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RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Synopsis:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides at the Headquarters of the Chicago Unit of the National Socialist White People's Party (NSWPP), 1314 West Ohio, Chicago. He is unemployed. VIDNJEVICH acts as captain in charge of Chicago Unit, NSWPP. VIDNJEVICH, arrested by Louisville PD, 4/20/67, while engaging in NSWPP activities during open housing marches being held this city. VIDNJEVICH active in affairs of Chicago Unit NSWPP, November, 1966 to May, 1967. Attended meeting of National States Rights Party in Chicago in December, 1966. SUBJECT REPORTED TO HAVE ACCESS TO FIREARMS AND ON JANUARY 25, 1967 REPORTEDLY FIRED A WEAPON TO DISCOURAGE YOUTHS HARRASSING HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

#### DETAILS:

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### Residence and Employment

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides at the Headquarters of the American Nazi Party (ANP) more recently referred to as the National Socialist White People's Party (NSWPP), 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago. VIDNJEVICH is not regularly employed but serves as Captain in Charge of the Chicago Unit of the NSWPP. VIDNJEVICH devotes his full time to the NSWPP.

(CG T-1, 5/29/67) (CG T-2, 5/29/67)

A characterization of the NSWPP appears in the appendix section of this report.

## Credit

The records of the Chicago Credit Bureau as checked May 6, 1967 concerning VIDNJEVICH were negative.

# Criminal

On May 6, 1967, the records of the Chicago Police Department, Records and Communications Section, as checked by IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR, were negative with respect to an arrest of VIDNJEVICH since last reported.

Concerning the arrest of VIDNJEVICH, October 31, 1966, at Kennedy High School, previously reported, records of the Chicago Police Department reflect this arrest resulted in a \$200.00 fine, December 5, 1966.

On April 20, 1967, it was learned that three members of the Chicago Unit of the NSWPP, including CHRIS VIDNJEVICH, had traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, where they planned to remain for several days. The purpose of the trip was to pass out NSWPP literature and "White Power" signs to people in Louisville who have been protesting the open housing marches taking place in Louisville.

(CG T-2, 4/20/67)

On April 20, 1967, Major PRIEST M. FRY, Chief of Detectives, Louisville, Police Department advised that CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and two other NSWPP members had been observed among hecklers on the evening of April 20, 1967 in the south end of Louisville where the housing supporters had attempted to stage a march. Major FRY said that VIDNJEVICH and the others had in their possession "White Power" signs bearing Nazi insignias and had distributed these to some of the hecklers. VIDNJEVICH had been arrested and charged with criminal syndicalism.

Source advised VIDNJEVICH is scheduled to make a court appearance in Louisville in connection with this matter on July 7 or 8, 1967.

(CG T-1, 6/5/67)

# Automobile

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH does not operate a motor vehicle at this time.

(CG T-1, 5/29/67)

# Knowledge of Weapons and related matters

The Chicago Unit of the NSWPP maintains a .44 caliber revolver at Headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, which is under the control of Captain CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and given to individual members who are designated "duty officers" on any particular occasion.

(CG T-1, 2/67)

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During March, 1967, a new member of the NSWPP, FRED CATALANO, took up residence at the headquarters of the NSWPP. This individual brought with him his personal gun collection, which includes a .22 caliber revolver, a .25 caliber revolver, a .44 caliber Magnum and four or five other guns. These weapons are hidden at the headquarters and only CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and FRED CATALANO know where.

(CG T-1, 3/20/67)

Weapons at the Ohio Street Headquarters now includes a Colt .45 caliber automatic pistol model M1911A1 which was given to CHRIS VIDNJEVICH by a supporter.

(CG T-2, 5/10/67)

# II. CURRENT POSITION IN THE NSWPP

A characterization of the National Socialist White People's Party (NSWPP) is to be found in the appendix section of this report.

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH holds the rank of Captain in the NSWPP and is in charge of the Chicago Unit of this organization.

(CG T-1, 5/29/67) (CG T-2, 5/29/67)

# III. ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT

National Socialist White People's Party (NSWPP)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the headquarters building of the NSWPP on November 3, 1966. He was engaged in a telephonic conversation with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, Commander of the NSWPP in Arlington, Virginia. VIDNJEVICH was heard to say that he had just collected \$400 from a local supporter.

(CG T-1, 11/7/66)

Source advised that on November 6, 1966, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH received information that there was going to be a Negro picket in Marquette Park, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH and several other members of the NSWPP proceeded to the park to pass out NSWPP literature and possibly counterpicket, however, the group was stopped by the Chicago Police Department before they could make any literature distribution. There were no charges brought against the NSWPP members on this occasion.

#### (CG T-1, 11/7/66)

The following source advised on November 7, 1966 that on November 6, 1966, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH led a group of five members of the NSWPP into the Marquette Park area of Chicago. VIDNJEVICH had heard that some Negroes were going to demonstrate here and he planned a counter-demonstration, however, it did not materialize.

(CG T-3, 11/7/66)

On November 11, 1966, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH received a telephone call from Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the NSWPP. The subject of conversation was the outcome of the elections in the State of Illinois and there were instructions given to VIDNJEVICH, however, what the precise instructions were was not known.

(CG T-1, 11/14/66)

On November 14, 1966, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH accompanied Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL to court in Evanston, Illinois. This court appearance by ROCKWELL was in connection with an arrest by former Cook County Sheriff RICHARD B. OGILVIE in August, 1966 on a disorderly conduct charge.

(CG T-1, 11/21/66)

It was learned that on December 12, 1966, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH had gone to the State of Indiana to obtain donations for the Chicago Unit of the NSWPP.

(CG T-1, 12/16/66)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was observed typing letters on December 29, 1966, asking for financial support from members and sympathizers of the NSWPP.

(CG T-1, 12/30/66)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and other members of the NSWPP were at the headquarters building, 1314 West Ohio Street, on December 30, 1966, preparing Party propaganda envelopes to be sent to sympathizers in the area.

(CG T-1, 1/6/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at a New Year's Eve party being held at the NSWPP headquarters building on December 31, 1966.

(CG T-2, 1/4/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the NSWPP headquarters building, 1314 West Ohio Street on January 3, 1967. On this occasion VIDNJEVICH was explaining the status of the NSWPP building which had recently been involved in a suit with the building department of the City of Chicago. It was learned that the NSWPP must obtain a \$1,000 bond in order for the case to be continued and placed before an appeal court. VIDNJEVICH stated that he plans to keep the building at whatever cost and whatever the effort will be.

(CG T-2, 1/4/67)

The following source reported that on January 19, 1967, Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the NSWPP arrived in Chicago to hold a conference with CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and certain other members of the Chicago Unit of the NSWPP. VIDNJEVICH and the others drove out to a motel near O'Hare Airport where Commander ROCKWELL was staying and ROCKWELL told the group that he had arrived in Chicago to confer with his attorney in connection with his upcoming court case and ROCKWELL also pointed out that he was interested in starting a door-to-door neighborhood campaign in the coming weeks to obtain funds for the NSWPP. The pitch for this collection was expected to stress a "White Guard" and will urge people in the neighborhoods to give money so that their homes will be protected next summer. ROCKWELL also announced to those present that he was engaged in a wide scale college speaking tour at the present time.

(CG T-2, 1/20/67)

In addition, the following two sources verified ROCKWELL's presence in Chicago on January 19, 1967 and conference with VIDNJEVICH and other NSWPP supporters.

(CG T-1, 1/23/67) (CG T-4, 2/14/67)

On January 24, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH led a group of NSWPP people to a Chicago Gage Park neighborhood to distribute Party propaganda leaflets in connection with the NSWPP neighborhood campaign. While they were so engaged, Chicago Police Department officers appeared and warned CHRIS VIDNJEVICH that the group would be subject to arrest for littering and to stop the distribution of the leaflets. CHRIS VIDNJEVICH told the group they would go to another area on the following day.

(CG T-1, 1/26/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was out of the headquarters building on February 4, 1967 and was trying to serve subpoenss on people for Commander ROCKWELL's upcoming trial on February 6, 1967.

(CG T-1, 2/10/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH instructed those present at the NSWPP Headquarters on February 5, 1967 to give GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL moral support when he makes a court appearance in Chicago on February 6, 1967.

(CG T-1, 2/10/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL in Evanston, Illinois on February 6, 1967, during the latter's court appearance in this city on this date.

