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2. SUBJECT'S LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME ONICK, Fred William				3. SERVICE NUMBER 0468853		4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 553-22-1259	
5. DATE OF BIRTH 4 July 1921		6. PLACE OF BIRTH San Francisco, California					
7. INVESTIGATION(S) CONDUCTED				8. LATEST CLEARANCE(S) ISSUED			
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16. SUMMARY OF CONTENT (Use reverse side if additional space is needed)							
<p>SUBJECT has second degree relatives residing in Vancouver, B. C., Canada, degree of contact unknown.</p> <p>Valentina Onick, wife of SUBJECT was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 30 April 1956, at which time she verified previous background concerning herself and confirmed her employment with Office of the Commercial Counselor (Soviet Government), in Vancouver, B. C., Canada from May 1946 to February 1947. Onick admitted being a member of National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society during 1943-1944.^(S) (Which organization came under Communist Control about 1947. She admitted being a member of Federation of Russian Canadians and said her parents were also members of this organization. Her Brother, Walter Belobrodski, was a member of Polish Democratic Association.^(S) Both the organizations are Communist controlled. Onick declared she and her parents engaged in activities of the above organizations for social reasons. Onick stated she has never engaged in espionage or disloyal activities, and she knew of no such activity on the part of SUBJECT or relatives. (tab 1).</p> <p>SUBJECT advised that he was active in Russian American Society (RAS) in San Francisco, during World War II, for purpose of aiding War Effort, terminating affiliation in about 1946. SUBJECT stated that he had no knowledge of present activity. SUBJECT was in contact with members of Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, in connection with the delivery of clothing to USSR and attended Soviet-sponsored social functions. SUBJECT had no indication of espionage activity by Soviet personnel. (tab 2).</p> <p>Frederick William Onick, SUBJECT's son advised that his father was associated with RAS, San Francisco, during World War II, but withdrew in 1945, as he felt RAS was</p>							
17. DATE OF REVIEW 19 May 1959		18. PURPOSE OF REVIEW (Such as, promotion, clearance, attendance at service school, etc.) Promotion (USAR)				19. REVIEWED BY (Command or agency) Hq Sixth US Army	
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becoming political. (tab 3).

William Frederick Onick's daughter-in-law, Valentina Onick, freely admitted former membership and being on the Board of Directors of the National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society (Communist controlled) in January 1945. When interviewed she stated that she had been a member of the Federation of Russian-Canadians (Communist) but held no office in that organization. (tab 4).

The FBI has information that Vera Onick, SUBJECT's wife and her sister according to a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle, dated 26 December 1945, assisted the wife of the San Francisco Russian Consul in planning a celebration of "All Slavic Council of Northern California" in San Francisco. The celebration would mark the finish to a victory loan drive. (tab 5).

The newly elected officers of the All-Slavic Council of Northern California for 1948 are definitely pro-Communist or Communist party members. As a result of the election of officers for 1948, the members of the Czechoslovak nationality who are not Communists or Communist sympathizers have withdrawn from the Council. (tab 6).

One informant advised that he knew SUBJECT's father-in-law, John Orloff, to have been extremely active in the Russian American Society in San Francisco, 1943, and to have acted as treasurer part of this time. John Orloff was described as ambitious and stubborn and always desirous of being the leader. He was elected president of the All-Slavic Council of Northern California in 1948, which position he has occupied to the present time. He had considerable contact with members of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco. Informant (S) stated that John Orloff had stated that in July 1944 three Russian Engineers had visited (S) a factory in San Francisco, which manufactured nautical and surveying instruments. The engineers had been taken on a tour of the factory and one of the engineers wanted to know the metal from which a magnetic needle was made. Orloff said that he had been the translator, for these engineers, and that the company official leading the tour at the factory refused to furnish this information to the Russians, saying that it was SECRET. Orloff (S) told the Russian engineer that the metal was not SECRET and he would get anything the (S) visitors wanted. (tab 7). Informant stated that John Orloff is very favorable to the USSR and that anything Russia does is correct to Orloff's way of thinking. (tab 8).


John Orloff was president of the All-Slav Council of Northern California, had presided as Chairman of a meeting, for the purpose of raising funds for the support of raising funds for the support of Henry Wallace of the Third Party. Henry Wallace supports the Independent Progressive Party. (tabs 8,9). The American Russian Institute and the American-Slav Congress have been cited by the Attorney General. (tab 9).

One informant stated that Vera Onick, SUBJECT's wife, that he did not believe Vera Onick was a member of the Communist Party or particularly sympathetic to Communism or that she is particularly interested in any form of Government. He stated that she believed that she associated with the Russian groups because her parents do, and that they have developed friends among the Russian people, mainly because of their common background. (tab 10).

Informant revealed that Vera Onick's parents exert a great deal of influence over her, which was the main reason for her divorce from Fred Willian Onick. (tab 10).

Informant revealed that Vera Onick never at any time questioned the instructions of her father and that she had been taught to obey her parents without question. It was informant's opinion that if her father requested her to obtain confidential information from the Government, that appointee would probably obtain it. (tab 11).

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One employment source advised that he had never heard Vera Onick make any remarks which would indicate dissatisfaction with our form of Government or sympathy with Communism. He stated that she was a very satisfactory employee and well regarded by her fellow employees. (tab 12).

Two reliable employment sources stated that Vera Onick had never at any time made any remark indicating that she or members of her family were opposed to our Democratic System of Government or advocating any changes. Sources stated that Vera Onick has great admiration for her parents and particularly her father. (tab 12).

On 12 December 1955 SUBJECT was interviewed under oath concerning his association with the Russian American, Society, his knowledge of his present wife's activities with the Canadian Soviet Friendship Council, the Canadian Soviet Friendship League, and the Federation of Russian Canadians; and his beliefs concerning communism. (tab 13).

One employment source declined to recommend SUBJECT because of his habit of drinking and talking a lot when under the influence of alcohol. (tab 14).

One listed character references declined to comment on SUBJECT's suitability because of her limited association with SUBJECT. (tab 15).

One listed character reference hesitated to recommend SUBJECT due to the fact that SUBJECT has been away from home for considerable lengths of time and source feels that he does not know SUBJECT well enough. (tab 16).

Another listed character reference declined to recommend SUBJECT due to the way SUBJECT uses his friends for his own advantage and his inability to handle his financial affairs. (tab 17).

Two developed character references declined to recommend SUBJECT due to his limited association with SUBJECT. (tab 18, 19).

One developed character reference declined to recommend SUBJECT because she was not acquainted with SUBJECT during his adult life. (tab 20).

SUBJECT and his present wife had contact with Irving Isidore August, a developed character reference, at a party given by them for the ARC personnel in Seattle area in approximately March 1956. An Army investigation during 1955 uncovered information that August was associated with CP members and or front organizations. (tab 21).

It was concluded by Hqs Sixth US Army, 14 August 1956 that based on the lack of evidence of present membership, affiliation, or association with a subversive organization and the lack of evidence of sympathy with such organization or communism SUBJECT is not a security risk. (tab 22, 23). Concurrence from ACSI, Department of Army, 13 Sep 56. (Tab 24)

Six listed, four employment, and seven developed references were contacted, all of whom are favorable.

Provisions of paragraphs 6 & 7 AR 381-130 apply.

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