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MRS. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK

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VALENTINA ONICK interviewed on 4/30/56 at which time she verified previous background concerning herself and confirmed her employment with the Office of the Commercial Counselor (Soviet Government) in Vancouver, B.C., Canada from about 5/46 to 2/47. She claimed to have no knowledge of espionage activity by Soviet personnel, or any of their Canadian contacts whom she cannot now recall. Mrs. ONICK said she was a member of National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society during 1943-44. (Which organization came under Communist control about 1947, according to T-2, a confidential source abroad.) She admitted being a member of Federation of Russian Canadians and said her parents were also members of this organization. She stated her brother, WALTER BELOBRODSKI, was a member of Polish Democratic Association. Both of the above organizations are Communist controlled, according to T-2. Mrs. ONICK declared she and her parents engaged in activities of the above organizations for social reasons. She asserted she has never engaged in espionage or disloyal activities, and she knew of no such activity on the part of her husband or relatives.

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DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On April 30, 1956, VALENTINA ONICK, maiden name BELOBRODSKI, also known as Mrs. FREDERICK WILLIAM ONICK, was interviewed at the Seattle office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by SAs DOUGLAS J. KRAUTER and REESE H. CHIPMAN. Mrs. ONICK furnished the following information:

BACKGROUND DATA

Born February 12, 1923 at Szereszow, Poland, the daughter of JOHN P. BELOBRODSKI and PAULINE KALINIEKO BELOBRODSKI. In addition to background data previously furnished to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which was previously reported, Mrs. ONICK stated she has a brother ALEXANDER BELOBRODSKI, who also lives in Vancouver, B. C., Canada. She stated that ALEXANDER is 47 years old and is married to one NADIA BARMUTA BELOBRODSKI.

Mrs. ONICK advised that she was married on April 23, 1955 at Vancouver B. C. rather than on April 28, 1955 as previously reported.

She stated she and her husband still reside at 3717 - 26th Place West, Seattle. Her husband is presently employed as Assistant Field Director, American Red Cross, 13th Naval District, Pier 91, and she is employed as a secretary-stenographer at the Sylvania Radio Company, 3346 East Marginal Way, Seattle.

EMPLOYMENT - Office of the Commercial Counselor  
Soviet Government  
Vancouver, B. C.  
Approximately May, 1946 to February, 1947

Mrs. ONICK related that she was employed by the Office of the Commercial Counselor, also known as the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Canada or the Office of the Commercial Attache, from about May, 1946 to January or February, 1947 when the office closed. She related that the office at that time was located in an old residential area on Granville Street but had previously been located in the Marine Building in down town Vancouver, B. C. The personnel in the office during her employment were as follows:

SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV, Chief;  
PETER P. GAVRILOV, Port Engineer;  
ALEXANDER E. NAZAROV, who was some sort of shipping inspector;  
(FNU) SEMENOV, she was not certain of the latter's name.

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She was secretary to Mr. LUKIANOV and occasionally did minor correspondence for some of the other men. She recalled that Mr. LUKIANOV left some time late in 1946, and that GAVRILOV was the last remaining Soviet who closed up the office. Mrs. ONICK stated her duties consisted of writing letters in English to the Empire Shipping Company, Yarrow's Shipyard and other Canadian firms doing business under a "lend lease" arrangement with the Soviet Government. She said the Soviets did not entrust her with any highly confidential information, usually taking care of this themselves. She said she knew very little concerning their day to day activities except for what appeared to be legitimate matters connected with Russian-Canadian trade. She recalled that LUKIANOV frequently called the American Consulate concerning clearance for Soviet seamen and also made arrangements for travel of other Soviet personnel. She said GAVRILOV appeared to be handling repairs of Soviet ships and NAZAROV also had duties which frequently took him to the Soviet ships in port.

