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TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
ATTN: Chief, Counterintelligence Branch Security Division

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Alleged US Army Defector in the USSR

1. The following information was obtained from Radisav RADISAVLJEVIC, a Yugoslav Army lieutenant, who recently defected to Austrian authorities in Vienna, enroute home from military training in the Soviet Union. Prior to defecting in Austria, RADISAVLJEVIC went on 5 or 6 March 1963 to the United States Embassy in Moscow with the intent of requesting political asylum, but he was denied entry to the Embassy by Soviet guards outside.

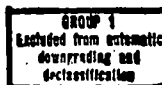
2. As RADISAVLJEVIC was leaving the American Embassy area, he states that he was approached by a young man, born about 1940, with the following physical description: blond hair, 175 cm tall, pronounced nose, wide and full lipped mouth, blue eyes, long face and athletic figure. This man was shabbily dressed with the general appearance of a poor student.

3. This stranger observed that RADISAVLJEVIC had not been permitted to enter the American Embassy and asked RADISAVLJEVIC what had happened. He told RADISAVLJEVIC that he was an American student at Kiev University and would also like to leave the Soviet Union but that the Soviet authorities refused to give him an exit permit.

4. On 10 or 11 March 1963 when RADISAVLJEVIC was himself in Kiev awaiting transport to Austria, he met by coincidence the alleged American student again on a Kiev street. Knowing that RADISAVLJEVIC was a Yugoslav, the American proposed to introduce him to another

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Yegorov national, Mileta KROVIC, reportedly assistant professor of economics, working on his Ph.D at the University of Kiev. RADIBAYLJEVIC was introduced to KROVIC at the University dormitory. Later KROVIC told RADIBAYLJEVIC that the American student was an alcoholic and a totally worthless person. KROVIC advised RADIBAYLJEVIC to keep away from the American student.

5. RADIBAYLJEVIC reported that this American had told him he had been a GI in Germany and had travelled to East Germany "for adventure." The East German authorities allegedly then turned him over to the Soviets and he was taken to the Soviet Union where, for a short while, he was quite a celebrity. But now he was reportedly disappointed with life in the USSR and was extremely homesick. He stated that he was in correspondence with his mother who was a teacher in the United States. RADIBAYLJEVIC never obtained the name of this American student but believes he resides on Zhalybova, Zhalybova or Zhalybova Street Number 4, Kiev, Ukrainian SSR.

6. No further information on the identity of the alleged American defector is available to this office.

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