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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *485a*

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— KUSZEL or (KUSZAL)

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1. A name trace on subject disclosed the following information :

I. TS CIC MOIC of 8 April 1947: "KUSIEL (KUSZEL) Franciszek, 51 years old, born in District Nowograd, East Poland, high school teacher by profession, former Captain in the Polish Army, is residing at present at MICHELSDORF DP Camp (A-1).

II. Interview conducted at Michelsdorf Ruthenian DP Camp with camp leader Michael IGNATOWICZ and other inhabitants of the Camp disclosed the following information:

" KUSIEL, Franciszek, former camp leader of the Michelsdorf Camp claims to be a White Ruthenian of Catholic faith. Because of his religion and the fact he was a Captain in the Polish Army, he is suspected of being a Pole. IGNATOWICZ stated there is no one in the Michelsdorf camp, or in this area, who may have known KUSIEL prior to his arrival in this area. It was further learned that in the Fall of 1939, Kusiell was with the Polish Army fighting the Russians, was taken PW by the Russians and held interned at the notorious PW center at KATYN near SHOLENSK, where at a later date 12,000 Polish officers are alleged to have been murdered. KUSIEL is believed to be one of the very few survivors of KATYN. KUSIEL's hatred of the Russians is intense. He has been heard to say he would be ready to fight with any one against the Russians. KUSIEL is suspected to have been with the German Army or the Ruthenian SS. He is very unpopular with the present camp leader and the supervisory staff at Michelsdorf, because of his alleged radical views. According to informants, KUSIEL always has been and still is very active and interested in politics. He travels frequently to various DP Camps. His political orientation is that of a radical nationalist and he is in opposition with the White Ruthenian groups, who pursue a more moderate policy" (B-2).

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"KUSIEL is reportedly a leading figure in the White Ruthenian Veterans' League and one of the leaders of a recruiting drive in the White Ruthenian DP camps at Michelsdorf and WINDISCHBERG GERDORF for volunteers for illegal emigration to the Argentine, but actually to Spain." (10 Feb 1948, eval. not indicated)

"Two CPI cards on subject mention : " KUSIEL is leader of the KREWICZY organization of nationalistic White Russians in a movement with Headquarters in Regensburg. Only the White Ruthenians may join." (2 March 1947, no eval. indicated).

"Subject is 1st Chairman of the ZBW, which operates out of the Michelsdorf White Ruthenian DP Camp. Subject is now making propaganda for the formation of White Ruthenian Guard companies similar to the Polish and Baltic guard companies." (4 Febr 1948, no eval. indicated.)

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