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General OSTROWSKI, ...

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1. Reference is made to MEMO, this office, dated 24 May 1948, sub-
ject: "White Russian Central Council", File VI-D-2599.3.

2. SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS: The White Russian Central
Council was reactivated on 9 May 1948 in MILBERG (1249/374), and elected
Kazimierz OSTROWSKI as its President. OSTROWSKI was president of a similar
council in White Russia sponsored by the Germans during their period of
occupation.

3. SYNOPSIS OF PRESENT INVESTIGATIONS: White Russia, from 1941 to
1943, was administered by the Germans through the so-called White Ruthenian
General Commissariat with Dr. JAA EDWARDS as Vertriebsbeauftragter bei General
Kommissariat Weisruthenien (Spokesman for the White Ruthenian General
Commissariat). At first, EDWARDS had the esteem and confidence of the
General Commissar for White Russia. However, in 1943 he compromised the
General Commissar through scandals of fraud and was dismissed.

a. Due to the political and military situation in White Russia
the Germans, under the leadership of General Commissar SS Gruppenfuhrer
von OTTENGLO, were forced to create a new government. The White Russian
Central Council was created with OSTROWSKI as President.

b. From the first day of the German occupation, OSTROWSKI never
lost an opportunity to express himself as being loyal to the White Russian
national interests and as a result, his black political past (provocative
and destructive Communist work in the peasant revolutionary White Russian
organization "BIRANINA" from 1926 to 1928) was overlooked and he was given
a chance for rehabilitation by the White Russian people through well-wishes
and offers of cooperation. In this, the people were later disillusioned
for in spite of his outward display of loyalty, OSTROWSKI in reality became
a Quisling, as shown by the following acts:

(1) At the request of the Germans, he carried through the
mobilization of the country without having any weapons
to arm the mobilized. (The Germans did not issue arms to
untrained mobilized soldiers.) The encamped and unarmed
hundreds of thousands of young White Russian men fell

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into Soviet hands and were placed into punishment battalions where a high percentage were lost.

- (2) Jointly with the Germans, he carried through the so-called "straw villages" program. The Germans carried these villages to this up area during the Soviet Purges in 1948. This resulted in the destruction of these "straw villages" and their occupants when the Soviets re-occupied White Russia.
- (3) Subject permitted the inclusion of 15,000 White Russian families between the ages of 17 and 19 into the WISDOM Army. These youths also fell into Soviet hands at the conclusion of the war.
- (4) He did not carry out the evacuation, although he had an opportunity to do so, of the White Russian national functionaries.
- (5) Subject did not make an effort, prior to the German capitulation, to contact the Wehrmacht and offer a range for the protection of the White Russian Nationalists who had escaped before the Soviet advance. In a result, these nationalists were hunted down by the Wehrmacht, known to the Soviets, at their headquarters, for punishment.
- c. OSTROSKI, through his function (White Russian Central Committee) and activities, publicly wants to congratulate the White Russian leadership movement. It is, therefore, advised by the White Russian national circles as a rallying and agent provocateur.
- d. MYKHAYLOV IANUS: MYKHAYLOV, mentioned in paragraph j above, is allegedly living in CHICAGO, Illinois, at the present time and is reportedly organizing the White Russians.
- e. OSTROSKI's whereabouts and the extent of his operations, as well as determination if the charge of "deserting is justified."

5. AUSTIN CONGER'S AND CONCLUSIONS: Apparently, Dr. STEPHEN HERRINGTON, in furnishing the information contained in this report, is attempting to relate the witnessing statements made concerning the individuals mentioned above. These statements were made during his investigation by U.S. military authorities between 18 April 1945 and 6 November 1946. (The only interview by Dr. HERRINGTON concerning OSTROSKI was that conducted by the President of the White Russian Central Council, on October 1945, and transmitted to this office under Lt. Colonel U.S. Army Headquarters, 770th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, Germany, dated 180 157, U.S. Army, dated 3 February 1946, File D-5665, European Command Letter, Headquarters, 770th CIC Detachment, Region VI, in reply to Headquarters, 770th CIC Detachment, Region VI, dated 15 February 1946.)

