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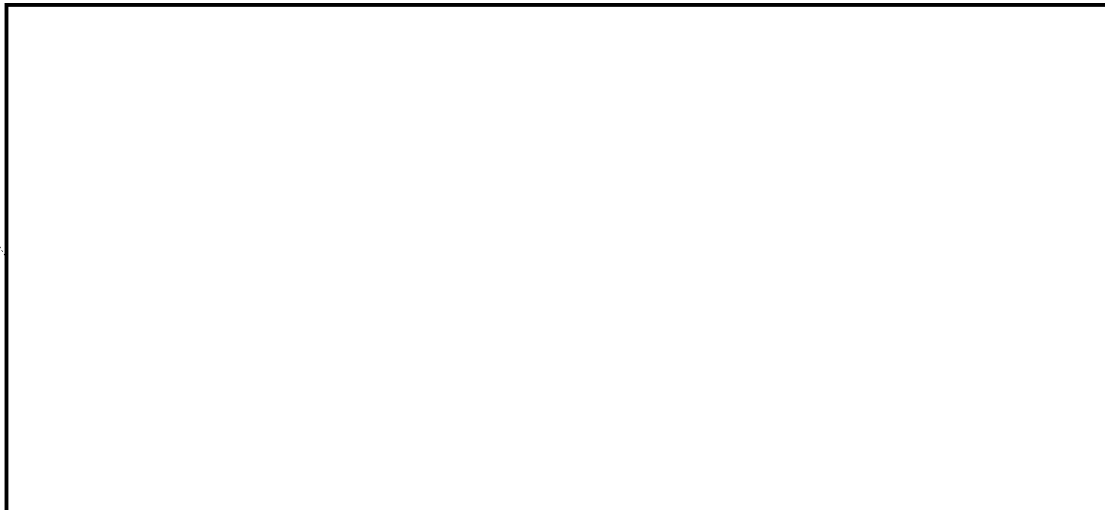
USCIB: 13.5/46 Item A (Not on Agenda) Considered at the Twelfth Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 4 March 1954.

Subject: The Anderson Case.

MR. PACKARD asked permission to present for the members' consideration a matter of importance and urgency which had just arisen. He proceeded to make the following statement:

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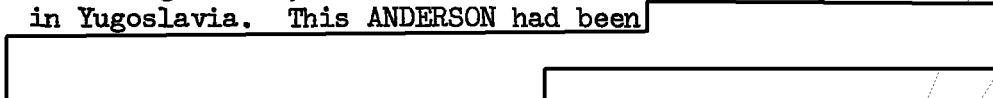
PL 86-36/50 USC 3605 As of 1400 on March 4, 1953 the following facts have been developed with regard to the ANDERSON case:



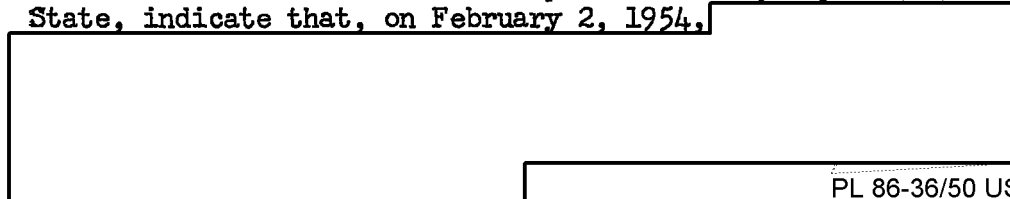
2. Department of the Army and ASAE records indicate that CURTIS BENJAMIN ANDERSON was



He had the fullest knowledge of ASAE intercept traffic, decryption and procedures for the handling and release of COMINT products. At the time of his discharge there was no specific indication that ANDERSON intended to visit Yugoslavia, but he was known to be intensely interested in Yugoslavia. This ANDERSON had been



3. The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, indicate that, on February 2, 1954,



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It is recommended that:

1. No immediate steps be taken to remove ANDERSON from Yugoslavia.

2. All USCIB agencies ascertain immediately whether (a) ANDERSON may be employed now by an US agency in a covert capacity and (b) the files of these agencies contain any information concerning ANDERSON's nationality, connections, character or intentions which would indicate that this may not be a perfectly straightforward problem.

3. The Department of State attempt to ascertain from Embassy Belgrade whether CURTIS BENJAMIN ANDERSON is in Yugoslavia and how long he will remain there. This could be attempted without reference to the COMINT bearing on this case or to ANDERSON's previous sensitive assignments. It would have to be undertaken by the Embassy without the knowledge of either ANDERSON himself or Yugoslav authorities.

4. If ANDERSON remains in Yugoslavia the Department of State attempt to work out a method by which he can be induced to leave Yugoslavia with a minimum risk of the compromise of the COMINT sources of information about this case.



It was further determined that Anderson is not in the employ of any member organization, and it was brought out that the date mentioned, March 7th, might possibly be May 7th. (Note: The date was later confirmed as March 7th.)

After discussion of the various aspects of the case, including consideration of possible means of effecting Anderson's removal from Yugoslavia, the members agreed to accept the recommendations made by Mr. Packard, and to designate the Department of State as the focal point for further information on the case.

DECISION: (4 March 1954) USCIBEC noted the report presented by Mr. Packard and approved its recommendations. USCIBEC also agreed that the Department of State would be the focal point for further information in the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 1720.

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