(CG T-1, 2/10/67)

On February 16, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was observed spending a large portion of the day at the headquarters building attempting to locate Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL who was reported somewhere in the Chicago area.

(CG T-1, 2/23/67)

On February 19, 1967, a gathering of pertinent NSWPP people was held at the headquarters building, 1314 West Chic Street, Chicago. Included in this group was Captain CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and Commander ROCKWELL who was observed speaking to VIDNJEVICH about getting the people of Chicago to support the MSWPP next summer. ROCKWELL said that he would come back to help.

(CG T-1, 2/23/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was at the headquarters building on February 22, 1967. The new NSWPP neighborhood approach to obtain funds was discussed on this occasion.

(CG T-1, 2/23/67)

On February 25, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was observed at the headquarters building with RAY SCHULTZ former head of the Chicago National States Rights Party (NSRP). It was learned that SCHULTZ had left the NSRP and SCHULTZ was moving all of his personal belongings out of the NSRP headquarters and had brought a good bit of it to the NSWPP headquarters. VIDNJEVICH was helping transfer the material. A large box of mail that had been received by the NSRP was also taken and CHRIS VIDNJEVICH went through this material to all names to the NSWPP mailing list.

(CG T-2, 3/3/67)

A charaterization of the NSRP will be found in the appendix section of this report.

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at NSWPP headquarters building on February 26, 1967 and told those present that there are being considered some plans for the NSWPP to open a bookstore on Chicago's south side.

(CG T-2, 3/3/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was at the Chicago NSWPP headquarters building on March 1, 1967, where it was brought out that the organization is now known by the following names: National Socialist White Peoples Farty, the American Nazi Party and the National Socialist Youth Movement.

on March 10, 1967, Chris Vidnjevich and Lieutenant HOWARD KLY, am ANP Officer from Arlington, Virginia, were attempting to locate a store to be used for a NSWPP bookstore on Chicago's southwest side. ELY and VIDNJEVICH had apparently

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been working on this for approximately one week, however, they were having some problems in connection with obtaining a store and had not been successful as of this date.

(CG T-4, 3/24/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the NSWPP headquarters on March 12, 1967 and was heard to remark that the Party had not been able to obtain property on Chicago's south side for use as a bookstore, however, he advised he was continuing his efforts.

(CG T-2, 3/13/67)

As of March 17, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was continuing his efforts to get a bookstore through some persons he knows in that area. This was believed to be a Slovakian or Lithuanian group.

(CG T-4, 3/24/67)

On March 25, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH led a group of NSWPP members to the downtown area of Chicago where they engaged in harrassment tactics against an anti-Vietnam "peace" parade being staged in the loop on this date. The group walked around the area shouting "We want Rockwell", "Communism is Jewish" and other remarks. The group found a man handing out signboards with anti-war slogans. CHRIS VIDNJEVICH told the group to take as many as they could carry and follow him to the river to throw them in. They did this on three or four occasions. VIDNJEVICH also led the group to the vicinity of a rally to be held by the peace people, however, the NSWPP members did not stay.

(CG T-1, 3/27/67)

The following source also reported VIDNJEVICH leading a group of NSWPP members in a counter-demonstration against peace marchers in Chicago's Loop on March 25, 1967.

(CG T-4, 3/29/67)

The following source reported VIDNJEVICH present at the NSWPP headquarters on March 24, 1967, where it was announced that representatives from the NSWPP would attend a debate between OMAR/OTHMAN, President of the Arab Congress for Palestine and JOE HIRSCH (representing Israel) at the College of Complexes, 105 West Grand Avenue on March 24, 1967. The NSWPP would attend the debate to support the President of the Arab Congress for Palestine and his position. It was also announced that the NSWPP would attend the "peace parade" on March 25, 1967.

(CG T-3, 3/24/67)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the NSWPP headquarters on March 27, 1967, as was Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKEWLL. The gathering was mainly a "bull session" but some mention was made of plans to picket against a proposed peace parade against the Witco Chemical Company in Stickney, Illinois on April 8, 1967.

(CG T-2, 3/28/67)

On April 3, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH announced to those present at the headquarters building that they would harrass peace marchers at a peace parade to be held April 8, 1967.

(CG T-1, 4/4/67)

The following source reported that at a gathering of NSWPP people at the headquarters building on April 7, 1967, eight persons were present including CHRIS VIDNJEVICH who announced a NSWPP counter-picket to be held at the Witco Chemical Company, 6200 West 51st Street, Stickney, Illinois on April 8, 1967, to counter a proposed "peace" picket to be held on this date.

(CG T-3, 4/10/67)

On April 8, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and a group of followers of the NSWPP in Chicago proceeded to the 49th Street area of Chicago where a group of peace marchers were gathering for a march to the Witco Chemical Company, where they intended to picket. The NSWPP group walked around the peace marchers and heckled them. They did this for about an hour. The peace marchers got into their cars and were followed to the Stickney area of Chicago where the Witco Chemical Company is located. The NSWPP members continued their counter-demonstration by heckling the "peace" parade.

(CG T-1, 4/12/67)

It was learned that on Friday, April 14, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH had gone to Iowa City, Iowa where he gave a speech at the University of Iowa to counter an anti-Vietnam protest rally being held in this area.

On April 15, 1967, ERIKA HIMMLER, who identified herself as the Secretary of the Chicago Unit of the NSWPP, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and expressed fear for the safety of CHRIS VIDNJEVICH, explaining that VIDNJEVICH had departed Chicago on April 14, 1967, for the "tri-cities area" of Illinois (Rock Island, Davenport, Iowa-and Moline) to participal with members of a newly formed NSWPP group in that area in a counter-demonstration to an anti-Vietnam war demonstration being held there.

On April 16, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH at the NSWPP headquarters mentioned that he had recently been in Davenport, Iowa or in the "tri-cities area" for a day to lead a demonstration against a "peace creep" march or rally in that area. VIDNJEVICH also had mentioned that he had been invited to speak at a high school in one of the northern suburbs but that a bomb threat to the school was phoned into the school which prevented him from speaking.

(CG T-2, 4/17/67)

On April 20, 1967, the following source advised that on this date CHRIS VIDNJEVICH, Captain in Charge of the Chicago Unit of the NSWPP and two other NSWPP followers were scheduled to leave for Louisville, Kentucky on this date and according to the following source these persons had in their possession a list of NSWPP sympathizers in the Louisville area and the purpose of the trip was to pass out NSWPP literature and "White Power" signs to people of the area protesting open housing marches in Louisville.

(CG T-2, 4/20/67)

On April 20, 1967, ERIKA HIMMLER, mentioned above, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and advised that CHRIS VIDNJEVICH and two other followers of the NSWPP in Chicago were en route to Louisville, Kentucky to participate against the open housing marches being held in this city.

On April 21, 1967, ERIKA HIMMLER contacted the Chicago Office and stated that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL wished to furnish some information. ROCKWELL advised that he had talked to CHRIS VIDNJEVICH on the morning of April 21, 1967, via telephone and VIDNJEVICH stated that he and two other individuals were arrested on the evening of April 20, 1967, at Louisville, Kentucky while participating in a counter-demonstration. At this time VIDNJEVICH told ROCKWELL that he and the individuals who accompanied him were in jail in Louisville.

In addition to the above activity, the following is noted:

CG T-1 advised from the period November 7, 1966 through May 1, 1967, that CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the headquarters building of the NSWPP on at least 94 occasions known to source from November 1, 1966 to April 30, 1967.

Source stated that on most of these occasions VIDNJEVICH was engaging in some phase of NSWPP activity or joining in discussion with other NSWPP members and sympathizers.

CG T-2 advised from the period December 20, 1966 to April 25, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the headquarters of the NSWPP on at least 22 occasions from December 12, 1966 to April 19, 1967. Source stated that on these occasions VIDNJEVICH was engaged in some form of NSWPP activity or joined in discussions with other NSWPP people.

CG T-3 advised on April 6, 1967 and May 4, 1967, that CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the NSWPP headquarters building on April 5, 1967 and May 4, 1967 and was engaged in some form of NSWPP activity.

CG T-4 advised from the period December 27, 1966 to February 14, 1967, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was present at the NSWPP headquarters on at least three occasions known to source from December 18, 1966 to January 22, 1967. On these occasions VIDNJEVICH was engaged in discussion with other NSWPP sympathizers or engaged in some phase of NSWPP activity.

