

COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 1 CENTRE STREET
 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007-2341
 (212) 609-3500



ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN
 COMPTROLLER

August 27, 1992

Admiral W.O. Studeman
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Studeman:

Thank you for your recent letter and your commitment to review documents on Nazi war criminals for declassification and transfer to the National Archives. I hope that the review also will include files of the OSS and would appreciate clarification on this point.

As a result of your decision, the American people finally will begin to learn the truth about one of the most sordid chapters in our history.

As you may know, I wrote the law barring Nazi war criminals from America and was instrumental in establishing the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. I would be pleased to assist in your search for the relevant records in any way possible. As part of that effort, I have asked people who may have information to contact my Office.

One portion of your letter which I found troubling was your report that the Central Intelligence Agency has no files on Mykola Lebed. Published reports have alleged that Lebed worked with the CIA and that the agency brought him to the United States under an assumed name and stopped an Immigration and Naturalization Service investigation into his past. He was allowed to remain in the country by a secret agreement among several high level officials, including the Director of Central Intelligence, General Walter Bedell Smith. It therefore seems highly unlikely that the agency would have no records on Mr. Lebed.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
 SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
 DATE 2003 2005

Made From 100% Recycled Paper

BEST AVAILABLE COPY


Admiral Studeman
August 27, 1992
Page 2

Enclosed is an article on Mykola Lebed that appeared in the February 11, 1986 issue of the Village Voice. Mr. Lebed's case also is discussed in Blowback, Christopher Simpson's book about Nazi war criminals whom the U.S. government assisted in escaping from justice and immigrating to the United States. I urge you to review the material and to make every effort to locate any information which your agency may have on Mr. Lebed.

Thank you once again for your commitment to making the material available to the public and bringing the truth to light. I look forward to working with you in this process.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Holtzman
Comptroller

EH:mb

BEST AVAILABLE COPY