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On June 29, 1972, Jerome Lukas was interviewed at his residence 700 Valinda Street, West Coving, California. Mr. Lukas resides at this residence with his wife, Rosa, who is a housewife and with his two children Olga and Jerome, Jr. ages 18 and 17 respectively. Mr. Lukas is employed by the Emco Company in Glendale, California, as a machine operator. He advised that he is a United States citizen having received his naturalization in Los Angeles, 1962.

Mr. Lukas, by way of background advised that ha was born October 23. 1922. in Taciv, Czechoslovakie. His wife Ross, whom he married on December 12, 1956, in Munich. Germany, was born on August 24, 1915, in Vienna. Mr. Lukas father, Vasil died in 1931. His mother, Olan and his brother Taras Lukas, who is a professor at San Jose State College in San Jose, California, resides together in that city. Mr. Lukas advised that during World War II he was a student in Prague, Czechoslovakia attending a technical school until 1940. In addition to attending school during the way years, 1940 - 1946, he worked in a defense factory called Firina Losehner. This firm produced cameras for air reconnaissance. Mr. Lukas stated that most able-bodied individuals in Czechoslovakie during the war were either in the service of engaged in work at a defense factory. Taras, also attended school in stated that his bug Prague.

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In approximately 1945 or early 1946, Lukes stated that he went to Vienna, Austria, for the first time for two or three days sight-seeing, after which he returned to Bratislava, Czechoslovskia. He secured a job as a weiter in a restaurant named Esamol, which was located close to the Austrian and Czechoslovskian border. He worked at, and resided in quarters above the restaurant for approximately one year. While working at this restaurant, Lukas stated that he was arrested by the local Czechoslovakian Police on a charge of supplying Ukranian underground forces with strategic information relative to troop movements over the bridge on the Danube River. Lukas claimed that he was in prison for approximately eight or nine months during which period he was often questioned relative to these charges which he claimed were false and which he stated he vehemently denied. He was subsequently released due to lack of evidence and in Spril 1948, he claimed he went to Vienna, Austria where he had friends.

Lukes claimed that in Austria, after the War, it was necessary for an individual to have proper identification and documentation, neither of which he had since he claimed he escaped from Czechoslovakia. Through friends, including can Yuri Holubowicz, he was introduced to a Dr. Pilz who was connected with the Austrian Police. This individual sold false documentation. After securing the necessary papers, Luke the following the manual of these individuals who needed documentation. He would furnish the names of these individuals to a Joseph Urban who, during the War, was head of the German Intelligence in the Balkans. After the War, Urban worked for the American and French forces. Lukas would introduce the prospective customer to Urban and Urban would arrenge for the necessary forged documents. Lukas stated that he got a percentage of the price that an individual had to pay for this documentation. Lukas stated that he was engaged in this porticular occupation for several months. While so engaged, he met one Serge Kimak. Kimak was born in Poland

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and during the war served with the Polish Army under Soviet control. After the war, Kimak was working first with the American intelligence forces and later he worked for General Gehlen. General Gehlen was a German General who after the war, organized an intelligence network for the allies.

Through Kimak Lukes stated that he also secured a job with the American intelligence forces and that he received his assignments from Kimak. His particular assignments would be as a spotter, relative to Soviet troop locations and movements, as well as picking up any information that he might over-hear. Lukas stated that he worked for General Gehlen and the American forces until the mid 1950's.

Lukas stated that he also knew Petro Samutin who formerly twest a Colonel in German Intelligence during the war. Sanutin was a Ukaine, who after the war also worked for General Gehlen in Vienna Rueluce

Lukas stated that he has no immediate relatives living behind the Iron Cuetin nor has he ever been contacted by any representative affiliated with a foreign government since being in the United States. Lukas further advised that he has no knowledge of any individuals in the United States who might be affiliated with a foreign intelligence organization nor has he any information relative to any individuals who might have been so contacted.

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