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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

Subject: Anderson Case.

- References:
- (a) USCIB 13.5/46 dated 4 March 1954.  
(Extra Agenda Item, 12th USCIBEC Meeting.)
  - (b) USCIB 13.5/53 dated 7 April 1954.

1. It will be remembered that reference (a)

2: During the course of the deliberations which followed receipt of the above-mentioned intelligence Anderson returned to the U.S. In order to learn as much as possible about the implications of the message which had caused our interest it was agreed that Anderson should be interviewed along the lines set forth in reference (b).

3. The enclosures report the results of the above-mentioned interview and indicate the circumstances under which it was conducted. In brief, the interview reveals nothing untoward and suggests that the propaganda spread by Anderson was in the nature of an advocacy of the U.S. form of government as a cure for Yugoslavia's economic ills. This in itself would appear to be not too popular a move in such a country and one which might well provoke a desire to keep an eye on the advocate.

4. It is recommended, therefore, that the Anderson case be considered satisfactorily explained.

5. It is also felt that the members of the Board will share the view of the Executive Secretary that the Board is grateful to the Army Member, the Chief of the Army Security Agency and Lt. Colonel Schwieker for the effective and discreet manner in which the interview with Anderson was handled.

6. In the absence of objection to the above by 1 June 1954, approval will be assumed.

*Rufus L. Taylor*  
RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosures

- 1. Report of interview.
- 2. Cy of ltr to Mr. Anderson  
dtd 6 Apr 1954.
- 3. Cy of Mr. Anderson's ltr  
to ASA dtd 12 Apr 1954.

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REPORT OF INTERVIEW  
MR. CURTIS B. ANDERSON  
(formerly Sgt Anderson, RA 17 314 269).

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1. Reference USCIB 13.5/53, dated 7 April 1954.

2. Pursuant to directive from ACoFS, G2, Department of the Army, Lt Colonel Paul B. Schwieker, ACoFS, G2, ASA, travelled to St. Paul, Minn., for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Curtis B. Anderson. This interview was conducted on 20 April 1954, with the full cooperation of ANDERSON.

3. Prior to satisfying the requirements of reference USCIB document Mr. Anderson's military service, civilian and military education and duty assignments were discussed, as well as travels in connection with ordinary military leave, and his reasons for requesting discharge from the Army in Frankfurt, Germany. Leave records contained in 201-File of ANDERSON indicated he had taken four periods of ordinary leave of approximately ten days duration each. ANDERSON indicated during his interview that while in the Service he had travelled to Italy, England, France, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. ANDERSON was discharged in Frankfurt, Germany, on 31 January 1954, on the basis of his request, and with the stated purpose of traveling in Germany, Norway and Italy. When queried about his travels after discharge he readily volunteered the information of his going to Yugoslavia and Greece.

4. Accordingly ANDERSON was queried as to where he had obtained his passport and visas, to which he replied that the passport was obtained in Frankfurt, and the visa to Yugoslavia was obtained in Munich. (The visa for Greece was obtained in Belgrade, Yugoslavia).

5. His travels, including his return to the United States, after his discharge were accomplished on approximately \$750.00 in Travelers Checks.

6. ANDERSON's itinerary while in Yugoslavia was as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mode of Travel</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
3 Feb 54	Train	Munich	Ljubljana	Hotel Slon (2 nights)
	Train	Ljubljana	Zagreb	Hotel Esplanade (2 nights)
	Train	Zagreb	Rijeka	
	Boat	Rijeka	Split	Hotel Belvue (2 nights)
	Bus	Split	Dubrovnik	Hotel Imperial (2 nights)
	Boat	Dubrovnik	Hercegnovi	NOTE 1. (1 night)

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mode of Travel</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	Train	Hercegnovi	Mostar	Hotel Neretva (1 night)
	Train	Mostar	Sarajevo	Note 2. (2 nights)
20 Feb	Train	Sarajevo	Belgrade	Note 3. (6 nights)
	Train	Belgrade	Smederovo (and return)	Note 4.
1 Mar	Train	Belgrade	Skoplje	4 hr layover for train
	Train	Skoplje	Salonika (Greece)	

NOTE 1:

ANDERSON stayed at the Hotel Boka and reported to have engaged in a conversation with a Mato Danilovic, who was reported to be a minor government official. This man conducted ANDERSON on a tour of Hercegnovi for approximately 1½ hours, and during this tour expressed interest in where ANDERSON had learned the language. ANDERSON reportedly told him he was a former soldier and learned the language in an Army school.

NOTE 2:

ANDERSON met Franjo Blazivic, a student in the Industrial School in Zemon. This man assisted ANDERSON to obtain lodging while staying in Sarajevo. ANDERSON also met a Grebo Hasan (Moslem), a student working toward his Doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Sarajevo. These acquaintances were interested in the economic conditions within the United States. While in Sarajevo stayed one night at a local school "dispensary" and one night in the Hotel Evropa.

