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Yuri Nosenko defected in Geneva, Switzerland, to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in January, 1964. This Agency on conducting an exhaustive analysis and interrogation of Nosenko is convinced that he is "a plant" and not a genuine defector from the Soviets to the United States. CIA does make a substantial case to support this conclusion.

During the course of CIA's analysis, because of information furnished by our own defector in place, FEDORA, which is quite similar to some information furnished by Nosenko, it was inevitable that the question of FEDORA's own legitimacy would eventually come up. CIA plans to ultimately present its case to the White House concerning Nosenko, and, therefore, it is imperative to clarify from our standpoint our position that the evidence we have indicates that FEDORA is a legitimate defector and not a plant sent to us by the Soviets. In order to do this, it is necessary to relate FEDORA to information which we have already given CIA in various espionage cases carrying code names of NICKNACK, GUNSON, GLEME, etc. GLEME, a woman Soviet agent, is now dead, and both GUNSON and NICKNACK have returned to Soviet Russia. Further, to show CIA convincingly that FEDORA, as far as we know, is legitimate, we should also refer to NY 694 of our SOLO operation and because FEDORA has furnished us information concerning meetings between NY 694 and a Soviet who provides our informant NY 694 with money for the Communist Party, USA. Judging from what CIA has "let drop," over a period of years, it is already aware of the identity of NY 694, although we have never officially advised CIA. As a matter of fact, CIA would have to be a total failure as an intelligence agency not to have identified NY 694, in view of information disseminated and trips which NY 694 has made to Russia.

Because the Nosenko case of CIA will ultimately go to the White House, now is the time to clarify the issue on FEDORA on our own terms rather than probably being forced to do so later on on terms other than our own. Further, this information is very material and important in adjudicating this serious national security case involving Nosenko. The FBI should not be put in a position of withholding material facts from another Government agency which has asked FBI assistance in

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