Mrs. ONICK recalled a Lieutenant ALEXANDER G. PAVLOV whom she believed made two trips to Vancouver from Ottawa, Canada, and she said she had also heard of Commander NIKOLAI IGNATIEV, who had formerly been a Navy convoy officer at Vancouver. She had also heard of one GENNADI ZYRIANOV, who preceded LUKIANOV as head of the office.

Mrs. ONICK was also acquainted with Mrs. LUKIANOV, who claimed to have been a dentist in Russia.

She said the above Soviets occasionally attended social affairs with some of the well known people in Vancouver, B. C. of Russian descent, particularly Mr. LUKIANOV, however, she said she can not now recall any of these people specifically. She said she had no social contacts with the above Soviets except on one or two occasions and she said that nothing of any security interest transpired at these events.

Mrs. ONICK was shown photographs of a considerable number of Soviet personnel who were attached to the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the Seattle, Washington - Portland, Oregon offices in the United States, however, she was not acquainted with these individuals and could furnish no information concerning them.

SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV

In August, 1943, Confidential Informant SE T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that one LUKIANOV, member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States, was one of a number of

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Soviet Government officials who were then engaged in espionage in the United States. It is believed that this individual is identical with SERGEI GRIGORIEVICH LUKIANOV, who was a member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States from about 1943 to 1945 at which time he was transferred and became Chief of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

LUKIANOV is believed to have departed from Canada on September 23, 1946 enroute to Moscow via New York. He departed from New York on October 23, 1946. According to records of the United States State Department, he returned to the United States in January 1949, as Secretary to the Soviet Delegation to the International Conference on Wheat and remained in this country until March 25, 1949. Investigation during this latter period did not disclose he was engaged in intelligence activities.

Mrs. ONICK advised that she had no knowledge of any espionage activity or any activity upon the part of the above Soviet personnel which was against the best interests of the Canadian Government and as far as she was able to determine, their business in Canada appeared to be entirely legitimate. She said that none had ever approached her to engage in any type of activity in behalf of the Soviet Government.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY,  
Aka THE CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, CANADIAN-  
SOVIET FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

The National Council for Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society is the forerunner of the present Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society which has been described as a "Communist Front" by confidential informant T-2, a confidential source abroad. T-2 advised that this organization was not considered under open Communist control until 1947.

Mrs. ONICK related that the above organization, to the best of her knowledge, was organized in approximately 1940 or 1941 when Russia and Canada were close allies. She said it was a cultural organization to begin with and

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was sponsored by many prominent and loyal Canadian citizens in Vancouver, B.C. She claimed that originally the Prime Minister of Canada, the Lieutenant Governor and such prominent individuals as Dr. (FNU) MacKENZIE, President of the University of Vancouver, B. C., were among the members and sponsors. She recalled that LEON LADNER, an attorney, was chairman.

Mrs. ONICK could not recall the exact circumstances surrounding her joining of the above organization, but believed she had read about it in the local newspapers. To the best of her recollection, she joined the organization about 1943 and attended functions of the organization at infrequent intervals during 1943-44. She said that sometime during this period, she was nominated to the Board of Directors of the organization, which position was entirely honorary and involved no work or activity. She asserted the activities of the organization were handled by the president and secretary.

Mrs. ONICK recalled attending several social functions of the organization in the form of dinners which were held in the salon of the Hotel Vancouver. She also attended one function at the University in Vancouver, B. C. She described the above functions by stating they appeared to be purely social and cultural in nature, and there were discussions concerning an interchange of music, drama and literature between Canada and Russia.

Mrs. ONICK said she could not recall specifically any person asking her to join, nor could she recall at the present time the names of the officers or members.

Mrs. ONICK stated that at the time she felt flattered to belong to an organization of that kind since she was a very young, naive girl just out of high school. She said that at the time she was a member, Russia and Canada were on very friendly terms and it appeared the fashionable thing to do. Mrs. ONICK believed that her attendance at functions of the organization ceased during the latter part of 1944 or very early 1945.