# National States Rights Party (NSRP)

On December 17, 1966, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the NSRP being held at the NSRP Headquarters, at 2237 North Western Avenue. The movie "Birth of a Nation" was shown to those assembled. The movie was described as being anti-Negro in nature.

(CG T-5, 12/20/66)

CHRIS VIDNJEVICH was reported present at a meeting between certain NSRP people on March 31, 1967 in Chicago.

At this meeting a general discussion was had as to the plans for the summer of 1967 regarding the NSRP and the NSWPP. VIDNJEVICH mentioned that the NSWPP planned on making a door-to-door canvas on the southwest side of Chicago in an effort to recruit members and money for the NSWPP.

(CG T-5, 4/10/67)

#### APPENDIX

NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY, Aka. THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago Unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, AND, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1962, MATTHIAS KOEHL, self-identified as lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject to the final authority of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ANP National Headquarters.

A second source advised on August 17, 1966, that the Chicago Branch of the ANP is currently located at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A third and fourth source have advised in December, 1966, that a directive was received from National Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, by the Chicago Unit of the AND, 1314 West Ohio Street, during December, 1966, advising that the official name of the organization beginning January, 1967, would be National Socialist White People's Party.

These latter two sources have advised that since January 1, 1967, the Chicago Unit of the ANP has mailed out official pamphlets and appeals under the heading of the National Socialist White People's Party, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois (American Nazi Party).

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NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, AMERICAN NAZIS, THE WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book, "This Time the World," copyrighted in 1961, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that ROCKWELL's Party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that ANP-WUFENS was organized by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1956, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that ROCKWELL is the dominant force and personality in this Party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On August 19, 1966, the source advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL presently believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is well into the third stage, to wit, "the organizing of the people who have been converted to our propaganda." The source added that ROCKWELL had previously believed that he would be elected Governor of Virginia in November, 1965, and when defeated, he made the statement that he was not ready for stage four.

On December 27, 1966, the source advised that ROCKWELL mailed a communication to all members of the ANP entitled, "National Directive from the Commander, Effective 1/1/67." This communication reflected that the formal name of the Party would be "National Socialist White People's Party" and they would still be known as the "American Nazi Party" and "American Nazis" for short.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on February 8, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) is located at the NSRP National Bookshop at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago branch of the NSRP was officially opened on December 29, 1965, when Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, National Director of the NSRP, spoke at a rally held at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

The above source also advised that the National Office of the NSRP is located at Augusta, Georgia, and the Chicago branch of the NSRP subscribes to the policies of the National Office of the NSRP. The NSRP believes that there should not be race mixing between whites and Negroes and that Negroes in the United States by conducting demonstrations and causing riots are causing a breakdown of law and order in the United States. The NSRP believes that the Jews and the Negroes should be exposed in their attempts to have integration between whites and Negroes.

A second source advised on July 26, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the NSRP continues to be located at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

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# NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knowille, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knowville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post OfficeBox 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue No. 88, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia, 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that Edward R. Fields, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

"The Thunderbolt," is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 72, dated November, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt," reflects Dr. Edward R. Fields to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides at American Nazi Party (ANP) headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is unemployed. VIDNJEVICH holds the rank of captain in the ANP having been promoted by Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL in the summer of 1966! VIDNJEVICH is Officer in Charge of the Chicago ANP unit. VIDNJEVICH, from 5/66, to 11/66, attended meetings of, and in most instances, presided over meetings of the ANP in Chicago. During 8/66, VIDNJEVICH participated in literature distribution on behalf of the ANP during open housing-civil rights marches sponsored by the Chicago Freedom Movement -Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Chicago in the summer of 1966. VIDNJEVICH and several other followers of the ANP arrested by Chicago Police Department on 10/31/66, while attempting to conduct picket demonstration at Kennedy High School, Chicago.

DETAILS:

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### Residence

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides at the Chicago American Nazi Party (ANP) Headquarters Building, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 11/21/66)

#### Employment

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH is not employed and devotes his full time efforts to the work of the ANP Chicago Unit.

(CG T-1, 11/21/66)

Mr. RUSSELL ROBERDS, Personnel Manager, International Harvester Company, 31st Street and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised on October 31, 1966, that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH began being absent from his job at this company the early summer of 1966 and was terminated from his employment and is not eligible for rehire.

#### Credit

On October 31, 1966, the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau were checked concerning CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH by IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR and no record was located.

## Arrest

On November 1, 1966, the records of the Chicago Police Department, Records and Communications Section, were caused to be checked concerning CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH by IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR. These records reflect the following arrest:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, born September 15, 1943, residing 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, height 5'11", weight 180,

blue eyes, brown hair, was arrested on October 31, 1966, at 5600 South Narragansett on the street. Records reflect VIDNJEVICH was arrested on a disorderly charge after committing a breach of the peace at the above address which amounted to literature distribution at Kennedy High School at 56th and Narragansett Avenue.

\*\*MAPOLITANO, Cook County Circuit Court, Chicago, advised on September 15, 1966, that a hearing had been held on this date before Judge NAPOLITANO at Housing Court, Civic Center, Chicago. The parties to the hearing were the ANP Building at 1314 West Ohio, and ANP members CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and JOHN WALLACE. They, according to MC CANN, along with the building owners were found in contempt of court over refusing on several occasions during 1964 to allow Chicago building inspectors to inspect the building housing the ANP Headquarters at 1314 West Ohio Street. He stated that a court order was issued directing the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, to arrest the defendants.

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH had been arrested by Cook County Sheriff's Police during the late afternoon or early evening of September 16, 1966. The arrest had been made at the headquarters building of the Chicago ANP unit. Source stated this arrest stemed from VIDNJEVICH's refusal to allow members of the City Building Department to examine the premises at 1314 West Ohio Street.

(CG T-1, 10/18/66).

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was released from County Jail on September 26, 1966, where he had been confined since September 16, 1966, as a result of the legal conflict between the ANP building and the City Building Department.

(CG T-1, 11/2/66)

## II. CURRENT POSITION IN THE ANP

A characterization of the ANP is found in the appendix section of this report.

It was learned on June 19, 1966, that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH as of that time was the only officer of the Chicago Branch of the ANP.

(CG T-2, 6/21/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was recently promoted during the latter part of September, 1966, and now holds the rank of Captain in the ANP.

(CG T-1, 11/2/66)

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH holds the rank of Captain in the ANP having been promoted to this rank by Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the ANP during the summer of 1966.

(CG T-3, 11/21/66)

# III. AUTOMOBILE

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH does not operate a motor vehicle at this time.

(CG T-1,11/21/66)

Source advised VIDNJEVICH does not operate a motor vehicle and depends on other ANP personnel for transportation.

(CG T-3, 11/21/66)

# IV. ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT

CHRISTOPHER VIDNIEVICH, along with two other members of the Chicago Unit ANP, traveled to the Chicago Circle Campus

of the University of Illinois on April 29, 1966. During a speech being given before the Illini Humanists, a campus organization of this university, by a representative of the American Jewish Congress, VIDNJEVICH stood up and took exemption to the remarks being made by this individual and attempted to disrupt the meeting.

(CG T-4, 4/29/66)

VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP held on May 1, 1966, at 1314 West Ohio Street. Approximately six persons attended and VIDNJEVICH presided at the meeting. The main topic of discussion was the problem the local ANP unit is having with the City of Chicago Building Department. VIDNJEVICH also told the group that he had recently been at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, when a member of a Jewish organization spoke to some of the students there. VIDNJEVICH indicated he had disrupted the meeting.

(CG T-2, 5/5/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP held on May 10,1986, at the Chicago unit headquarters. Among those attending this meeting were Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the ANP and several other ANP officers from the Arlington National Headquarters. ROCKWELL reported to those present on a recent trip he made to the western part of the United States on behalf of the ANP.

(CG T-1, 6/27/66, CG T-2, 5/10/66)

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended and presided over a meeting of the ANP held in Chicago on June 12, 1966. VIDNJEVICH mentioned to those present that there have not been any regular meetings of the ANP for some time and that most individuals are not interested in meeting on Sundays. VIDNJEVICH also discussed the proposed official opening of the Chicago ANP building in the near future.

