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ONICK, Frederick William, Capt, O-468853 (U)  
C6-013559

TO

Chief, IB

FROM

Chief, MU

DATE

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COMMENT NO. 1

1. Attention is invited to the Disposition Form dated 4 January 1956, which describes SUBJECT's background and the results of investigation completed to that date. The FBI has closed the cases concerning SUBJECT's wife, Valentina and his father, William Frederick Onick, as indicated by FBI reports dated 25 May 1956 and 13 April 1956, respectively. This case was originally initiated upon the request of the AC of S, G2, Department of the Army, in a letter dated 21 October 1955, which forwarded FBI reports and requested that SUBJECT be interviewed under oath. On (u) 14 December 1955, a request for G2 File Check, 6AA Form 53, to facilitate promotion in the USAR, was forwarded to this headquarters by California Military District. On 30 January 1956, the results of the interview with SUBJECT was forwarded to ACSI, DA, and it was recommended that additional investigation be conducted. On 7 February 1956, per 1st Indorsement, ACSI, returned the results of the interview of SUBJECT and indicated that it should be included in the completed case. It was also indicated that appropriate action under the provisions of AR 600-31 was desired. Flagging action was initiated 6 February 1956.

## 2. Results of Additional Investigation:

a. On 25 March 1956, SUBJECT executed another DD Form 398 and answered Items 17, 18 and 19 in the negative.

b. FBI report dated 20 February 1956, consists of a summary of the interview of SUBJECT conducted by the 115th CIC Detachment on 12 December 1955, which is summarized in Disposition Form, dated 4 January 1956. (u)

c. FBI report dated 21 March 1956, reveals the following: SUBJECT's present wife, Valentina, admitted to a confidential source abroad, that she was formerly a member of the National Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship Society in 1945. She also stated that she had been a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians (Communist) but held no office in that organization. Mrs. Onick also stated that she was employed under Sergei G. Lukianov in the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission Office from May 1946 to September 1946 and continued employment in that office until February 1947. She could furnish no detailed information as to the activities of Lukianov or other personnel in the above office. The source advised that Mrs. Onick had not attracted attention in Communist circles in Canada during the past three or four years and they had no previous record of her husband. (S)

d. FBI report dated 13 April 1956, reveals the following: On 22 March 1956, William F. Onick, SUBJECT's father, was interviewed and advised that he was active in the RAS, San Francisco, during World War II for the purpose of aiding the (u)

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war effort. He stated that he terminated his affiliation in about 1946. He also stated that he had no knowledge of the present RAS activity. ONICK advised that he was in contact with members of the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, in connection with the delivery of clothing to U.S.S.R and that he attended Soviet-sponsored social functions. He had no indication of espionage activity by Soviet personnel and was unable to recall Andrei R. Orlov. Onick stated that his son, SUBJECT, was a loyal citizen; never has been a member of a subversive organization; and that he had no knowledge or organizational affiliations of SUBJECT's wife, Valentina. Onick stated that he has never been sympathetic to the CP or the Communist Government of Soviet Union. He advised that prior to World War II he had subscribed to the Daily Peoples World (DPW) for one or two years, but that he never was impressed with the publication.

e. FBI report dated 25 May 1956, revealed the following: On 30 April 1956, Valentina Onick, SUBJECT's present wife, was interviewed and verified previous background concerning herself and confirmed her employment with the Office of the Commercial Counselor (Soviet Government) in Vancouver, B. C., Canada from about May 1946 to February 1947. She claimed to have no knowledge of espionage activity by the Soviet personnel, or any of their Canadian contacts whom she cannot now recall. Mrs. Onick said she was a member of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society during 1943-1944. (According to a confidential source abroad, this organization came under Communist control about 1947.) She admitted being a member of the Federation of Russian Canadians and said that her parents were also members of this organization. She stated that her brother, Walter Belobrodski, was a member of the Polish Democratic Association. Mrs. Onick declared that she and her parents engaged in the activities of the above organizations for social reasons. She asserted that she has never engaged in espionage or disloyal activities, and she knew of no such activity on the part of her husband or relatives. She also stated that she and her husband are not interested in politics other than being loyal to the country of their choice, and that she has applied to become a U. S. citizen.

f. A complaint investigation was conducted by the 115th CIC Detachment; commenced 5 March 1956 and was completed 25 July 1956. This investigation revealed the following:

(1) SUBJECT and his present wife had contact with Irving Isidore August at a party given by them for the ARC personnel in Seattle area in approximately March 1956, and SUBJECT is reported to be sympathetic toward August. (This headquarters recommended that August not be granted an appointment in the USAR, on the grounds that such appointment would not be clearly consistent with the interests of national security.)

(2) Reviews of the previously summarized FBI reports were included in the investigation.

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(3) Two sources described SUBJECT's relationship with his father as closer than that usually experienced between father and son, and two sources stated that SUBJECT regards his father as a "pal." Eight sources variously indicated that SUBJECT was not unduly influenced or dominated by either parent. Four sources variously believed that SUBJECT was not influenced by his former spouse, Vera Orleff. Three sources believed that SUBJECT would dominate his wife, Valentina, in any decision pertaining to politics. Two sources believed SUBJECT to be a Democrat, two believed him to support one of the two major political parties, and three sources indicated that he was not interested in politics. Twenty-six sources believed SUBJECT to be loyal to the United States Government, and eighteen of these recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the government. Eight declined for various reasons.

(4) National and Local Agency Checks on SUBJECT, his wife, his family, and character references failed to reveal any pertinent derogatory information. There is no indication of SUBJECT's membership in any cited organization.

3. DISCUSSION:

The extent of the derogatory information in this case consists of SUBJECT's affiliation with the RAS in 1945 and his association with individuals who in the past have had connections with subversive organizations. There is no evidence that SUBJECT's father has had any contact with subversive organizations since 1947, at which time, he dropped out of the RAS. SUBJECT has had no contact with his former wife, Vera, or any of the members of her family. The investigation has also failed to establish any activity on the part of Valentina Onick in connection with her employment and contact with Sergei G. Lukianov. On the other hand, her family has a history of connection with subversive organizations in Canada and her brother, Walter Belobrodske, was the secretary of the Polish Democratic Association, which has been described as Communist controlled. SUBJECT has stated that he is not interested in politics and this has been backed up by several persons who are acquainted with him. It is an interesting note that SUBJECT in executing DD Form 398 on 25 March 1956, failed to list his association with a member of a subversive organization or his contact with the RAS in 1945, when in an interview under oath on 12 December 1955, he freely admitted these associations. This fact cannot be explained. From the statement SUBJECT made on 12 December 1955, it seems as though he has a "I couldn't-care-less" attitude toward Communism and the security of our country, although this is not an indication of disloyalty. On the basis of the facts that have been presented through the extensive investigation it is impossible to state that SUBJECT is now connected with or sympathetic toward Communism or any subversive organizations. It is therefore impossible to consider SUBJECT's retention or promotion in the USAR to be not clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

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4. CONCLUSION:

It is therefore concluded that based on the lack of evidence of present membership, affiliation, or association with a subversive organization, and the lack of evidence of sympathy with such organizations or Communism, SUBJECT is not a security risk.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this case be forwarded to ACSI, DA, with a favorable determination under the provisions of paragraph 27c, AR 604-10.

*Robert M. Carter, et*

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Chief, Military Unit, IB

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