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WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK currently resides Corte Madera, California. Informants report that he has in past been active in RAS and was also familiar with officials of Russian Consulate, San Francisco, where he is reported to have attended receptions. ONICK'S daughter-in-law reportedly formerly employed private secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV at office of Commerical Counsellor, Vancouver, B. C.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon data set forth hereafter regarding WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK'S daughter-in-law.

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RE: VALENTINA ONICK, nee BELOBRODSKI  
(subject's daughter-in-law)

SF T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the FBI that in July, 1955, VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was then married to FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK and that they resided at 3717 - 26th Place, Seattle, Washington. This same source also advised that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was born February 12, 1923, in Szerezow, Poland, of Russian parentage and was employed as a private secretary by SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV in the office of the Commercial Counsellor, Vancouver, British Columbia, from May, 1946, to February, 1947.

SF T-1 reported that VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI was interviewed on March 31, 1950, at which time she freely admitted former membership and being on the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society (Communist controlled) in January, 1945. She also stated at the time of the interview she had been a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians (Communist) but held no office in that organization. She asserted that through her membership in the Federation of Russian-Canadians she was able to satisfy her musical ambitions as a member of the orchestra.

SF T-1 further reported that according to usually reliable sources, VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI'S brother, WALTER BELOBRODSKI is a member of the Labor-Progressive Party (Communist) and her parents are members of the Federation of Russian-Canadians. MRS. VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI ONICK told SF T-1 that she had resigned from the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship, which was a forerunner of the present Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society (Communist front), which was not considered under open Communist control until 1947.

SF T-1 stated that they had no record of FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK.

During the interview, BELOBRODSKI stated that she was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning SERGEI

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GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV or PETR PANKRATIEVICH GAVRILOV, who was also a member of the Vancouver Office.

The indices of the San Francisco Office of the FBI contain no additional data identifiable with VALENTINA BELOBRODSKI or WALTER BELOBRODSKI.

RE: CONTACTS OF WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK  
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOVIET CON-  
SULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SF T-2, who is in a position to furnish reliable information regarding Soviet personnel, advised on October 9, 1943, that one ONIK (phonetic) contacted YAKOV MIRONOVICH LOMAKIN, an official of the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and said that he had a lot of clothing and asked if he should bring it to the Russian Consulate or to the Russian War Relief. LOMAKIN instructed ONIK to bring it to the Russian Consulate.

Shortly thereafter, on October 9, 1943, according to SF T-2, one GOLUBENKOV, an official of the Russian Consulate, San Francisco, contacted ONIK (phonetic) and asked him to bring three empty boxes.

VASILIE IVANOVICH KUOZNETSOFF, 733 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, advised SA ROBERT E. LANCTOT on August 8, 1944, that he saw WILLIAM ONICK at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, in the company of other members of the Russian American Society (RAS) on one occasion during World War II.

SF T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that WILLIAM ONICK and his wife attended a reception given by Soviet Consul General MICHAEL VAVILOV at the Soviet Consulate, 2563 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on May 15, 1946, in honor of the Russian-American organizations. The ONICKs were included among 18 persons from the RAS.

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SF T-3 also advised that WILLIAM ONICK and his wife were included in a group of RAS members who were entertained at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, on the night of January 8, 1947.

SF T-2 advised on May 21, 1945, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF contacted VASILII IVANOVICH KHRAMEEV, Second Secretary, Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and gave him a list of the "Ruling Committee of the RAS to whom invitations should be sent." The list of ten persons included WILLIAM ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco.

SF T-3 advised on May 4, 1955, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was an active member of "The Eleven Branch" of the Communist Party (CP) USA, and had regularly attended meetings of that branch from 1950 to 1955.

SF T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that on November 6, 1947, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the Executive Committee of the American Russian Institute (ARI).

SF T-3 advised in October, 1954, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to be active in ARI affairs.

SF T-3 advised on April 4, 1955, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was President of the RAS and had held that position since its inception in approximately 1941.

The ARI and the RAS have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 4, 1947, a Special Agent of the FBI observed two men visit the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, from 10:42 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. They arrived at the Consulate in a red Dodge coupe, California License 26F553. An unidentified woman remained in the automobile during the visit of the two men to the Consulate. One of the men was observed to carry a small metal suitcase.

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Records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, reflected that License 26F563 was registered to WILLIAM ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California.

