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Please refer to your letter AEUMD-S File: XE-327040 of 11 Sep 60 and  
letter PF 99284 of 11 Oct 60.

1. Michal SLOBODA has now been interviewed in the UK. He states that he visited  
his brother Vladimir in May and Aug 59 when Vladimir was living with his family at  
Oberassel Taunus, Hohemarkt St. Frankfurt, Germany. This visit is confirmed by  
the endorsement in Michal's Travel Document which shows that he left the United  
Kingdom on 19 May 59 and re-landed on 25 Aug 59. Michal spent the first week at  
his brother Vladimir and thereafter ten weeks with August LEDAGUE (not LEDA) at  
his farm at Kassel, and his final week again with Vladimir at Frankfurt. With  
regard to LEDAGUE, Michal SLOBODA was employed by this man from 1942 until he came  
to the UK and obviously has a deep personal regard for him. He gives his address  
as Kassel-Nordhausen, Korbacherstrasse 244, where he lives with his wife, Auguste  
and his daughter and two sons. Michal added that Vladimir, who had left the  
Ukraine in 1943, joined him on LEDAGUE's farm at Kassel. Vladimir had, in fact,  
driven Michal to LEDAGUE's farm in May 59.

2. According to Michal, his brother Vladimir was heavily in debt due to gambling  
and he is of the opinion that Vladimir defected to escape his creditors. Michal  
does not believe that his brother defected for political reasons. The last letter  
Michal received from his brother was dated 2 Aug 60 and has been translated as  
follows:

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"I am writing for the last time from Germany. To-day I am leaving for  
home. I don't want to, but I must. If you can help the wife, I shall be  
grateful."

"I shall write you from my new address. Perhaps from L'vov."

Michal has not, however, heard from his brother since he left Germany but received  
a letter, ostensibly from his parents, dated 3 Oct 60 from L'vov. Michal is  
of the opinion that this letter was not actually written by either of his parents, but  
contains propaganda pointing out how much better off he would be in the U.S.S.R.  
and asking him to come home. Although it does not actually mention Vladimir, it  
does say that if he comes back they "will all be together".

3. The parents of Michal and Vladimir are Josef, born 1888 and Sofia, born 1889,  
their address is 4/15 Vashnetsov Street, L'vov. The sister, Anna, born 1921 lives  
near L'vov but Michal does not know the exact address. His parents write to him  
about twice a month but he does not communicate direct with his sister.

4. Michal SLOBODA said that he does not know of any person named Tadeusz LUBAN  
with regard to Walter KOLUBINSKI (the Ukrainian) he was in Berlin, Germany, from 1945  
until about four years ago. He married an English girl and they went to  
New York with their father to America. Michal does not know their address but knows that  
Lillian SLOBODA visited the KOLUBINSKIJs between 1955 and 1958 while she was in  
America. From other enquiries which we have made, KOLUBINSKIJ is not an  
American citizen and, when he visited the UK from 20 Feb 58 to 24 Apr 58, he was  
travelling on passport No. 764744 issued in Washington on 31 Jan 58.

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5. With regard to M. POLOVITCH of Kitchener, Ontario, Michal suggests that he is identical with Andrij POPOWICH, aged about 65 years who lives with his wife, Sofia, at 20 Onward Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Sofia POPOWICH is the sister of Michal's father, Josef SLOBODA. According to Michal the POPOWICHs have a son who also lives in Canada but he is unaware of his address. The SLOBODAs also have a cousin, Wasyl, who lives at 7640 8th Avenue, Ville St. Michel, Quebec, Canada.

6. Michal SLOBODA has never heard of Carmen RICHTER nee GAUTIER. He added that he had not been in touch with Lillian SLOBODA since he saw her in Frankfurt in 1959. He apparently does not have a very high opinion of his sister-in-law.

7. Michal SLOBODA appeared to be completely co-operative and has promised to notify the Manchester Police of any further developments.

8. With regard to Tadeusz LIPSKI, this man first arrived in the United Kingdom on 1 Jul 46. According to his story when interviewed in 1951 he stated that he was in the Polish Army in 1939. He was captured by the Russians and sent to prison in Siberia. After two years he escaped and made his way across Russia to Kiev where he was discovered and imprisoned again at Dnispertpetrovsk. He again escaped and reached Poland where he joined the Partisan forces. At the end of the war when the Russians took over Poland he left by train for Berlin, wearing the uniform of a Russian Army Captain. From there he obtained German identity papers and travelled to the United States some where he found a Polish camp and obtained Polish papers. After a time there he was sent to Italy and came to the United Kingdom as a member of the Polish Army. He was finally discharged in Sep 49. Thereafter he obtained work as a coal miner. He is said to speak perfect Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, Yiddish, German and English.

9. The officer interviewing LIPSKI said in his report "he could talk himself into and out of anything. From his account he had a rough time during the war and learnt to live by his wits. Any ethics he had seem to have disappeared and he says that now he believes in nothing but money. He admits to having no scruples about anything so long as he is paid for it. Peculiarly enough, he has no objection to hard work and has not sorted out a soft job here. Even so, on his own admission he seems quite unprincipled and might prove a seedy foil for any subversive force working in the UK. He has dangerous potentialities. It is not though that he had done anything of security interest so far."

10. In Mar 49 LIPSKI applied for a Home Office Travel Document which was extended on two occasions. However, up to the time of handing it in in Feb 53, he did not appear to have ever used it. In Feb 53 he reported to the Nottinghamshire Police that he had now assumed the name of Karol SCHULTZ and in his latter name obtained a Travel Document for the purpose of a holiday in Germany. He left for Germany on 13 Jul 53, since which time he has not been resident in this country. He has, however, paid two visits to the United Kingdom from 30 Sep 53 to 4 Oct 55 and from 4 Dec 55 until 3 Jan 56. On these visits he was travelling on passport No. 2121925 issued 21 Aug 53 the place of issue being given as A.P.O. 272 and he appears to have been described as an American.

11. The Nottinghamshire Police have been asked for any information about Mrs. Franciszek LIPSKI but we have not, as yet, received a reply.

12. Information we have recently received from a TOP SECRET source that Mrs. Lillian SLOBODA is contemplating joining her husband in the U.S.S.R., but she has not as yet left the UK.

(A. J. BAVERS)  
for Brigadier,

Commander, British Services Security Organisation

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