with negative results.

POLICE:

At Cicero, Illinois

On 19 December 1960, Officer R. HULLEN, 4932 W. 25th Place, Cicero Police Department, searched the police records in SUBJECT's name with negative results.

At Chicago, Illinois

On 16 December 1960, the criminal and subversive sections of the Chicago Police Department, 1121 S. State Street, were searched in SUBJECT's name with negative results.

GENERAL:

At Chicago, Illinois

On 16 December 1960, Virginia LUNDKILL, Immigration and Naturalization Service (IAMS), Main Post Office, Canal Street, provided the SUBJECT's IAN file A8023036 for review. The following information was obtained from this file.

An Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration dated 29 December 1950 at the American Consulate Hamburg, Germany, (Consular Office, Wentorf) was shown to be signed by three "X's" and the SUBJECT's name was typed thereunder. AGENT'S NOTE: It appears from information in the file that the SUBJECT was unable to write.

The application reflected that Veronika -----, nee: N-----, whose last permanent residence was the Displaced Persons Camp at Brunswick, Germany, was born on 15 February 1876 at Geisy, Lithuania. She was shown to be of Lithuanian nationality and the first link of her right index finger was shown to be missing. Her mother, Magdalena nee: ZEBRANSKYTE and her father, Petras NIEKIS, are both shown to be deceased.

SUBJECT's residences since her fourteenth year of age were listed as 1890-1896 at Geisy; 1896-1914 at Jelgava; 1914-1918 at Tvere, U.S.S.R.; 1918-1925 at Bituziai; 1925-1941 at Sauliai; 1941-1942 at Bituziai; 1942-1944 at Kaunas, Lithuania; 1944-1945 at Lalkau; 1945 at Berlin, Germany; 1945-1946 at Gifhorn; 1946-1950 at Brunswick, Germany.

The SUBJECT was shown to be widowed; husband was one Martinas ----- . He was shown to be born at Jelgava, Latvia. The SUBJECT was shown to be able to speak Lithuanian and Latvian and her ticket to the United States was paid for by IRO, Geneva, Switzerland.

SUBJECT's intentions were to join a nephew, one Mr. Anton PAKELTIS, of 4417 S. Artesian Avenue, Chicago.

Another relative listed as residing in the United States was shown to be a nephew, Mr. Kazimieras BALCUNAS of 4417 S. Artesian Avenue, Chicago. It was noted that the SUBJECT was shown to have had no formal education. She arrived in the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana on the U. S. N. S. General Harry Taylor on 5 May 1951 and was held for the Board of Special Inquiry. She was admitted to the United States on 15 May 1951 at New Orleans, Louisiana, under the provisions of Section 2(c) of P.L. 774 as amended and Section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 after the posting of a \$1,000 public charge bond by Anton PAKELTIS, 4417 S. Artesian, Chicago, Illinois.

Immigration Visa #322/2068 issued to SUBJECT at Hamburg, Germany, on 16 January 1951. She was shown to be of Lithuanian nationality and was classified as an eligible displaced person.

A passport was waived by the Secretary of State under the date of 28 September 1948. Other information in the files reflected that SUBJECT was shown to have married Martinas ----- on 30 June 1897 at Mitau, Latvia. Martinas was shown to have been born on 2 October 1842 and he died on 4 April 1914.

An affidavit signed on 18 June 1950 by Anton PAKELTIS, a U.S. citizen of 4417 S. Artesian, stated that the SUBJECT would never become a burden on any government institution of the United States.

The United States Displaced Persons Commission European Case #124834 report reflected that a thorough investigation conducted on the SUBJECT by the commission had determined to their satisfaction that the SUBJECT was of good character and behavior and was not and had never been a member of the Communist, Nazi or Fascist parties or any subversive groups and did not advocate or subscribe to questionable groups, organizations or movements hostile to the United States.

