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RA 10812694, Doss Nr KE-327040, DPOB: 7 Jan 1927
at Podkamien, Ukraine (U)**

**TO: Commanding Officer
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APO 757, US Forces**

1. (C) Reference your message which states that we requested that the British accomplish mail cover or intercepts of communications to SUBJECT's wife or brother.

2. (C) Reference is made to inclosed copy of our letter, 11 September 1960, to BSSO wherein we asked for consideration of check of communications agencies, or any indication of, correspondence between SUBJECT and HIS wife, her parents or HIS brother. We also asked for any indication of contact by HIS wife with hostile agencies.

3. (S) For your information, the following background and ramifications of the problem are presented:

a. On 2 August 1960, SLOBODA deserted HIS military unit and defected to Soviet controlled area. A complaint type investigation of SLOBODA was initiated.

b. SLOBODA left behind HIS wife and three minor children. HIS wife and one child are British nationals. Two of HIS children are US citizens. The two latter children (Helen L. Sloboda, Age 1, and Victor E. Sloboda, Age 4) are vulnerable to being transported into

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Soviet dominated area since communications from SLOBODA to HIS wife reflect that it is HIS intention to have HIS wife join HIM. As late as 16 September 1960, HE attempted to contact her by phone from Moscow. Although movement of SLOBODA's wife and children into Soviet area would not be of special interest in the complaint type investigation of SUBJECT, it would appear to be of interest to the Government of the United States to be able to preclude movement of the two minor, US citizens into Soviet controlled area. Knowledge of communications between Mrs. Sloboda and SUBJECT would assist in taking action deemed appropriate.

(U) c. Mrs. Sloboda concealed the following knowledge pertinent to HIS defection:

(1) Knowledge of HIS location. At 0810 hours, 4 Aug 1960, she told one source HE was in Berlin. HIS defection did not become officially known until 6 Aug 1960, prior to that time, HE was considered AWOL.

(2) Knowledge of HIS route used in defecting. Prior to our separate determination (without her cooperation), she knew that HIS car was located at the KOELN airport.

(3) She concealed the fact that HE had sent her 60 DM from the KOELN airport on 2 Aug 60.

(4) She concealed the fact that HE had made telephone calls to her from Berlin.

(5) She concealed the fact that HE sent her 2000 DM from Berlin.

(6) Additionally, she told one source that she would join SUBJECT anywhere. Pertinent information was gained from Mrs. Sloboda, not through her cooperation, but through exploiting information which she inadvertently let slip or which was obtained through other investigation.

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d. On HIS statement of personal history, SLOBODA stated that HE had been employed with the NKVD in East Germany from May 1945 to June 1946. However, there are strong indications that SUBJECT was in close proximity of Kassel, GFR, during that period along with HIS brother, Michael. Both apparently were involved in questionable operations, probably blackmarketing or smuggling in vicinity of Kassel.

e. There are indications of a communications system from SUBJECT to HIS parents or other persons in the Soviet Bloc. SUBJECT's brother, Michael, in England, appears to have been used in the system.

4. (S) In order to satisfy requirements of ACSI, DA, our investigative effort has been directed toward resolving the following salient points:

a. Identity and location of close friends or contacts (especially foreign nationals).

b. Indications of disaffection on HIS part.

c. Communications sent or received and communications systems used (with special emphasis on communications with persons within the Soviet Bloc).

d. HIS route and contacts used in defecting.

e. HIS motivation for defecting.

f. Complicity of HIS wife, HIS brother and Tadeusz Lipki, who was implicated to an unknown degree in the defection.

g. Indications of contact with hostile intelligence.

h. Information in HIS possession that is subject to compromise.

i. His political ideology.

5. (u) (S) British assistance was requested to help resolve parts of the EEI due to the following reasons:

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