(CG T-2, 6/21/66)

VIDNJEVICH was present at a social gathering of ANP people held at the Chicago Headquarters Building on July 29, 1966. The purpose of the get together was a social gathering with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL who was scheduled to appear on a Chicago television program.

#### (CG T-2, 8/1/66)

Source advised that on August 5, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and several other members of the Chicago Unit of the ANP traveled to the vicinity of Marquette Park, Chicago, Illinois, where a open housing - civil rights march sponsored by the Chicago Freedom Movement (CFM) - Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was being staged. The group had a number of "White Guard" pamphlets and other ANP literature which they passed out to spectators.

#### (CG T-1, 8/25/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and othermembers of the ANP were present at the Fulton-Cragin area in Chicago on August 7, 1966, during an open housing-civil rights march sponsored by the CFM-SCLC. VIDNJEVICH and others carried with them certain ANP literature anti-Negro in character which they passed out to the people witnessing the demonstration.

# (CG T-1, 8/25/66)

Source advised that on August 10, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was in the area of a civil rights-open housing march sponsored by the CFM-SCLC in the Bogan area of Chicago. Source advised that the purpose of his being there was for literature distribution on behalf of the ANP.

# (CG T-1, 8/25/66)

Source advised that on August 14, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH traveled to O'Hare Field, Chicago, to get Captain

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JOHN PATLER of the ANP who is headquartered at Arlington, Virginia. PATLER had brought with him a large bundle of "white power" signs as well as a number of "White Man" comic books which are extremely anti-Negro. VIDNJEVICH and several other ANP individuals then traveled to Marquette Park, Chicago, Illinois, and began passing out this literature. An open housing-civil rights march sponsored by the CFM-SCLC was also scheduled for this area on this date and VIDNJEVICH and others followed the line of march throughout its progress passing out the ANP literature.

(CG T-1, 8/25/66)

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CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP held August 14, 1966, at ANP headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. At this meeting it was pointed out and discussed that there were plans being considered for an ANP march to be led by Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL during September, 1966.

(CG T-1, 8/25/66)

The following source verified VIDNJEVICH's attendance at the ANP meeting held August 14, 1966, at the Chicago Unit Headquarters.

(CG T-2, 8/14/66)

VIDNJEVICH was present in the Jefferson Park area of Chicago on August 16, 1966, during an open housing-civil rights march sponsored by the CFM-SCLC in Chicago. His presence in the area was for the purpose of passing out anti-Negro ANP literature.

(CG T-1, 8/25/66)

Source advised that on August 19, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and other members of the ANP drove to the Gage Park, Marquette Park area of Chicago where Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was expected to give a speech on August 21, 1966. Failing to notice any young people they proceeded to the Bogan area of Chicago and at this location passed out pamphlets announcing the proposed speech of Commander ROCKWELL at Marquette Park on August 21, 1966.

(CG T-1, 8/30/66)

Source advised that on August 20, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was one of those who met Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the ANP at Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois. Commander ROCKWELL was arriving for a scheduled speech on August 21, 1966. Upon leaving the airport ROCKWELL and VIDNJEVICH and several other ANP individuals drove to the Federal Building in Chicago, Illinois, which was the site of an anti-VietNam war demonstration. Commander ROCKWELL, JOHN PATLER, and CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH walked over to where the demonstration was taking place and harangued some of the demonstrators.

#### (CG T-1, 8/30/66)

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was part of a group of hecklers who attended a protest rally staged at the Federal Building on August 20, 1966, at Chicago. VIDNJEVICH and several other hecklers hurled verbal abuse on the picketers.

## (CG T-5, 8/23/66)

Source advised that on August 21, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and a group of individuals connected with the ANP drove the ANP camper truck to Marquette Park in Chicago, Illinois, in order to prepare for Commander ROCKWELL's scheduled speech at the park later in the day. stated that on this date an ANP rally was held at this park. Among the speakerswere Captain JOHN PATIER, Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, and also CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH who gave a short address wherein he stated that there had been no marches for other groups in this country to gain their rights (referring to the recent Negro civil rights marches) such as the Polish, Germans, or Irish, and that they had to gain their rights through working for them. When the ANP rally was over, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, together with Commander ROCKWELL, left the area of Marquette Park in the camper truck.

(CG T-1, 8/30/66)

Source reported that on August 22, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, Officer in Charge of the Chicago Branch of the ANP, stated , that approximately \$1,000 had been collected from persons who attended the ANP rally in Marquette Park on August 21, 1966.

(CG T-3, 8/22/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP held August 21, 1966, at the Chicago ANP Headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, which was led by Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL. ROCKWELL spoke concerning his speech in Marquette Park on August 21, 1966. He said he was pleased with the reception and told those present that they should cooperate with the Chicago Police Department. ROCKWELL stated that the ANP should organize a "white guard" to oppose integration. ROCKWELL announced plans for an ANP rally and march through an all Negro neighborhood on September 10, 1966.

(CG T-1, 8/30/66, CG T-2, 8/21/66)

On August 24, 1966, the following source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and five other white male persons associated with the ANP conducted a picket demonstration from approximately 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM on August 24, 1966, in front of City Hall and Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois. The ANP pickets wore Nazi arm Bands and carried signs reading "white power", "put KING in jail", and "America for whites - Africa for blacks".

(CG T-3, 8/24/66)

Source advised that he had learned that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH had driven around certain areas of the city of Chicago on August 26, 1966, on ANP business. VIDNJEVICH indicated that the ANP was considering sites

for the forthcoming ANP march to be held on

September 10, 1966, and indicated that the Gage Park, Marquette Park areas were probably the two top considerations.

(CG T-3, 8/26/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH met Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the ANP at O'Hare Field, Chicago, on August 28, 1966 ROCKWELL discussed the proposed ANP rally and march to be held on September 10, 1966, with VIDNJEVICH

(CG T-1, 9/16/66)

VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP held at the Chicago Headquarters of the ANP on August 28, 1966. Approximately 25 persons were present, including GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL who had just arrived in Chicago. ROCKWELL spoke and outlined various procedures which he wanted to have employed in the forthcoming ANP march.

(CG T-1, 9/16/66)

The following source verified VIDNJEVICH's presence at the ANP gathering on August 28, 1966, and added that at this meeting VIDNJEVICH had mentioned that he and the ANP had been busy the past several weeks distributing ANP literature at marches and demonstrations held by the CFM-SCLC.

(CG T-2, 8/28/66)

On August 30, 1966, FRED MORELLI, Manager, Chicago Coliseum, 1513 South Wabash, Chicago, advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH of the Chicago ANP unit rented the Coliseum on August 30, 1966, for an ANP rally to be held from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM September 10, 1966. VIDNJEVICH paid MORELLI \$1,000 in cash for the rental.

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, head of the Chicago ANP, traveled to Cicero, Illinois, with several others associated with the Chicago ANP on September 3,

1966, with ANP literature. Their destination was unknown, but was believed to be a storage place for the literature to be used during a proposed CORE open housing-civil rights demonstration march to be held September 4, 1966, in Cicero. In addition, VIDNJEVICH and others associated with the Chicago ANP plan to hold a demonstration and pass out ANP literature in Cicero on September 4, 1966.

(CG T-3, 9/3/66)

Superintendent of Police JOSEPH BARLOGA, Cicero, Illinois, Police Department, advised on September 3, 1966, that VIDNJEVICH had been in contact with him on that day and exhibited signs reading "white power" and containing a swastika. He said ANP members plan to carry them in an ANP demonstration in Cicero on September 4, 1966. BARLOGA said he advised VIDNJEVICH that if the ANP distributed these signs or ANP literature to residents of Cicero, those distributing them would be arrested.

Lieutenant HARRY LOCKHARD, Cook County Sheriff's Police, provided on September 4, 1966, a copy of a flier which was being distributed on September 4, 1966, in Cicero, Illinois, by CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. This flier had a caption "white power" and announced a white peoples rally at Gage Park, 12:00 Noon, on September 10, 1966, to see and hear GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and a giant ANP rally at the Coliseum on the evening of September 10, 1966.

Source advised that on the evening of September 14, 1966, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH had been taken to a Chicago Police Department Precinct after the Chicago Police Department had visited the Chicago ANP headquarters and confiscated a number of weapons, including a semi-automatic weapon. VIDNJEVICH had advised that he was not arrested as a result of this action.

(CG T-1, 9/16/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP held on October 1, 1966, in Chicago. Present was Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL.

