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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK's son, FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, advised U. S. Army 12/12/55 at Seattle that his father was associated with RAS, San Francisco, during World War II for the purpose of giving aid and assistance in the manner of old clothing for the Russian people. Stated his father withdrew support of RAS around 1945 as he felt RAS had served its purpose as Russian aid group and as he felt RAS was becoming political. Source familiar with CP and CP front group activity in Marin County, Calif. could provide no information regarding ONICK. ONICK presently employed as carpenter. Records Marin County Sheriff's Office contain no record of ONICK. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

San Francisco T-1, who has provided reliable data in the past, advised on December 3, 1945 that ANDREI ROMANOVICH ORLOV, an employee of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, San Francisco, was then

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informed by a Commission employee that Mr. ONICK, Telephone Hemlock 4499, was waiting for ORLOV to look at the apartment. T-1 advised that the apartment was for GUDKOV (phonetic), and ORLOV agreed to contact ONICK. This source provided no additional identifiable data regarding GUDKOV or ONICK and it is not known if the aforementioned ONICK is identical with WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

It is noted that the 1945 San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory reflects that WILLIAM ONICK then resided at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, Telephone Fillmore 7859.

DATA PROVIDED BY FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, SUBJECT'S SON

FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, Captain, U. S. Army Reserves, was interviewed under oath by a representative of the U. S. Army at Seattle, Wash. on December 12, 1955 and provided the following information.

ONICK advised that he resided at 3717 26th Place West, Seattle, Wash., and that he was employed as Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross, 13th Naval District Headquarters, Building 208, Pier 91, Seattle, Wash. He advised that he held the rank of Captain, O-468853, Infantry, USAR, 6122 Control Group, California Military District, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. He advised that his father, WILLIAM FRED ONICK, resides at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, Calif., and that his stepmother, MARY ONICK, nee SOKOLACKO, resides with him at that address. He stated that his mother, ANISIA ONICK, nee SHUSTOFF, is deceased, and that MARY SOKOLACKO married his father in 1952. ONICK stated that he married VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI on April 28, 1955, in Vancouver, B.C. and that she was residing with him in Seattle. He stated that he was formerly married to VERA ONICK, nee ORLOFF, from whom he was divorced in 1949. He stated that her present husband had adopted their child, whose name he did not know.

San Francisco indices contain no record identifiable with MARY SOKOLACKO.

The Russian American Society (RAS), mentioned hereafter, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ONICK expressed the belief that he initially associated with the RAS in 1945 when he attended social functions of the RAS at the Russian Embassy, San Francisco. He stated that he might have attended one or two other social gatherings of the RAS after 1945. He observed that he had never been a member of the RAS and that he participated in the social functions "for the purpose of a social activity." ONICK advised that from approximately 1942 until 1945, his mother and father were associated with the RAS for the purpose of giving aid and assistance in the manner of old clothing for the Russian people. He expressed the belief that they were not RAS members although they were closely associated with the RAS. He advised that his father had worked as head bartender at the RAS hall on Divisadero in San Francisco. He stated that neither of his parents had been officials of the RAS but that on ceremonial occasions his father had been selected to hold the Russian flag and he noted that his father had been selected for this purpose apparently because he had an old Russian peasant costume.

According to ONICK, his aunt, ANNA BORDEN, nee ALEXANDROFF, 1915 York, San Francisco, associated with the RAS during World War II, but terminated her activity in about 1945.

The indices of the San Francisco Office contain no record identifiable with ANNA BORDEN nee ALEXANDROFF.

ONICK related that in approximately 1945, his father withdrew his support of the RAS because he felt that the RAS had served its purpose as a World War II Russian aid group and his father, therefore, ceased participation in RAS social functions.

ONICK stated that he had never contributed financially to the RAS but expressed the belief that he had donated old clothes to the Society. He stated that none of his relatives have had any connection with the RAS since his father's withdrawal in approximately 1945.

ONICK observed that he initially met VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI in June or July, 1951, in Vancouver, B.C., and that he became acquainted with her through his aunt, ANNA BORDEN, an earlier acquaintance of his wife. He stated he saw VALENTINA nearly every week end from Christmas, 1954 until their marriage in April, 1955. She was then employed as a

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Research Chemist at the American Can Co. and had held that position for about ten years. He advised that his wife is now employed as Secretary at the Sylvania Radio Co., 3346 E. Marginal Way, Seattle. He stated that his wife was born at Szereszow, Poland, on February 12, 1923 and arrived in Canada when she was six years of age. She is presently a Canadian citizen. He advised that he was not acquainted with any organizational affiliation on the part of his wife.

ONICK was asked if he would care to make a statement concerning his beliefs regarding Communism and he advised that "There may be something good about it, there may be something good about the English Government or any other government or, on the other hand, there may be something bad about it. I have never had a taste of it so I really don't know." He indicated that some people may like Communism as a form of government and "some people may not, but it is completely foreign to my own type of government." He was asked if he believed Communism would be a threat to the American way of life and he stated, "Communism is not a threat to the American way of life, there is not any reason to be scared of them, that's for sure." He was questioned regarding his sentiments concerning legislation outlawing the Communist Party and he advised that "as far as I am concerned it makes no difference to me because I am not interested in it."

Regarding VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI, San Francisco T-2, a confidential source abroad, advised in July, 1955, that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI, born February 12, 1923, in Poland, had been employed as a Private Secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV in the office of the Commercial Counsellor, Vancouver, B. C., from May, 1946 to February 1947.

T-2 advised that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI advised upon interview on 3/31/50 that she had formerly been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society in January, 1945. She stated that in 1950 she was a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians. This source advised that the aforementioned society and federation were Communist controlled organizations.

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AT MARIN COUNTY, CALIF.

San Francisco T-3, an acquaintance of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK advised on January 12, 1956 that ONICK is a member of Carpenters Local 35, AFL, San Rafael, Calif. and that ONICK is employed at the Crown Development, Larkspur, Calif.

FRANK TURCO, 17 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, Calif., advised SA PAUL F. SHARKEY on January 24, 1956, that ONICK is the owner of the residence at 17 Rocklyn Court and also owns four other homes in that neighborhood. TURCO stated that WILLIAM ONICK is a man of adequate financial means and that ONICK works as a carpenter only to obtain Social Security payments in the future. TURCO advised that in frequent conversations with ONICK he has observed nothing which would indicate that ONICK is other than a loyal citizen. He recalled that ONICK advised on one occasion that he, ONICK, had been a rich man in Russia and that he had been absent from Russia when the revolution occurred and that he had lost all his property and had never returned to Russia.

San Francisco T-4, who has provided reliable data in the past, advised on December 10, 1955, that he was aware of CP front group activity in Marin County, Calif. and that he had been recruited into the Communist Party in Marin County in 1955. T-4 stated that he possessed no information regarding ONICK.

Records of the Marin County Sheriff's Office, as reviewed on January 23, 1956 by SA SHARKEY, contained no record identifiable with WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK was obtained from FRANK TURCO and FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK:

Age:	59
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	195 lbs. to 200 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark

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Hair:	Dark Brown, balding
Build:	Heavy
Peculiarities:	Heavy accent
Occupation:	Carpenter
Employer:	Crown Development, Larkspur, Calif.
Marital Status:	Married
Residence:	26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, Calif.
Relatives:	MARY ONICK, nee SOKOLACKO - Wife ANISIA ONICK, nee SHUSTOFF, first wife deceased. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, son.

Photograph available in San Francisco file.

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