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On September 4, 1968, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on this date Howard Cohen of Mineola, New York, whose telephone number is 741-0747, was in contact with a female employee of the Consular Division of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), Washington, D.C. (WDC), at which time he inquired as to the status of the extradition proceedings against Boleslav Maikovskis, who was tried in Riga, Latvia, in March, 1965, and whose extradition was requested in June, 1965. Cohen stated he represented a group which desired the extradition of Maikovskis. The employee, whose identity was not known to the source, informed Cohen that Vitautas M. Zenkevichyus handles matters of this type and that he would contact Cohen later that day.

The source had received no information indicating that Zenkevichyus contacted Cohen regarding above matter.

Was to have been in contact with Howard R. Cohen re: extradition of Maikovskis from USSR
The August, 1968, issue of the "Diplomatic List", a publication of the United States Department of State, reflects that Vitautas M. Zenkevichyus was then a First Secretary of the USSR Embassy, WDC.

The 1967-1968 Nassau County, New York, telephone directory reflects that telephone number 741-0747 is listed to Howard R. Cohen, Attorney, 158 3rd Street, Mineola, New York.

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Concerning Boleslavs Maikovskis, it is noted "The New York Times", a daily and Sunday New York City morning newspaper, issue of June 12, 1965, contained on page 9 an article captioned "Soviet Demands U. S. Extradite L. I. Man," which article contained a Moscow dateline of June 11 and read as follows:

"The Soviet Union has asked the United States for the extradition of a man living in Mineola, L. I., as an alleged World War II war criminal.

"Tass, the Soviet press agency, said the man Boleslavs Maikovski, lives at 232 Grant Street, Mineola.

"Two other persons, one a resident of Canada and the other of West Germany, were also listed as wanted for war crimes. Tass said the Foreign Ministry had sent notes to embassies of the three countries concerned demanding extradition.

"Tass said that 'it had been established' that the West German resident and Mr. Maikovski, 'on orders of the Fascist authorities,' had burned the village of Audrini, in Latvia, and 'arrested all inhabitants, of whom 170, including 51 children, were shot.'

"The United States has refused similar requests on the grounds of uncertainty whether procedures for fair trials existed.

"Boleslavs Maikovski, in a telephone interview last night, said he is a Latvian. He said that the Latvians could do nothing during the German occupation and that the Germans did 'everything.'

"Mr. Maikovski, called the Soviet charges propaganda, of which 'not 1 percent is right.'

"Mr. Maikovski, who said he was 61 years old and came here from Germany in 1952, said he did not live in Audrini during the war. He said that during the occupation he worked as a police clerk in Rezekne, near Audrini. The West German resident, named by the Russians as Eichelis, was his supervisor, he added."

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On October 7, 1968, the records of the Credit Bureau N-8, West Merrick Road, Freeport, New York, as furnished by Ben Combes, disclosed that in 1966 Howard R. Cohen resided at 125 Hempstead Gardens Drive, Hempstead, New York, with his wife, Myrna, and two dependent children. It was reflected that he was self-employed as an attorney at 158 3rd Street, Mineola, New York.

Cohen was formerly employed as an attorney with the firm of Levy, Heller, Kessler and Walzer, 188 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York, as an associate at \$5,200 per year and in addition \$20,000 in dividends and investments.

Cohen attended the Cornell University School of Engineering from 1957 to 1962 and graduated from the Cornell University School of Law in 1965. He resided at 43J Hasbrouck Apartments, Ithaca, New York, from 1962-1965.

There was no derogatory information reflected in the above records.

On October 7, 1968, through means of a visual inspection by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was ascertained that Howard R. Cohen occupies an office in room number 7, 158 3rd Street, Mineola, New York. Also occupying space in room number 7, 158 3rd Street, are attorneys Martin Howard Katz and Arthur Lubkin who practice law under the name Katz, Lubkin and Katz.

On October 9, 1968, NY T-2, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine the reliability of the information furnished, but who has knowledge of some activities of Cohen, advised that during January, 1968, Howard R. Cohen moved from 125 Hempstead Gardens Park, Hempstead, New York, to 7 Parkside Drive, Huntington, Suffolk County, New York.

On October 11, 1968, through a suitable telephonic pretext by a SA of the FBI, to telephone number 741-0747, previously mentioned, an individual identified as the secretary of Howard R. Cohen, advised that Cohen represents "some parts of the Anti-Defamation League", and other "Jewish action organizations."

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