(CG T-5,: 10/1/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended meetings of the ANP held in Chicago at the Chicago ANP Headquarters on October 9, 1966, October 16, 1966, and October 23, 1966. VIDNJEVICH pointed out at these gatherings that they were not regular meetings, only "conferences" of ANP personnel.

(CG T-3, 10/14/66, 10/21/66, 11/11/66)

Source advised that VIDNJEVICH was organizing a picket demonstration to be held on October 31, 1966, at Kennedy High School, 56th and Narragansett, Chicago, Illinois. The picket was to be in a form of a boycott as it was alleged that a white girl had been attacked by a Negro at that school. The ANP had prepared a pamphlet, "Black Board Jungle Comes To Life" in an attempt to exploit the incident.

(CG T-3, 11/1/66)

Source advised that on October 31, 1966, a group of members of the ANP, including CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, attempted to stage a picket demonstration and school boycott at Kennedy High School to protest the above incident and alleged favoritism of Negro pupil by the white principal of the school.VIDNJEVICH attempted to pass out certain leaflets and placards to start this demonstration but was arrested by the Chicago Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct. (CG T-5. 11/2 CG)

# V. MISCELLANEOUS

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH recently had in his possession a list of names of people who

had recently been contacted for contributions to the ANP which list he had received from the ANP, Arlington Head-quarters.

# (CG T-4, 4/29/66)

Source learned that on May 9, 1966, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was coming to Chicago and wanted to meet with CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH.

#### (CG T-1, 6/27/66)

Source recently learned that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH recently obtained the services of an architect to certify the fitness of the ANP building at 1314 West Ohio Street, and this was done the week of June 5 - 11, 1966.

#### (CG T-1, 6/27/66)

Source advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH had recently made it known that he may be put in jail for contempt as a result of his refusal to allow City of Chicago Building Inspectors to enter the ANP building at 1314 West Ohio Street.

# (CG T-2, 6/21/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH accompanied GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL to the CBS Television Studios in Chicago on July 28, 1966, where ROCKWELL was to tape a segment of "At Random". Later, VIDNJEVICH was present with ROCKWELL at the latter's hotel room where the taping was discussed.

# (CG T-1, 8/1/66)

Source said that he had learned that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was present at the headquarters of the National recently

States Rights Party in Chicago on August 10, 1966. The purpose of his being at this location was not known to source.

(CG T-2, 8/10/66)

A characterization of the National States Rights Party appears in the appendix section of this report. 1

APPENDIX

# AMERICAN NAZI PARTY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago Unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1962, MATTHIAS KOEHL, self-identified as lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject to the final authority of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ANP National Headquarters.

A second source advised on August 17, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the ANP is currently located at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that ROCKWELL's Party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP - WUFENS was organized by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by ADOLF HITLER. He added that ROCKWELL is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On August 19, 1966, the source advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL presently believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is well into the third stage, to wit, "the organizing of the people who have been converted to our propaganda." The source added that ROCKWELL had previously believed that he would be elected Governor of Virginia in November, 1965, and when defeated, he made the statement that he was not ready for stage four.

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on February 8, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) is located at the NSRP National Bookshop at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago branch of the NSRP was officially opened on December 29, 1965, when Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, National Director of the NSRP, spoke at a rally held at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

The above source also advised that the National Office of the NSRP is located at Augusta, Georgia, and the Chicago branch of the NSRP subscribes to the policies of the National Office of the NSRP. The NSRP believes that there should not be race mixing between whites and Negroes and that Negroes in the United States by conducting demonstrations and causing riots are causing a breakdown of law and order in the United States. The NSRP believes that the Jews and the Negroes should be exposed in their attempts to have integration between whites and Negroes.

A second source advised on July 26, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the NSRP continues to be located at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

# NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Mnoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, North Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United Thite Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UTP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSEP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 788, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 72, dated November, 1365, of 'The Thunderbolt' reflects Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS to be Vational Director of the VSRP as well as Editor of 'The Thunderbolt."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 103-13900

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois November 30, 1966

Title

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH

Character

RACIAL MATTER (ORGANIZATION)

Reference

is made to report of Special Agent Paul R. Elofson dated and captioned

as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG T-5, an agency that collects security information in the Chicago area.

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Date: 6-1-66

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CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH

Character RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Synopsis:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, the headquarters of the American Nazi Party (ANP) in Chicago. VIDNJEVICH employed as an assembler by the International Harvester Company in Chicago. VIDNJEVICH holds rank of Lieutenant in the ANP and as such heads the Chicago Branch of that group. VIDNJEVICH and ANP members met with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP in Chicago, during November, 1965. VIDNJEVICH and ANP members attended speeches by ROCKWELL held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, during December, 1965. VIDNJEVICH participated in counter-demonstration of anti-Vietnam pickets in Chicago on March 26, 1966. VIDNJEVICH presided at weekly meetings of ANP in Chicago during past six months. VIDNJEVICH as ANP leader, Chicago, involved in law suit with City of Chicago, due to building code violations existing at ANP headquarters.

DETAILS:

### I. BACKGROUND

## Residence

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides at 1314 West Ohio Street, third floor apartment, the headquarters of the American Nazi Party in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 5/17/66)

# Employment

Mr. RUSSELL ROBERDS, Personnel Manager, International Harvester Company, 31st Street and Western Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, on May 19, 1966, advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH is currently employed by that firm as an assembler.

Current Position in the American Nazi Party (ANP)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH as of May, 1966, held the rank of Lieutenant in the ANP in Chicago and as such is the officer in charge of the Chicago Chapter of this group.

(CG T-1, 5/17/66)

# Automobile

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH as of May, 1966, does not own an automobile and is dependent upon other members of the ANP for transportation.

(CG T-1, 5/17/66)

# Arrest

IC JACK REDENHOUR on May 3, 1966, caused a search to be made of the arrest records of the Chicago Police Department

and no current information relating to CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was found.

# II. ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH

A characterization of the ANP appears in the Appendix pages of this report.

# Meetings and Activities

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, along with three members of the ANP in Chicago on October 23, 1965, left Chicago and travelled to Evanston, Illinois. The purpose of this travel according to source was to "cause trouble and disturbance" at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting which reportedly was being held in the Orrington Hotel in Evanston. Source learned that the ANP members could not locate such a meeting and thereafter departed.

(CG T-1, 10/24/65)

On November 14, 1965, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander of the ANP visited Chicago, Illinois, en route to Duluth, Minnesota and Grand Forks, North Dakota on a speaking engagement. ROCKWELL while in Chicago visited ANP headquarters where he conversed with CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and other ANP members.

(CG T-1, 12/6/65) (CG T-2, 11/15/65)

On November 28, 1965, a meeting of the ANP was held at Party headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street in Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH presided at this meeting and discussed

the ANP's participation in a demonstration in Washington, D. C., relating to a group protesting United States participation in Vietnam. VIDNJEVICH stated that approximately 200 persons representing the ANP and similar groups were present to counteract the anti-Vietnam demonstrators. VIDNJEVICH considered the counter-demonstration as a success stating, however, there had been no arrests or incidents of violence. VIDNJEVICH at this meeting also stated that the ANP in Chicago receives approximately \$70 per month from persons in the Chicago area who are sympathetic to the ANP cause. He added the group in Chicago is in serious financial difficulty, stating that as of November, 1965, they were \$200 behind on their building mortgage.

(CG T-2, 11/29/65)

On December 5, 1965, a meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the ANP was held at Party headquarters, at which VIDNJEVICH presided. VIDNJEVICH again spoke of the Party's poor financial condition, also discussing the need for repairs to the headquarters building. VIDNJEVICH announced that their National Commander, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was scheduled to speak at Northwestern University on December 7, 1965. VIDNJEVICH in addition commented that Nazi Party headquarters in Arlington, Virginia had been closed by representatives of the Internal Revenue Service. He added, however, that all important records had been removed prior to this closing and that he expected the headquarters to be re-opened in the near future.

(CG T-1, 12/6/65)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended a reception and also the speech of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander of the Nazi Party, which was held at Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois, on December 7, 1965.

(CG T-2, 12/9/65)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH on December 20, 1965, accompanied National Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL to Dekalb, Illinois, where ROCKWELL delivered a speech at Northern Illinois University in that city.

