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TO INFO	Chief of Station, Germany []		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO []
FROM	Chief, RMT []	DATE	12 JAN 1960
SUBJECT	[] Operational Investigation of BANDERA's Death	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED	See paragraph 2.	MARKED FOR INDEXING	
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<p>1. We have received recently the following information from [] about BANDERA's death:</p> <p>"It is certain that the Ukrainian leader BANDERA was liquidated by the KGB. For 15 years the KGB and Department II (UB) have possessed powerful agents who sit in the Ukrainian national movement. The KGB from Moscow and Kiev has had its sights on BANDERA for years. They wanted to wait for the right moment, however, in order to bump him off.</p> <p>"This operation was directed by Col. 'PIEROGOW' (cover name for KGB officer, Berlin-Karlshorst). In addition this action was also supported by KGB channels from Prague. The technique was very simple. A KGB agent who stood very close to BANDERA alerted him that an interesting personality, who is of interest to the AIS, had defected from the USSR. BANDERA went to a meeting which had been organized with this 'personality' in a restaurant in Munich. He had a discussion with the 'defector,' who was an officer of the KGB. This short discussion sufficed to squirt a drop of poison in the coffee cup, which proved fatal after 10-15 hours. It was not cyanide, but a special poison which had been prepared by the KGB for 'special purposes.'</p> <p>"Now the AIS office in Regensburg, which was upset by this, can chase the wind for a long time, when one notes that the KGB, through an agent sitting in this IS office, has placed false clues into the investigation."</p> <p>2. We understand from people here who are following the case that CIC played only a brief part in the investigation at the beginning and that the matter is now completely in the hands of the Germans. We would appreciate it, however, if you would find out whatever you can about the CIC part in the case in the hope that some light can be shed on the allegation [] makes about the "agent" in the AIS office.</p> <p>3. We do not wish this information to be passed to CIC at this time, either as MARKSMAN material or disguised. The reasons are: (a) we have no corroboration thus far on the [] information concerning the BANDERA case, (b) the allegation itself is too vague to be susceptible of much checking at present, and (c) the allegation is so typical of [] that, whether or not it was attributed to another source, CIC might think of [] which we do not wish them to do. However, if you can establish that CIC was, in fact, involved in the BANDERA investigation, we would then reconsider whether or not to pass them the above material.</p>			
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