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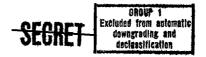
MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION : Mr. George Lee Cary, Jr.

SUBJECT : Biographic Sketch of Michal GOLENIEWSKI

1. The following information is submitted in response to your request. There is no objection to your passing it to Congressional contacts under suitable security caveats. Of a necessity, the material has all come from GOLENIEWSKI himself, and we cannot vouch for the absolute accuracy of some of the details contained therein. We have little doubt, however, of his statements concerning the general outlines of his career in the Polish Intelligence Service.

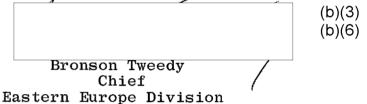
GOLENIEWSKI began his intelligence career as an 2: agent of the Soviet counterintelligence apparat SMERSH in German-occupied Poland during World War II. After the war, the Soviets sponsored GOLENIEWSKI's entry into the Polish security services and although his previous Soviet agent status was concealed, Soviet support undoubtedly accounts for his relatively rapid rise. In 1955 at Soviet request he assumed a senior post in the Polish Military Counterintelligence Service (GZI). After the Polish "October Revolution" of 1956, GOLENIEWSKI was squeezed out of his position in the GZI, but, owing largely to Soviet intercession, returned to the UB and acted, in effect, as a clandestine Soviet penetration of the Polish service until 1960. About the middle of 1960, however, overt Soviet liaison with the Poles improved to the point where a clandestine penetration was not only unnecessary but could have proved embarrassing if inadvertently disclosed. GOLENIEWSKI was therefore deactivated as a clandestine penetration, all quite amicably, subject to reactivation should the situation change to make such a penetration once more desireable.



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3. It was during his period of clandestine service to the Soviets (April 1958) that GOLENIEWSKI made contact with us, a move he says he had planned as long before as his GZI days. He claims to have been motivated by disillusionment with the Soviets growing out of a deeper knowledge of their activities and intentions gained while they sponsored him in the GZI, and by Soviet persecution of his first wife. Our clandestine association with GOLENIEWSKI lasted until December 1960, when, in a highly nervous state and fearing for his life, he fled to West Berlin.

4. The attached chronology goes into more detail than the above outline.



Attachment: Chronology of Michal GOLENIEWSKI

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