(CG T-1, 2/8/66)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH and several members of the ANP on February 7, 1966, travelled to Park Ridge, Illinois. The purpose of this trip was to consult an attorney relating to recent problems at ANP headquarters in Chicago. In this regard it was stated that Chicago Building Inspectors are attempting to gain entrance to ANP headquarters in order to thoroughly inspect this establishment. This attempt to date had been unsuccessful. Source stated that a public notice had appeared in a Chicago newspaper indicating that the City of Chicago was filing suit against the ANP in Chicago for alleged building code violations. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was also named in this suit. It was the consensus among ANP members in Chicago that the City Inspectors following a building inspection would find reason to close their headquarters.

(CG T-1, 2/8/66)

A meeting of the ANP was held in Chicago on March 13, 1966, at ANP headquarters. At this meeting it was proposed that their weekly meetings in the future be held during the afternoon of each Sunday. Reason for this proposed change was that frequently ANP members arrive at the headquarters during early afternoon, where they socialize and watch television and thereafter depart prior to the beginning of the meeting. It was also stated that the local chapter would attempt to hold a formal opening on April 20, to commemorate ADOLF HITLER's birthday. It was stated that such an opening along with recent improvements to the building might interest more people in the activities of the group.

(CG T-1, 3/28/66)

A meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the ANP was held on April 5, 1966. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH presided at this meeting and again discussed the need for money in order to complete the building repairs. VIDNJEVICH pointed out that the Party's telephone had been disconnected for non-payment of a bill which then amounted to \$60. VIDNJEVICH also indicated that the gas bill had not been paid and that there were other bills outstanding. He indicated he had sent appeals for financial assistance to various individuals but that he had received little response.

VIDNJEVICH thereafter discussed the counterpicketing conducted by the ANP in Chicago on March 26, 1966. This activity related to a group protesting United States involvement in Vietnam. VIDNJEVICH advised the Party members that they had done a good job, stating that on three occasions he and another ANP member, namely JIM HANNENBERG had attacked an anti-Vietnam marcher. The idea behind this attack was to have HANNENBERG arrested and thereby the ANP would receive considerable publicity. VIDNJEVICH indicated that two of their attacks were unsuccessful and in each instance he and HANNENBERG were returned to the sidewalk by representatives of the Chicago Police Department. He stated that on the third attack HANNENBERG was successful in attacking a group carrying an anti-Vietnam banner, which HANNENBERG ripped from the demonstrators and thereafter threw into the street. As a result of this HANNENBERG and several others, whose identities were not known to VIDNJEVICH were placed in a Chicago Police Department squadrol. VIDNJEVICH stated the police were about to release HANNENBERG, however, VIDNJEVICH at this point protested to the Police Department, saying that HANNENBERG had to be arrested. VIDNJEVICH indicated he won this argument and thereafter HANNENBERG was arrested on a charge of creating a disturbance. He was scheduled to appear in Boy's Court in Chicago at some later date.

(CG T-1, 4/5/66)

# Miscellaneous

The ANP in Chicago, Illinois, consisting of approximately 10 persons holds weekly meetings at Party headquarters, 1314 West Chicago Avenue. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH holds the rank of Lieutenant in the group and as such presides at these meetings. The meetings are informal in nature and the majority of the time is spent in social conversation and watching The principal topic of discussion during the past television. six months is that of finances. The group apparently is having trouble meeting its monthly mortgage payments on the building, and in addition the telephone service obtained by them has been discontinued due to the non-payment of the bill. headquarters building has during the past six months been inspected by representatives of the building commission for the City of Chicago and many building code violations have been Attempts by the ANP membership to correct these violations have not been completely successful and the City of Chicago has threatened the ANP with eviction, if the building code is not complied with. There has been some dissatisfaction within the ANP membership concerning the leadership of CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, and several members have considered bringing this to the attention of Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and requesting that a more capable leader be named to head the Chicago Branch of the ANP.

- (CG T-1, 12/26/65 5/17/66)
- (CG T-2, 12/20/65 5/13/66)

# AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1962, MATTHIAS KOEHL, self-identified as lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject to the final authority of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ANP National Headquarters.

A second source advised on January 6, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the ANP is currently located at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A characterization of the national organization follows.

#### **APPENDIX**

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

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According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On September 16, 1965, the source advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL believes he has completed the first three phases in his struggle for power and is now into the fourth stage, to wit, the "attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses." The source stated ROCKWELL believes this because of his success in gaining a place on the ticket in the November, 1965, gubernatorial election in the State of Virginia.



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Synopsis:

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#### DETAILS:

### I. BACKGROUND

### Residence

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH presently resides at 1314 West Ohio Street, third floor apartment, the headquarters of the American Nazi Party (ANP) in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 4/15/65)

# **Employment**

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH is presently employed by the International Harvester Company, Tractor Works, located at 31st Street and Western Avenue, Chicago.

(CG T-1, 4/15/65)

# Current Position in Organization

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH currently holds the rank of Lieutenant in the Chicago Branch of the ANP and as such is in charge of the activities of that chapter.

(CG T-1, 4/15/65)

Mr. RUSSELL ROBERDS, Personnel Manager, International Harvester Company, 31st and Western Avenue, on January 6, 1965 made available to SA ROBERT J. DOLAN the September-October issue of "Stormtrooper", a publication of the ANP. Page 14 of the publication identified CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH of Chicago, Illinois as a Lieutenant in the ANP.

# Automobile

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH does not own an automobile nor does he have access to an automobile for his personal use.

(CG T-1, 4/15/65)

On November 13, 1964, files of the Bureau of Records and Communications were reviewed by IC PETER E. O'NEILL and the following arrest recordfor CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was found:

Date of Birth: September 15, 1943 Identification # 11674

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Arresting Officer

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The arrest records of the Chicago Police Department were reviewed by IC A.P. PALBICKE, Jr. on April 13, 1965 and no additional information relating to CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was found.

The records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., were reviewed by IC EMIL M. MATULA on April 14, 1965 and no information relating to CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was found.

## Identification Record

By communication received December 4, 1963, the Identification Division, FBI, furnished the following Identification record for CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH under FBI #354635E:

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II. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

A characterization of the American Nazi Party (ANP)
Meetings apprears in the appendix section of this report.

On December 1, 1963, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 2001 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was among the 11 persons present at this meeting and he presided for the evening. VIDNJEVICH announced he was to appoint a member of the ANP at Chicago to commence collecting ANP dues on a regular basis.

(CG T-1, 12/19/63)

During the course of the above meeting, VIDNJEVICH produced a petition to be sent to ANP headquarters at Arlington, Virginia asking that someone be sent to Chicago to take charge of the Chicago Branch, ANP and to "get things moving again ."

(CG T-2, 12/2/63)

Substantially the same information regarding the above meeting was furnished on December 12, 1963 by CG T-3.

On December 8, 1963, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at that organization's headquarters, 2001 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH served as co-chairman for this meeting. As co-chairman he appointed two persons to begin looking for a new ANP office in Chicago.

(CG T-1, 12/19/63) (CG T-2, 12/18/63) (CG T-3, 12/12/63)

On January 12, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 1808 West Warner, Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was one of the six persons present and took charge of the meeting. He read a communication from the national headquarters of the ANP in which was detailed new Party structure, changes in the collection of dues, and he provided information that new ANP membership cards were to be issued under a new system.

(CG T-2, 1/13/64) (CG T-1, 1/23/64)

On March 3, 1964, a meeting was held at the Edens Motel, 6020 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois between GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP and cight: representatives of the Chicago ANP. ROCKWELL presided at this meeting. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was among those present and during the course of a collection which was taken, VIDNJEVICH denated \$10.

(cg r-1; 3/5/64) (cg r-2, 3/4/64)

On Harch 15, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 1808 West Warner, Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH who resides at this address and makes his apartment available for ANP meetings, presided over the activities of the meeting.

(CG T-1, 3/23/64) (CG T-2, 3/16/64) (CG T-3, 4/29/64)

On March 22, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 1808 West Warner. Seven persons were present at this meeting including CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. The subject of discussion for the evening was the reorganization of the Chicago ANP. VIDNJEVICH chaired the meeting.

(CG T-1, 3/23/64) (CG T-2, 3/24/64) (CG T-3, 4/29/64)

On April 26, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago AMP was held at the residence of CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, 1808 West Warner. VIDNJEVICH presided over the meeting at which seven persons attended.