She said it was possible the organization continued having her name on the letterhead of the official stationery after she had ceased attending functions and said her severance of connections with the organization was very gradual. She recalled that some time in 1945, it was disclosed that Soviet Government officials had been engaged in espionage in Canada and relationships between Canada and Russia became strained. Mrs. ONICK was of the opinion that many members of the organization who had been active during World War II, dropped out at that time although she could not furnish any details.

She said that none of her relatives belonged to this organization.

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The Federation of Russian-Canadians has been described by T-2 as a Communist controlled organization.

Mrs. ONICK related that her parents belonged to the above organization as long as she could remember purely for social reasons. She explained that neither could speak good English and that her mother, particularly, sought enjoyment in the musical and social activities of this organization. She said that her brother, WALTER, was also a member of this organization. She advised that she had attended social functions of this organization since she was a little girl and during World War II, she was asked to join the choir and orchestra. She also took music lessons there when she was small. Mrs. ONICK stated she was aware there were persons in this organization who were interested in political matters, but she said the organization contained a great variety of people whose interests were variously

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divergent and she claimed to have no knowledge of any Communist influence or control of the organization. She could recall no attempts by the organization to teach Communist principles. Mrs. ONICK stated that subsequent to World War II she began working and her contacts with this organization were less frequent.

POLISH DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION

The Polish Democratic Association has been described by T-2 as a Communist controlled organization.

It has previously been reported that T-2 advised in August, 1955, that WALTER BELOBRODSKI, brother of Mrs. ONICK, was a member of the Polish Democratic Association and as of January, 1950, was secretary of this association at Vancouver, B.C. T-2 also advised that Mrs. ONICK's parents were reportedly active in this organization as of January, 1950.

Mrs. ONICK claimed she knew nothing of the above organization and its activities. She knew her brother WALTER, also known as VLADIMIR, was a member of this organization, but she did not know that her parents had been members of it.

Mrs. ONICK related that her brother WALTER immigrated to Canada separately from the other members of the family, coming in 1939. He lived with the family in Vancouver, B.C. only about one year and then moved to Vancouver Island. She said he went into the Canadian Army in about 1941 and was wounded at the battle of Dunkirk. Subsequently he married an English girl and came back to Canada after World War II. After living at home for about six months, he and his wife went back to England for about one year. They then returned to Vancouver where they established a separate residence. She stated that WALTER's wife was formerly BETTY MARCHANT. She believes BETTY is also a member of the Polish Democratic Association.

THE LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF CANADA

The Labor Progressive Party of Canada has been described as a Communist controlled organization by T-2.

Mrs. ONICK said she was aware of the existence of the Labor Progressive Party in Canada, but stated she has no information concerning its activities or membership and she stated she does not know whether her brother WALTER and his wife have ever been affiliated with this organization in any manner. She stated that it was possible they could have been members without her knowledge due to the fact she and the other members of the family have not been "close" to WALTER and his wife.

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She related that WALTER, since approximately August, 1955, has been employed by some Polish language newspaper at Toronto, Canada.

She said she has not been a member of any organizations in Canada other than those mentioned above, and she has not joined any organizations since coming to the United States in August, 1955.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. ONICK said she has not discussed her family history in detail with her husband, FREDERICK, and she has not told him anything about her activities in the Canadian organizations mentioned in this report. She also advised that FREDERICK has never told her about any organizations which he formerly belonged to. She could not recall that he had ever mentioned the Russian-American Society, RAS, (Which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.) She advised that she and her husband have been primarily interested in music, drama and art as hobbies, and that aside from their work, they spend most of their spare time in these pursuits. She said they are not interested in politics other than being loyal to the country of their choice. She said she has applied to become a U. S. citizen.

Mrs. ONICK declared that she has never engaged in espionage or activities which would be contrary to the best interests of Canada or the United States, and to the best of her knowledge, neither her husband nor other relatives have been so engaged.

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