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Commissioner for Immigration
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Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

FOR COORDINATION WITH INS

Attention: Mr. W. W. Wiggins

FOR COORDINATION WITH CIC/US Army

Dear Sir:

For some time, one Mikola Lebed has been rendering valuable assistance to this Agency in Europe. At the present time, he is being processed, together with his wife and daughter, for immigration to the United States through the provisions of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. The processing is taking place with the Displaced Persons Commission in Germany. IRO Area 4 has assigned D.P. No. 813210 to him, and his local file number in Munich is EC 56764. Affidavits of Sponsor have been filed and apparently have been validated by the DP Commission in Washington, Affidavit bearing No. D-9845. All of the above documents, plus various other identity documents, are made out in the name of Roman Turan, the name which has been used since Lebed has been in Germany.

The reasons for using the name Turan are substantial. Lebed's face and true name are well known in Germany, Poland and western Russia as the result of a police search for him due to his Ukrainian nationalist activities. He was sentenced to death by the Polish Government in 1935 as a Ukrainian Nationalist leader, the sentence subsequently being commuted to life imprisonment. At various times, he has been forced to go into complete hiding in Germany due to threats on his life. Further, he possesses rather extensive knowledge of certain CIA operations and is familiar with certain groups with which we are in contact. Consequently, for his own personal safety and for the security of our operations, it is essential that he not be picked up by police authorities. We are in a position to arrange the necessary CIC clearance for Lebed under the name of Turan.

Once Lebed arrives in the United States, he hopes to live here under his true name. Pursuant to the oral discussions between your Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Warner of this office, we should like to arrange with you the necessary details concerning his immigration status upon his arrival in the United States and the unusual feature of two names. We feel that there are compelling reasons to process the case in the manner outlined above and request that all possible assistance be rendered by your service.

Sincerely yours.

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some report we give with me
very soon of Turan
from Army*

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