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Memorandum

LA-339-06

TO : Director, DCS
Attn: (Services (VThorne) and CCS)

DATE: 26 May 1966

FROM : Chief, Los Angeles Field Office

SUBJECT: Case 41076 - Libero Ricciardelli, US Repatriate.

REF : Hq Memo (VThorne), dated 5 Dec 63, Subj: Pichayny, Denny D., Correspondence with L. Ricciardelli.

1. Mr. Denny D. Pichayny, Aerospace Corp, 31 Segundo, Calif., has continued to correspond with Alexis G. Ivakhnenko, Soviet automatic control scientist residing in Kiev. In the most recent letter, Ivakhnenko enclosed an original letter from Ricciardelli written in Moscow, dated 23 June 63, and addressed to Ivakhnenko. On the back side of Ricciardelli's letter Ivakhnenko jotted a note to Pichayny, "It seems he is in prison in U.S., he cannot forget our friendship." This remark is apparently in response to a phrase he underlined in Ricciardelli's letter which read "But we can at least write..."

2. Pichayny would like to know if there is any interest in his writing to Ricciardelli and determining his status and forwarding the information to Ivakhnenko. Pichayny has no preference either way, he simply wants to place himself at our (or FBI) disposal and help if he can.

3. Is the referenced memo still effective? It states the FBI has no objection to Pichayny writing and/or visiting Ricciardelli, but that they would appreciate copies of correspondence written to him.

4. Also attached is a copy of Ivakhnenko's letter to Pichayny. Some immediate questions that are posed by Ricciardelli's letter are:
(1) Why did Ivakhnenko decide to send the original letter to Pichayny?
(2) What sort of copies did Ricciardelli promise to furnish Ivakhnenko? (See Ricciardelli's letter)

5. All attachments are for retention and classified Secret.

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File: Denny D. Pichayny
Aerospace Corp.