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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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FDS/West
Case 2

1 June 1951

TO: STC
FROM: Acting Chief, FDS
SUBJECT: Mykola LEBED

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1. The FBI has advised us that the Immigration and Naturalization Service "is contemplating initiating an investigation looking towards developing sufficient evidence to institute deportation proceedings against the subject." The same memorandum from the Bureau states that the subject "is alleged to be a member of the Bandera Terrorist Organization involved in the assassination in 1934 of Bronislaw PIERACKI, Polish Minister of the Interior."

2. The Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, here mentioned as the Bandera Terrorist Organization, is described in general in a memorandum from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Immigration and Naturalization Service on Vasyl GOGURHA (23 May 1951). The nickname Terrorist Organization has been assiduously applied to this organization since 1945 by many Soviet Russians, Great Russian emigres, the Polish government and emigration, some Eastern Ukrainian anti-Galician factions, some representatives of the Melnyk group, plus several untrustworthy sources such as Col. Ivan BOROVETS alias Taras ETABA (in Germany and England) and Peter JABLON alias YAROWI (an FBI source in the United States).

3. Since the subject is known to us for his liberal and democratic political views and for his work as the legitimate Foreign Minister of the clandestine anti-Soviet government in the Ukraine, it is the opinion of FDS that no just grounds exist for his deportation which would outweigh the serious political repercussions subsequent to his deportation among the anti-Soviet Ukrainian emigration all over the world. Subject was the top political leader of the anti-Soviet Ukrainian resistance movement from 1941-1943. From 1944 to date he has been the authorized Foreign Minister of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (UHVR). With our detailed knowledge of his biography and political views from many sources, we would tend to discount the allegation that he is or has been a "terrorist" unless decisive evidence to the contrary can be procured.

Note: Any of the above information can be given to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. LEBED is an operationally-cleared source of both OSO and OPC whose deportation would be contrary to the operational interests of FDS and EE-4.

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4. Please keep [] of FDS (ext. 2967) advised of whatever action Staff C chooses to take with I & NS and of any new developments in the case. To date the FBI but possibly not I & NS are aware of Subject's CIA connection.

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