(CG T-2, 5/4/64)

During the above mentioned meeting on April 26, 1964, VIDNJEVICH advised those present that during a recent visit to Chicago by the President of the United States, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, two detectives from the Chicago Police Department had placed him, VIDNJEVICH, under constant surveillance day and night. VIDNJEVICH stated that at times the detectives were with him throughout the night and even went with him to work.

(CG T-3, 4/29/64)

A meeting of the Chicago ANP was held on June 14, 1964 at the residence of CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. Seven persons were in attendance. VIDNJEVICH presided at this meeting. A collection was started for the down payment for the purchase of a house to serve as a headquarters for the Chicago ANP. VIDNJEVICH donated \$10.

(CG T-1, 6/15/64)

During the course of the above meeting held on June 14, 1964, VIDNJEVICH advised those present that he had been in contact with an individual, whom he did not identify, relative to helping the ANP at Chicago get a new headquarters building. He said he is attempting to deal on property located in one of the Chicago suburbs.

(CG T-2, 6/16/64)

On October 15, 1964, an informal meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP was held at that organization's headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. 18 persons were in attendance, principally because of the presence in Chicago of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander of the ANP. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was among those in attendance. GEORGE ROCKWELL was visiting in Chicago, Illino during the course of a speaking engagement in various parts of the United States. His Chicago visit was merely a stopover and there was no indication of activity in Chicago on his part.

During the course of the evening's activity, ROCKWELL indicated he was well pleased with the leadership quality shown by CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. JOHN WALLACE remains the appointed head &t Chicago, Illinois, but exercises little or no leadership in the organization in Chicago. From all indications VIDNJEVICH will be commissioned an officer in the ANP in the near future.

It was learned at this meeting that the ANP has recently recorded a "Hatananny" record. It is a 45 RPM record and on one side the song is entitled "Ship Those Niggers Back", and the "flip side" of this record was a recording of "We's Non-Violent Niggers". The record is made by a member of the ANP at Arlington, Virginia. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH ordered 100 copies of this record which he expects to sell to ANP members and sympathizers in the Chicago area.

(CG T-1, 10/22/64) (CG T-2, 10/20/64) (CG T-3, 10/20/64)

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the ANP which was held December 6, 1964 at Party headquarters. There was considerable discussion at this meeting by two ANP members who had attended a Communist front group meeting. It was suggested by VIDNJEVICH and others present that continued efforts be made by the ANP to infiltrate the Communist front groups existing in the Chicago area.

(CG T-3, 12/10/64)

A meeting of the ANP was held on December 27, 1964 at Party headquarters. This meeting was chaired by MATT KORML, described as the National Secretary of the ANP who was then visiting Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was in attendance. KORML complimented the Chicago Chapter on their new building, stating that it is the largest in the entire organization: He stated that the National Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia was operating with a winter skeleton crew, but anticipated that things would pick up in the spring. He indicated the organization was pleased since there had been no trouble with the local police in Arlington, Virginia. KOEML added that National Meadquarters planned to purchase a new place and if they are able to accomplish this, they will publish a newspaper, rather than the "Stormtrooper" magazine.

(CG T-1, 12/29/64)

The ANP, Chicago, on January 17, 1965 held a neeting at Party headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was in charge of this meeting and the majority of the time was spent discussing repairs on the new building. A call was placed to ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia and there was some discussion with Major MATT KOEML regarding the literature which was to be sent to the Chicago Branch. It was learned that the National Commander, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, and a group of his supporters, had departed for Selma, Alabama to participate in the demonstrations in that area.

(CG T-3, 2/10/65)

A meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the ANP was held at Party headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, on February 28, 1965. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was in charge of this meeting which turned out to be primarily a social affair wherein those present spent the evening playing record albums dealing with the rise and fall of ADOLPH HITLER. It was stated that the apartment of VIDNJEVICH at Party headquarters would be used by VIDNJEVICH as living quarters, and that in the future this apartment would be kept locked since records will be maintained there.

(CG T-3, 2/28/65)

In addition to the foregoing, meetings, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was present at 47 additional meetings of the Chicago Branch of the ANP during the period between December 1, 1963 and March 1, 1965. In each instance, VIDNJEVICH was in charge of or served as co-chairman of these meetings.

(CG T-1; 12/19/63 - 12/27/64 (CG T-2; 12/2/63 - 10/20/64) (CG T-3; 12/2/63 - 2/28/65)

III. STATEMENT BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS

On June 24, 1954, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH related to certain persons attending a meeting of the ANP held on that date how he had spent almost two hours the previous day on the telephone talking to the wife of the first colored family to move into Wilmette, Illinois. He stated he had called her and identified himself as "director" of the Nazi Party and he stated the Party did not want "niggers" in white neighborhoods. He stated that he spent the two hours on the telephone telling the woman by innuendo what she could expect although he stated that at no time did he actually threaten her nor did he make illegal statements over the telephone. VIDNJEVICH told those present that his line of conversation went something to the effect of "remember what happened to those niggers in Cicero, etc, that could happen here." VIDNJEVICH explained that he did not at any time say that the ANP would have anything to do with it.

VIDNJEVICH related that at times the woman would cry and plead with him not to harm the family.

(CG T-4, 9/4/64)

# IV. MISCELLANDOUS

On January 22, 1964, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was known to be in possession of a 15 page list of names which VIDNJEVICH described as the "A" or "preferred" mailing list of the ANP at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-3, 1/22/64)

On March 7, 1954, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was one of a group of individuals from the Chicago ANP who met GEOEGE LINCOLN ECCEWELL at O'Hare Airport on ROCKWELL's arrival for a visit to Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-3, 3/23/64)

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CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH advised he is a current member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) at Chicago, Illinois and for a period in the past, served as an acting head of that organization in Chicago. He commented that his interest in the organization commenced in approximately January, 1961 and it has continued until the present time. Within the past few days VIDNJEVICH stated he had been commissioned a lieutenant in the ANP. VIDNJEVICH advised he is now, because of his rank, efficer in charge of the Chicago ANP. Continuing, VIDNJEVICH advised he currently maintains his residence in a third floor apartment at the ANP headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is presently employed by the International Harvester Company, Inc., Tractor Workers, 31st Street and Western Avenue, Chicago.

VIDNJEVICH stated that the building at 1314 West Ohio is being purchased by the ANP at the present time. The sum of \$500 was paid down for the purchase of this building and monthly payments amount to approximately \$100. The property is held in the name of JOHN T. WALLACE in that he, VIDNJEVICH, was not yet 21 years of age at the time of purchase. He pointed out that present plans for the Chicago organization depend a great deal on the acquiring of the headquarters building. The ANP hopes to repair and clean the building sufficiently so that the entire structure may be put to good use by the Party. In this regard, VIDNJEVICH noted that plans now call for using the ground floor of the building as a meeting hall and the two upper floors which are composed of a total of four apartments will be used as "barracks" for ANP personnel. Hopes are that accommodations can be made in the future to permanently house some 40 members of the ANP.

Regarding the current status of the ANP in Chicago, VIDNJEVICH advised that activity at present is at a minimum. Only two members of the organization permanently reside at the headquarters building. Other than himself VIDNJEVICH identified the second resident at one ROBERT MILLES. According to VIDNJEVICH, only recently has MILLES become active in the affairs of the ANP. He has attended one or two recent meetings of the organization.

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In addition to VIDNJEVICH and WILLES, one CARL YOUNG from Harlan County, Kentucky, is "staying over" in the headquarters building in Chicago. He advised it is not expected that YOUNG will remain there indefinitely and VIDNJEVICH commented that the current status of YOUNG in the ANP is unknown.

Regarding meetings of the ANP, VIDNJEVICH commented that they are still being held on a weekly basis when possible but most are more like "bull sessions" than formal meetings. The MUELLER brothers, DONALD and WAYNE have "been coming around" to these meetings in recent weeks.

Activities of the ANP in Chicago will be increased after January 1, 1965, VIDNJEVICH said. Hopes are that demonstrations will be held, aimed chiefly at "communists in Chicago". Detailed plans however, have not been made regarding these demonstrations. Finances continue to be a problem with the ANP in Chicago, VIDNJEVICH commented, in that he is the main source of income to the local group. Others contribute on occasion, he said, such as JOHN WALLACE who "is usually good for 25 bucks" when money is needed. Dues are paid by the individual members directly to Arlington, Virginia in reply to statements sent directly to them from the national headquarters. VIDNJEVICH stated that plans are that soon the Chicago organization will receive a \$3 "kickback" from the national headquarters for each \$5 dues paid.