NOTE 3:

ANDERSON departed Sarajevo on 20 February 1954 for Belgrade, accompanied by Franjo Blazivic. While in Belgrade he stayed at the Hotel Balkan and met a considerable number of people in cafes and elsewhere, including one Dragoslav Vukovic, who was reported to be a member of a professional society of dancers called "Kolo", and who on approximately 26 February 1954 was responsible for ANDERSON's being introduced to a man (name unknown) who according to Dragoslav Vukovic was a Communist Party member. ANDERSON volunteered the fact that during this introduction a discussion of economic problems of the United States and Yugoslavia was engaged in. ANDERSON also indicated that since the man was represented to him as a "dyed-in-the-wool" Communist he at that time could see no wrong in discussing economic outlines with such an individual. Upon question as to what ANDERSON might have said to this man he indicated that during the course of the discussion he stated that he felt that any economic ills Yugoslavia had, could be corrected more rapidly under

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a form of government similar to that of the United States. ANDERSON stated that he saw this man one other time while in Belgrade, and this time only casually. ANDERSON indicated that two other incidents had occurred in Belgrade which may be of interest. The first occurred while he was seeking to have his passport visaed for Greece. He inadvertently entered the grounds of a public building which he later learned to be the residence of Marshal Tito. At that time he was asked for his pass, and when he indicated that he had none he was informed that he could not enter. The second incident occurred when he indicated to Dragoslav Vukovic his interest in obtaining information as to the most representative music of the Yugoslav people, this man accompanied ANDERSON to Radio Station Belgrade where information as to these records were provided by personnel at the station. ANDERSON stated during the interview he was not afforded an opportunity to see the layout of the station or any of its equipment while there.

NOTE 4:

While in Belgrade ANDERSON reported that he travelled to Smederovo for the purpose of visiting an old Turkish fort. During this trip he was unaccompanied.

7. Upon completion of report of itinerary, and a commentary by ANDERSON, questions contained in enclosure to reference USCIB paper were asked.

Question 1. "What was the nature and extent of the cautioning you were given against traveling in Yugoslavia." (Para 3, Encl to USCIB 13.5/53)

Answer. "While I was in the Army I was fully aware of the travel restrictions to certain foreign countries. I was not informed at the time of my discharge of a continuation of these limitations."

Note: ANDERSON's request for discharge overseas indicated that his discharge was for the purpose of traveling to Germany, Norway and Italy only.

Question 2. "Did you do anything else in Yugoslavia other than which you have already told me about?" (Para 4)

Answer: "No."

Question 3. "Were the Yugoslav people friendly or suspicious?" (Para 4a)

Answer. "Friendly and not noticeably suspicious."

Question 4. "Did the Yugoslav people evince any interest in your previous activities while in the Army?" (Para 4b)

Answer. "No. Their only interest was about the language training, customs in the United States and history."

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Question 5. "Did the Yugoslavs give any indication of knowing that you had 'special knowledge?'" (Para 4c)

Answer. "No."

Question 6. "Were you while in Yugoslavia questioned by the police?" (Para 4d)

Answer. "No, except as indicated when I was stopped from entering the grounds of Marshal Tito's residence." (See NOTE 3)

Question 7. "Were you questioned by anyone else?" (Para 4e)

Answer. "No, only as indicated in my conversation." (See NOTES 1, 2 and 3)

Question 8. "Do you believe that you were kept under surveillance, and if so what made you think so?" (Para 4f)

Answer. "The whole country is under surveillance."

Note: ANDERSON pointed out that any visitor to Yugoslavia is observed. He attributes this statement to the fact that appearance of visitors is different from local people.

Question 9. "Why did you leave Yugoslavia?" (Para 4g)

Answer. "I had completed my visit and was desirous of going on home."

Question 10. "Do you know anything else other than what you have previously stated to me which you think might be of interest to assessing the reaction of the Yugoslavs to your presence and your activities in their country?" (Para 4h)

Answer. "No."

8. As a matter of information, the interview proper was conducted on a cordial basis and lasted for approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.

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1. Cy ltr fm Hq, ASA to ANDERSON, 6 Apr 54
2. Cy fm ANDERSON to Hq, ASA, 12 Apr 54

(Signed)  
PAUL B. SCHWIEKER  
Lt Colonel, GS  
ACofS, G2

6 April 1954

Mr. Curtis B. Anderson  
188 Mounds Boulevard  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Anderson:

It has been the policy of this headquarters to interview certain former Army Security Agency personnel upon their return from overseas, for the purpose of obtaining individual viewpoints concerning their service with the Agency.

Since you were stationed in the Frankfurt area, and were discharged overseas, this headquarters is desirous of obtaining your views and comments.

A staff visit to Army installations in the Chicago area, and to subordinate installations of Fifth Army, is scheduled during the period 16-27 April, and it is contemplated that Lt Colonel B. Schwieker will be in St. Paul and Minneapolis area on or about 19-20 April.

It is requested that the inclosed self-addressed franked envelope be used for reply, indicating the date which will be most convenient or convenient alternate dates for you, and the telephone number on which you may be reached in St. Paul or the surrounding area.

Trusting you will assist us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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a/s

REED A. BOOTH  
Lt Col, AGC  
ASST ADJ GEN

A TRUE COPY:

(Signed)  
JAMES P ELLIS, 1st Lt, GS  
Acting Chf, Sec Section

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April 12, 1954

Chief  
Army Security Agency  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Lt. Col. Reed A. Booth, Asst. Adj. Gen.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter of 6 April, I would be glad to be of assistance in this matter.

I am again a student at the University of Minnesota and consequently I am at school all day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, however, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are free. Tuesday afternoon 20 April would be most convenient. Thursday afternoon 22 April would be next, however, any morning is possible without affecting my work.

I can be reached at St. Paul telephone number, VAnburan 2156, Monday Wednesday, and Friday evenings and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Curtis B. Anderson  
/t/ Curtis B. Anderson

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A TRUE COPY:

(Signed)  
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Acting Chf, Sec Section

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