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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, International Organizations Division

SUBJECT: ⁶ Ferdinand Durcansky

1. [] called me this morning to say that the RFE/UF reporter has learned from an AP correspondent that one Ferdinand Durcansky turned up at the UF in New York on 10 February.

2. Dunning describes Durcansky as a seamy, unsavory anti-RFE character from way back, who, among other things, is a Czech separatist and during World War II was Foreign Minister of the pro-Axis Czech Government. Durcansky told the AP reporter that he had recently arrived in New York from Munich to promote a plan for the disintegration of the Soviet empire. He claims that the Soviet grip on the Satellites can be released without an international war through "peaceful resistance and eventual revolution in a common action planned from outside."

3. Durcansky claims to be the spokesman for the "Assembly of Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations" which has its headquarters in Munich. He says that he will attempt to get support in UF circles for his proposal and will eventually visit Washington to discuss his views with Government officials here and will also contact "other political representatives" in the United States.

4. I am checking on Durcansky who smells very much like one of the Brada/Hobensold/Fulton Lewis circle, and will keep you advised.

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