SF T-3 advised that WILLIAM ONICK of 2952 Jackson Street and also of Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, attended numerous meetings of the RAS from December 27, 1943, to March 14, 1947.

SF T-3 advised that "A. ONICK," the subject's wife, attended 25 meetings of the RAS from November 10, 1944, to March 14, 1947.

SF T-3 advised that WILLIAM ONICK was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the RAS at the January 24, 1944, meeting.

At the March 6, 1944, RAS meeting, according to SF T-3, ONICK asked that all RAS members pledge \$10 each to send to the Soviet Children's Hospital in Moscow.

SF T-3 advised that ONICK was elected Chairman of the RAS Spring Ball at the April 3, 1944, meeting. The same informant reported that ONICK was Chairman of the RAS Ways and Means Committee in July, 1944.

SF T-3 advised that MR. and MRS. ONICK were included in a group of RAS members who attended a meeting at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, on October 20, 1944, at which the principal speaker was ROBERT MINOR, National Communist Political Association (CPA) functionary.

The CP and CPA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3 advised that ONICK was nominated for the office of Treasurer of the RAS at the January 18, 1946, meeting, but declined the nomination. SF T-3 then advised that ONICK had moved to Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California.

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At the July 12, 1946, RAS meeting, according to SF T-3, ONICK was included on the committee to locate a new building for the RAS.

On November 4, 1955, SF T-3 advised that WILLIAM ONICK was active in the RAS, San Francisco, during World War II and was then pro-Soviet. The informant advised that ONICK dropped out of the RAS shortly after the end of World War II due to personal differences with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, who he reportedly despised. The informant reported that he has had no contact with ONICK since he left the RAS and has no information regarding his subsequent activities.

RE: INFORMATION REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS  
TO "DAILY PEOPLES WORLD" (DPW) NEWSPAPER

The DPW is a West Coast Communist newspaper, published in San Francisco.

SF T-5, who is familiar with the activities of the CP and Communist front organizations in the San Francisco area, advised on November 23, 1955, that he has no record regarding WILLIAM F. ONICK, ANISIA ONICK or FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK.

SF T-5 reported, however, that according to his records, one "M. ONICK, 2952 Jackson Street" was a subscriber to the DPW on the following dates:

February, 1938  
September, 1939  
September, 1941  
June, 1942  
August, 1943

It is not known if "M. ONICK" is identical with the subject of this case, however, as it will be noted elsewhere in this report, the subject resided at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco.

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Records of the Voters Registration Office, City Hall, City and County of San Francisco, as reviewed by SA WAYNE K. WELCH on October 20, 1955, reflect that WILLIAM FEODOR ONICK, husband of MRS. ANISIA ONICK, registered in 1936 while residing at 2952 Jackson Street. He was born in the USSR, date not shown; was employed as a painter and had been naturalized in San Francisco on January 8, 1934. ANISIA MARY ONICK was born in the USSR, date not shown; and was naturalized July 1, 1940, at San Francisco. These records reflect that WILLIAM ONICK'S registration was cancelled for failure to vote in 1946. ANISIA ONICK'S registration was cancelled in 1946 upon receipt of information from the Registrar of Voters, Marin County, California, reflecting that she had registered in that county on April 22, 1946. Corte Madera, California, is located in Marin County.

The 1944 San Francisco City Directory reflects that WILLIAM F. ONICK, a carpenter, resided with his wife, ANISIA, at 2952 Jackson Street, San Francisco.

The 1954-55 Marin County Directory reflects that WILLIAM ONICK, a carpenter, resides with his wife, ANISIA, at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera. The Information Operator, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Francisco, advised SA WAYNE K. WELCH on October 20, 1955, that WILLIAM F. ONICK is the subscriber to telephone number Corte Madera 448R, Marin County, California.

Records of the San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, reviewed on October 19, 1955, through Supervisor of Files FRANK J. McAULAY, disclosed no record of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK.

The January 20, 1939, issue of the DPW, Page 5, Column 1, contained an article captioned, "Dollars for the Voice of Democracy," which listed a group of members of "Russian Brigade" which contributed a day's pay to a sustaining fund for the DPW. Included therein was "W. ONICK .... \$10." It is not known whether this W. ONICK is identical with the subject of instant case.

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SGT. EDWARD KENNEDY, Records Section, G-2, 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, advised SA WAYNE K. WELCH on November 28, 1955, that the records of his office contained no additional pertinent information regarding WILLIAM ONICK.