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dated 13 January 1944, subject: "Waris Our destination is Bally's Club
T-41-2012" on the subject named by EXHIBITION 12 an extremely com-
plete and detailed report of the activities of the Waris during the
period 1938-1941 and would be useful to the Waris Bureau. The
report is being furnished to the Waris Bureau for their information
and is being classified as CONFIDENTIAL. It is being classified as
CONFIDENTIAL because it contains information of a confidential nature
and its disclosure would be injurious to the national defense.
This report is enclosed at (b-3).

6. INFORMATIONAL: None.

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DD INFORMATION:
1. Waris Bureau (London, IT)
2. Waris File

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...the fact that he has been seen in the
...the British staff with the group
...he lived in Poland and for a time
...the first time
...the British Central Command and contact
...German units. His regular residence is
...of the White Russian Movement Party.
...nationalist personalities taking an active

His dossier next takes the following form:
Politically directed the White Russian
the basis for an attack on the Soviet
meetings against the Soviet Union. He
newspaper directed a propaganda drive
with one of the participants of the
party in the organization of the
These contacts were made in England, America, Australia and elsewhere
White Russian Movement to address at the Group. With other Western
and former White Russian organizations (S. Schmidt)
in London. He is particularly active in the White Russian Movement (S. Schmidt)
will be submitted next time. He is living under his own name.
His informant states that he was born in RYBNIK and he lives in a house
addressed by the British. He is in continuous contact with British Special
Agents and contacts with intelligence. Intelligence and counter-intelligence are
assumed to be in RYBNIK (details will be submitted next time). The Special
Agent number is probably a colonel. (I shall try to learn his name).

The character of the contact with counter-intelligence is to contact Soviet
agents, primarily those among White Russian émigrés. For this reason, the
informants are placed in DP camps (I shall try to submit one name of an
informant). The informant's report their observations to the command of the
so-called security service who, in the RYBNIK case, is a former White Russian
born in LIMA (his name will be submitted next time). He forwards the infor-
mation to British authorities. There are 1 to 2 small counter-intelligence
organizations in Western Germany.

c. The character of the contact with intelligence is to inform the British
authorities of present conditions in White Russia. This information, in
most cases, is gathered from refugees and émigrés, as well as from letters

NUMBER 1

White Russian intelligence...
who are...
the... They inform...
in White Russia. They are preparing...
psychologists.

In addition COVROVSKI is in close contact with the hostile intelligence
headed by General... Their liaison is a former Soviet captain
born in White Russia who lives in... This contact is being...
by COVROVSKI as a commander of a future White Russian Army (I shall try
to learn his name.)... is trusted by COVROVSKI and carries out the
latter's orders. In addition, he holds the position of commander of the
security service and has the rank of captain.

Information concerning the first question I shall try to enlarge on the
next time.

2. White Russian intelligence courses, organized by the British are located in
BAROVKA (I shall try to learn the exact place) and under the command of a
British major who speaks Russian (it may be possible to learn his name). The
courses are attended by White Russians recruited by COVROVSKI and...
In addition, I heard there are courses for other nationalities, such as...
men. I am unable to give exact instances of departures of these graduates to
the USSR. However, I heard that in 1947 there were conversations between White
Russians and British concerning sending them to the USSR. This I cannot have
confirmed. The White Russians proposed sending them by airplane. I do not know
how the conversations ended.

Details on the second question I shall try to learn in the future.

Matters concerning the third point I shall explain in the next report.

I propose the use as a source of information for military intelligence, one
Aleksander TRJANOVSKI of the 110th Guard Company stationed in... He
lives privately at... TRJANOVSKI comes from the vicinity of
BARANOVICZE and I have known him since 1940. TRJANOVSKI is not liked in the
company because of his hostile attitude toward occupation authorities. If
necessary, I can furnish more details.

/s/Alfred

EXHIBIT "A" (continued)

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