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DISPATCH NO. ²² (OBBA) - 8572

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TO : Chief, WE
FROM : Chief of Station, ⁽⁵⁻⁵⁾ [redacted]

DATE: 16 August 1957

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Vasilii Gavrilovich KOSTENKO (DOB: 5 Sept 1922, Tula, USSR)
SPECIFIC - Information Passed to (NIGHTINGALE) ⁰¹ (201)

REFERENCES: A. ²⁰⁻⁷ [redacted] - 443
B. ²² (OBBA) - 8570

1. Attached is ⁰¹ information developed from the (N) ⁰² CONVENIENT operation which was passed to (NIGHTINGALE) ³⁵ on 8 April 1957 in conjunction with information on (N) CONVENIENT (ref B). The reports were post-dated at (N) ³⁵'s request so that, if necessary, (NIGHTINGALE) could make it appear that they were kept informed of the information as ⁰¹ it developed.

2. The proposed interrogation of KOSTENKO (ref A) ¹¹ has not taken place. The story behind this may be difficult for a non-⁰¹ [redacted] bureaucrat to understand, but (N) ²'s burying this case when he has a strong position for interrogation may be caused to some extent by the fact that his trump cards were supplied by the Station only after we were finished with a unilateral operation and therefore might reveal a lack of (NIGHTINGALE) control over ⁰¹ [redacted]. In any case, (N) ²'s final decision not to ⁰¹ interrogate KOSTENKO is apparently caused by more than inertia.

3. On 1 April, (N) ³⁵ ⁰² told Jouvenoy that Lydia ⁰¹ DMITRIUK nee ⁰¹ ~~CHERJANSKAYA~~ aka ⁰¹ ~~CHERJANSKAYA~~ divorced ⁰¹ VERHELST (DOB: 1 April 1926, Rostov, USSR) had contacted (N) ⁹⁷ and complained that KOSTENKO, her ex-lover, had returned from Germany and was causing her considerable trouble. KOSTENKO threatened to keep her from going to the United States to join her husband, Pavel ⁰¹ DMITRIUK (DOB: 28 Feb 24, Starie Dorogi, USSR) (U.S. res 159 East Division St., Rockford, Michigan). As Lydia is a Belgian citizen (by marriage to Karol Ledrijs ⁰¹ VERHELST), (N) ⁹⁷ apparently felt morally bound to protect her. ⁰² (N) ² and (N) ³⁵ feared that, in his enthusiasm, (N) ⁹⁷ might create a scene and cause KOSTENKO's file to be ⁰¹ circulated.

4. (N) ²'s first reaction was to get Lydia on a boat for the U.S. and therefore bury the subject. ⁰² (N) ³⁵ asked Jouvenoy if the station could help with her visa but Jouvenoy told him the question of whether or not she received her visa was out of our hands. (Attachment B is a (NIGHTINGALE) ⁰¹ investigation of Lydia; attachment C is Jouvenoy's report of his questioning of Lydia (per ⁰¹ [redacted] - 287) which was sanitized and passed to (NIGHTINGALE) and the U.S. Consulate). ⁰² Only after they were told that Lydia's visa application was being reviewed, and she would probably be around for sometime, did (N) ² and (N) ³⁵ start planning to interrogate KOSTENKO.

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5. (N)35⁰² requested the summaries of the (N)CONVENIENT and KOSTENKO⁰² information which had been promised them in order to plan the attack and Jouvenoy passed the information on 8 April. Jouvenoy discussed an interrogation plan with (N)35 and, although (N)35 was hesitant to set a date for the interrogation, he gave the impression that the plans were firm. Several days later, (N)35 told Jouvenoy that it appeared (N)97 had lost interest in Lydia, and there was therefore no pressure to interrogate KOSTENKO. The relatively strong position which (N)IGHTINGALE had for the interrogation of an RIS agent (they even had jurisdiction!) was appreciated but discarded.

6. Pavel DEMITRUK returned to Belgium in July 1957 to try and get Lydia's visa expedited, so it is not inconceivable that Lydia may find a stronger sponsor than (N)97, and (N)2 might be again forced into considering action against KOSTENKO.⁰²

7. As noted in (CIA)²²- 7652 para 6, as far as ()¹⁵⁻⁵ is concerned, the wraps are off on information about KOSTENKO which may be passed to (SHUBA)⁰⁶- 100, but we note in (CIA)- 2315 that KOSTENKO may once again benefit from KUBARK's indirect protection.²⁹⁻²¹

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