RE: FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK  
(Subject's son)

On October 21, 1955, SA PAUL F. SHARKEY caused a check to be made of the Marin County Credit Association, San Rafael, California. These records reflect a report dated December 20, 1949, on WILLIAM ONICK, wife ANISIA. This record reflected the ONICKS' residence as Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, since September, 1945. The record reflected ONICK'S occupation as a building contractor, employed by himself.

The same record reflected a report dated April 18, 1955, on FRED WILLIAM ONICK, wife formerly VERA ORLOFF, whom he divorced April 1, 1949. This report also reflected that as of that date FRED WILLIAM ONICK resided at 26 Rocklyn Court and was employed as a Field Director for the Red Cross with an office at the 13th Naval District Headquarters, San Francisco. The report reflected that ONICK married VERA ORLOFF on October 7, 1946.

By communication dated September 26, 1950, the San Francisco Office of the FBI was advised by the 19th District, OSI Office of the Air Force, of certain information concerning one CHARLES D. GNECCO, of 232 Willow Street, Corte Madera, California. According to this communication, one S/SGT. KERMIT C. THOMPSON, Headquarters Squadron, 4th Air Force, residing at 530 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, California, advised that GNECCO was a close associate of WILLIAM C. ONICK, 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, who was alleged to be affiliated with the CP movement. The communication also stated that ONICK is known to be a close associate of H. LUCCA and JACK BELLTRONEY, both of Summit Drive, Corte Madera.

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Regarding the aforementioned H. LUCCA, SF T-6, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on October 4, 1943, that HUMBERT LUCCA, Summit Drive, Corte Madera, California, was then a member of the CP.

SF T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 13, 1953, that HUMBERT LUCCA was then a subscriber to the DFW.

Regarding the aforementioned CHARLES O. GNECCO, 232 Willow Street, Corte Madera, California, Second Lieutenant KERMIT C. THOMPSON, 325th All Weather Fighter Group, McChord Field Air Force Base, Washington, on January 8, 1951, advised that while he was attached to Hamilton Air Force Base as Technical Sergeant, he learned through conversation with GNECCO and from observation, that GNECCO and ONICK were neighbors and friends. He knew ONICK only by sight, and advised that he had no reason to believe from his personal knowledge that either GNECCO or ONICK were connected with the CP or any subversive group.

SA WAYNE H. WEBB was advised by Mr. H. T. ROLFF, 235 Willow Avenue, Corte Madera, California, that he had resided across the street from GNECCO for the past two years and had been acquainted with him as a neighbor during that period. He stated that he had never observed anything which would reflect on GNECCO's loyalty to the United States

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but that he would not be able to comment on his loyalty because he was not closely acquainted with him. He stated that the residence of WILLIAM ONICK at 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, was located immediately behind the residence of GNECCO and that so far as he had observed, ONICK and GNECCO were merely over-the-fence neighbors.

MR. C. H. MAEHIER, Insurance Broker, 224 Willow Avenue, Corte Madera, advised SA WAYNE H. WEBB that he has resided next door to GNECCO for the past two years and is well acquainted with him. He advised that there is no question whatever in his mind concerning GNECCO'S loyalty to the United States and that GNECCO has expressed to him on several occasions his dislike for the policies and philosophies of the CP. He stated that WILLIAM ONICK resided in a house immediately behind that occupied by GNECCO; that WILLIAM ONICK, SR., was a man who, because of his Russian birth, had a strong sentimental attachment toward Russia. He stated that he had never observed on the part of WILLIAM ONICK, SR., any statements or activities which would cause him to question ONICK'S loyalty to the United States. He stated that GNECCO had mentioned to him on one occasion that he had become acquainted with WILLIAM ONICK, JR., during their school days. He stated that there is no close association between ONICK and GNECCO and that he has never observed any association other than casual neighborhood conversation.

San Francisco indices contain no identifiable information regarding the aforementioned JACK BELLTRONEY.

Records of the Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle, Washington, contain a credit report dated April 21, 1955, from the Credit Bureau at San Rafael, California, which also includes data from the San Francisco Credit Bureau. This report reflects that FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, age 32-33, had formerly been married to VERA ORLOFF. They were married October 7, 1946, and she obtained a final decree of divorce in April, 1949. VERA ORLOFF was identified as the daughter of JOHN and ALICE ORLOFF, 3667 - 18th Avenue, San Francisco. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK was identified as the son of WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK, Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California.

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