This information was dated 20 November 1950 and a section of this report entitled History reflected that the SUBJECT, a Roman Catholic, was born on 15 February 1876 at Geisy, Lithuania.

The report further stated that she received her education at home at Geisy, Lithuania during 1882. The report went on to mention that the SUBJECT resided at Siauliani, Lithuania until 1943 when she went to Kaunas, Lithuania to join her son. She stayed there until June 1944 when she fled before the approaching battlefront to Lalkau, Germany. In February 1945 she fled once more and later that month arrived via Berlin at Meine, Germany. In February 1946 she entered the Displaced Persons Camp at Brunswick, Germany and resided there until her recent transfer to Wentorf Resettlement Processing Center.

Assurances were given to the Commission on behalf of the SUBJECT by the War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference and these assurances were approved by the Commission (Washington) #A5761.

SUBJECT's case, according to a case analyst's note was to be processed with European case #121 597 (son and family).

On 5 May 1951, the SUBJECT affirmed that she had never been a Communist or sympathetic to any group hostile to the United States and applied an "X" to this statement in lieu of signature.

Information dated 29 February 1951 reflected that Anton PAKELTIS of Chicago provided a Public Charge Bond for the SUBJECT to assure that she did not become a public charge, in view of the fact that she had no assets and was quite elderly.

Information dated 30 September 1954 reflected that SUBJECT was residing at 1938 S. 48th Court with a granddaughter and the granddaughter's husband. Information dated 31 October 1955 reflected that she was residing the 2113 S. 49th Court with her granddaughter and her granddaughter's husband.

Information in the file reflected that the SUBJECT was 50 per cent senile.

An Immigration and Naturalization report of investigation dated 23 March 1956 at Chicago, which was conducted by one Bert HAMMER and the title of the case was Public Charge Bond, Cancellation of.

The synopsis of this report reflected that investigation was requested by the Chief, Entry and Departure Section, Chicago, Illinois, on 8 March 1956 to determine whether or not the Public Charge Bond posted by Anton PAKELTIS should be cancelled.

Information disclosed that the SUBJECT was unemployed, lived with and was entirely dependent upon her granddaughter and her granddaughter's husband for support. The granddaughter's husband was shown to be steadily employed, owns his own home, has some savings and was in a satisfactory physical condition and was able to provide for SUBJECT.

The details of this report reflected that the SUBJECT resided with the granddaughter, Mrs. Regina VAITKEVICIUS, and her husband at 2113 S. 49th Court, Cicero, Illinois. The VAITKEVICIUS' purchased their home for \$17,500 and their equity was shown to amount to \$6,000.

Mr. VAITKEVICIUS was shown to be employed as a carpenter by the Security Construction Company, 4600 W. Lawrence Avenue. His W-2 form for 1955 reflected a total earning of \$4,953.35. He was shown to have cash on hand in the amount of \$200 and personal property valued at \$2,500.

Mrs. VAITKEVICIUS was shown to have Blue Cross for the family and Union-sponsored life insurance with Sickness and accident coverage. The details also reflected that Vincas VAITKEVICIUS enjoyed good health and had employment of a permanent nature.

The investigation disclosed that the SUBJECT had not become a public charge since entering the United States and that her granddaughter and her granddaughters husband, Mr. and Mrs. Vincas VAITKEVICIUS, were providing for all her needs. Other information in the file reflected that the SUBJECT was employed by Alex BROZAS as a practical nurse to a paralyzed lady at a salary of \$10.00 per week.

Information dated 20 December 1957 reflected that the SUBJECT's granddaughter had requested that consideration be given to the cancellation of a Public Charge Bond posted on behalf of the SUBJECT.

Regina stated that she and her husband provided for the SUBJECT's support as the SUBJECT had no other relatives in the United States. It was said that Regina's husband was employed as a carpenter and earned \$6,500 per year.

It was also mentioned that Regina and her husband had two minor children. Nothing of an adverse nature was contained in the Immigration and Naturalization file.