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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: STEPANCHUK, Vasil Theodosovitch
alias Steve STEPANCHUK

E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1)

A report dated 12 August 1946 [redacted] indicated that one Vasilii Fedoseivich STEPANOF, age about forty, a native of the Ukraine, formerly a sergeant in the Red Army, had been sent to Manchuria for intelligence work in 1941 under the guise of a deserter. STEPANOF had been arrested by the Japanese and interned in the Fusing Camp, Manchuria. After the Japanese capitulation, he escaped and reached Tientsin, China, where he contacted Soviet intelligence agents, who turned him over to Major V. S. USS of the NKVD. Major USS reportedly had been in charge of Soviet intelligence in North China. Later, STEPANOF, who was described as of average height, as stooped a bit, as having an elongated face and a sharp nose, joined the Ukrainian Community and changed his name from STEPANOF to STEPANCHUK. In conclusion, the report added that STEPANCHUK had exerted every effort to reach either the United States or Canada since the Soviets were anxious to supplement the number of their agents in those countries.

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CLASSIFIED MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
FILES RE VASIL THEODOSOVITCH STEPANCHUK,
BENEFICIARY OF S. 1707 - 84th

E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1).

The Committee may desire to direct a request for information concerning the beneficiary to [REDACTED] and the Visa Office of the Department of State.

Information available to this Service, which is of a highly classified nature, indicates that one Vasilij Fedosievich Stepanoff, also known as Stepanov, a native of the Ukraine, who may be identical with the beneficiary, was formerly a Sergeant in the Red Army who was sent to Manchuria in 1941 for intelligence work in the guise of a deserter. He was arrested by the Japanese and interned. Following Japan's surrender, Stepanoff (or Stepanov) escaped to Tientsin, China, where he was recruited for intelligence work by the Soviet Military Attache. He then changed his name to Stepanchuk, and joined the Ukrainian community in Tientsin, reportedly on orders of the Soviet Military Attache who was trying to penetrate the Ukrainian community. In 1946, this individual was making every effort to reach either Canada or the United States.

In regard to the beneficiary's activities in the United States, no derogatory information is present, except that he was arrested for drunkenness in Los Angeles, California on November 9, 1947; and that he was arrested on a charge of drunkenness on October 22, 1952 by the Police Department, Freeport, Illinois.

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