

Municipal Council of the City of Munich..

Police Headquarters

Ref: EB-2

Munich 20 Jan. 1936

Name: **FRANZ JOSEF KERN**

Ref: **FRANZ JOSEF**

Residence: **Munich**

Date of Birth: **1 Sept. 1909**

Place of Birth: **Poland**

Parents, Occupation, Address of Parents:

**KERN, JOSEF and ROSALE, nee KROCK, born in JEROME, both German**

Marital Status: **Married.**

Wife's Name: **JEROME, nee KROCK**

Number of Children: **3**

Occupation: **Writer**

Address: **Munich 22, ROSENBERG ST. 6/3**

Last Known Residence Outside: **As above**

Identification: **Stateless**

Travel Documents: **Traveling Passport No. 610470 issued by the German Consular Office in Munich on the 20th of Jan. 1936.**

Passport: **None**

Travel Documents: **Class 1 and 3, issued by the Police Headquarters in Munich on the 19th of August 1934.**

Last Military and Voluntary Service: **In Munich during July 1914.**

This person was recorded by: **VONL V. HOLMCK, Dept. EB-2**

Place of Birth: **Munich, ROSENBERG ST. No. 6/3 (apartment).**

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DECLARATION:

It was stated that I was born on the 1st of Sept. 1909 in JAROSLAW, Poland. I wish to make a correction: my true birth-date is 1 Jan. 1909, and I was born not in JAROSLAW, but in UHEIM/STAKIJ. Up till 1945 I carried my right name BANERA. The records in my passport contain all the necessary data.

My name as well as my birthplace and date of birth I have changed when the NKVD and MGB agents started to look for me and following me, when I became the leader of the UKRAINIAN anti-bolshevist independent movement.

This change of my name and my reasons for it, I have reported to the state office of Protection of the Constitution in 1954. I personally did not submit this report to the state office of Protection of the Constitution, but I passed on this information through professor V. MENEK of the DRESDEN, OFFICE for Stateless Foreigners.

As official advised to the proper German authorities, so far, I have not submitted, because of political reasons it was not advisable to go about the changing of my name in the customary way, hence this would give away my real name to my political opponents.

The UKRAINIAN independence movement has been created already before the war. At the beginning of the RUSSO-GERMAN war we announced the independence of the UKRAINE, however, this was not recognized by Hitler. The leaders of this movement, to which I too belonged, were arrested and sent to the concentration camps in Germany. I personally was imprisoned in the SACHSENHAUSEN concentration camp and set free again in 1944.

After the capitulation took place, this movement, which was still in existence, was boosted up again. The goals of this movement were the liberation of UKRAINE from the Russian domination, and the establishment of an independent UKRAINIAN State. This movement consists of an underground movement in UKRAINE

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proper as well as foreign units. For time being I am the leader of the foreign units.

In 1945 a segment of this movement, which up till this day goes under the same name, separated from us.

The organization which separated from us is led by LEW ROBERT and has its headquarters in Munich on DACHAUER Str. 9. The split came about because of the different interpretations of the assignments which were issued by this organization in URAINIA. Our goals generally are still the same, however, there are no actual contacts between us.

**IN CONNECTION TO THE CASE:**

I know KIROVETS personally. I became acquainted with him for the first time in the Northern Germany, in December 1953. I believe this meeting took place in BUNDESDORF. He just came to Germany as a courier from URAINIA.

In Germany he became connected with FIDELITY, who took care of him. FIDELITY belongs to the group which separated from us. Correction: -- up until the arrival of KIROVETS, FIDELITY belonged to my group, and only when the split took place in 1954, he went over to the ROBERT group. Even though KIROVETS remained with FIDELITY, he was impartial on the issue, which led to the splitting of the foreign stationed organizations. KIROVETS had instructions to return back to URAINIA.

The second time I came together with KIROVETS was in London a proper an organizational discussion. At that time KIROVETS made up his mind to collaborate with FIDELITY, because he hoped that this will offer him better technical possibilities to effect his return to URAINIA. In the spring of 1955 I have written a letter to KIROVETS and asked him to help me with the preparations for the establishment of connections with the URAINIAN underground units. KIROVETS informed me thereupon that he was in no position to do anything about it.

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On the 8th of Jan. 1956 my family and I were in TIROL, and from there on the 10th of Jan. 1956, about 5 or 6 o'clock in the evening, we came back again. On the next day I found out from NIKOLSKIJ that KOROVETS was in Munich, that he personally talked with him, and that, according to the information received from FIDRANJ, KOROVETS disappeared and was missing since the 9th of Jan. 1956. FIDRANJ expressed his suspicion, that KOROVETS was probably in our hands. NIKOLSKIJ informed FIDRANJ, that KOROVETS was not staying with him or with anyone from his organization, and advised him to inform the police immediately about it.

There is nothing more I can tell you about this case. I wish to state again that I am in no way mixed up in this case."

FIDRANJ is the fellow who is responsible for KOROVETS.