VIDNJEVICH explained that the Chicago unit presently has "10 or 12 people" who are the nucleous of the ANP at Chicago. Membership and financial records are maintained completely by Arlington headquarters and none are kept at Chicago. All applications for membership are processed for the individual applying at the national headquarters and as a result actual membership status of a person is not known in Chicago.

VIDNJEVICH remarked that four individuals who he understands are members of the ANP or at least were members in the past, in recent weeks came to the Chicago headquarters fro Arlington, Virginia. These he identified as ALEXANDER DE FIEI

JERRY LYNNE, GEORGE LINCKE and JOHN RYAN. None are now associated with the ANP in Chicago, he said. VIDNJEVICH explained that DE FIELDS left the Chicago area and is believed to be in the Indianapolis or South Bend, Indiana are: It is not known if he expects to return to Chicago. RYAN has returned to New York where it is understood he holds ANP membership. JERRY LYNNE is currently operating a small restaurant or pizza shop in Chicago. LYNCKE is known to be around the Chicago area, but his whereabouts and activities are unknown. VIDNJEVICH stated that both LINCKE and LYNNE are known to hold ANP membership in Arlington, Virginia.

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He added that the ANP has operated under the FAN name throughout the country with the exception of a group operating under the FAN name in Baltimore, Maryland. He said the FAN group in Baltimore is now, and always has been, a separate organization and not a part of the ANP.

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A characterization of the national organization follows.

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CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH resides at B14 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed by International Harvester Company, Inc., Tractor Works, 31st Street and Western Avenue, Chicago. VIDNJEVICH presently a lieutenant in American Nazi Party (ANP), and because of rank, he is now Officer-in-charge of the Chicago Unit. VIDNJEVICH in attendance at 44 meetings, ANP, Chicago, Illinois during period 12/1/63 through 12/3/64 at which he either fully took charge or served as co-chairman. VIDNJEVICH interviewed 11/2/64 and advised his interest in ANP has continued from approximately January, 1961 to the present time.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

# I. BACKGROUND

# Residence

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH on November 2, 1964, advised SAs ROBERT J. DOLAN and JOHN W. TOEDT that he currently maintains his residence in a third floor apartment at American Nazi Party (ANP) headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

# Employment

VIDNJEVICH on November 2, 1964, advised he is presently employed by the International Harvester Company, Inc., Tractor Works, 31st and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

On November 18, 1964, Mr. THEODORE HACKVARTH, Employment Office, International Harvester Company, Inc., Tractor Works, 31st Street and Western Avenue, advised from records of his office that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH sought employment with that firm on April 30, 1964. He was initially employed on May 4, 1964 as a "gear shaver" and continues in such employment to the present date.

Mr. HACKVARTH stated that these records show that YIDNJEVICH is a naturalized U.S. citizen having first entered the United States in December, 1950. He was naturalized on February 19, 1957, in the U.S. District Court, Chicago, Illinois, under Petition Number 370155. Employment records show VIDNJEVICH's date of birth as September 15, 1943 in Yugoslavia. His Social Security Number is listed as

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Continuing, Mr. HACKVARTH stated that these records show VIDNJEVICH was previously employed by St. Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois as a mechanic's helper in the Engineering and Maintenance Division. VIDNJEVICH's employment just prior to coming to work at International Harvester is listed as Central Scientific Corporation, 1700 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. Inquiries made by International Harvester with VIDNJEVICH's previous employers have determined that VIDNJEVICH was regarded by them as a good employee. These records show VIDNJEVICH's current address as 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. HACKVARTH concluded by stating that VIDNJEVICH is considered as a "very good employee" by International Harvester.

### Credit and Criminal

On November 9, 1964, files of the Chicago Credit Bureau were reviewed by Miss DOLORES COFFEY at the request of IC A. P. PALBICKE, Jr., for CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. This review failed to locate a record for VIDNJEVICH in the credit record files.

On November 13, 1964, files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department were reviewed by IC PETER E. O'NEILL. These files were determined to contain the following arrest record for CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH:

Date of birth: September 15, 1943

Identification # 11674

Arresting Officer

Name and Address C.B. No. & Dist. Charge Dispositio

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No additional identifiable information concerning VIDNJEVICH was located in available arrest records.

#### Identification Record

By communication received December 4, 1963, the Identification Division, FBI, furnished the following identification record for CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH under FBI #354635E:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Chicago, Ill	CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH #PF 13 Oct 1962	10/13/62	inv of robbery	
PD Chicago Ill	CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH #11674	11/30/62	dis & mob action	1/14/63 leave to file complaint denied
Cook Co Jail Chicago Ill	CHRISTOPHER VIONYEVICH #306810	12/3/62	193-1	

# II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

#### Position

On November 2, 1964, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH advised SAs DOLAN and TOEDT that he is a current member of the ANP at Chicago, Illinois, and for a period in the past served as acting head of that organization in Chicago. Within the past few days, VIDNJEVICH stated, he had been commissioned a lieutenant in the ANP. He advised that he is now, because of his rank, officer-in-charge of the Chicago ANP.

### Meetings

On December 1, 1963, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 2001 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois.

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was among the 11 persons present at this meeting and he presided for the evening. VIDNJEVICH announced he was to appoint a member of the ANP at Chicago to commence collecting ANP dues on a regular basis.

(CG T-1, 12/19/63)

During the course of the above meeting, VIDNJEVICH produced a petition to be sent to ANP headquarters at Arlington, Virginia asking that someone be sent to Chicago to take charge of the Chicago Branch, ANP and to "get things moving again."

(CG T-2, 12/2/63)

Substantially the same information regarding the above meeting was furnished on December 12, 1963 by CG T-3.

On December 8, 1963, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at that organization's headquarters, 2001 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH served as co-chairman for this meeting. As co-chairman he appointed two persons to begin looking for a new ANP office in Chicago.

(CG T-1, 12/19/63) (CG T-2, 12/18/63) (CG T-3, 12/12/63)

On January 12, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 1808 West Warner, Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was one of the six persons present and tok charge of the meeting. He read a communication from the national headquarters of the ANP in which was detailed new Party structure, changes in the collection of dues, and he provided information that new ANP membership cards were to be issued under a new system.

(CG T-2, 1/13/64) (CG T-1, 1/23/64)

On March 3, 1964, a meeting was held at the Edens Motel, 6020 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois between GEORGE LINCOLN/ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP and eight representatives of the Chicago ANP.

ROCKWELL presided at this meeting. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was among those present and during the course of a collection which was taken, VIDNJEVICH donated \$10.

(CG T-1, 3/5/64) (CG T-2, 3/4/64)

On March 15, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 1808 West Warner, Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH who resides at this address and makes his apartment available for ANP meetings, presided over the activities of the meeting.

(CG T-1, 3/23/64) (CG T-2, 3/16/64) (CG T-3, 4/29/64)

On March 22, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at 1808 West Warner. Seven persons were present at this meeting including CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. The subject of discussion for the evening was the reorganization of the Chicago ANP. VIDNJEVICH chaired the meeting.

(CG T-1, 3/23/64) (CG T-2, 3/24/64) (CG T-3, 4/29/64)

On April 26, 1964, a meeting of the Chicago ANP was held at the residence of CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, 1808 West Warner. VIDNJEVICH presided over the meeting at which seven persons attended.

(CG T-2, 5/4/64)

During the above mentioned meeting on April 26, 1964, VIDNJEVICH advised those present that during a recent visit to Chicago by the President of the United States, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, two detectives from the Chicago Police Department had placed him, VIDNJEVICH, under constant surveillance day and night. VIDNJEVICH stated that at times the detectives were with him throughout the night and even went with him to work.

(CG T-3, 4/29/64)

A meeting of the Chicago ANP was held on June 14, 1964 at the residence of CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. Seven persons were in attendance. VIDNJEVICH presided at this meeting. A collection was started for the downpayment for the purchase of a house to serve as a headquarters for the Chicago ANP. VIDNJEVICH donated \$10.

(CG T-1, 6/15/64)

During the course of the above meeting held on June 14, 1964, VIDNJEVICH advised those present that he had been in contact with an individual, whom he did not identify, relative to helping the ANP at Chicago get a new headquarters building. He said he is attempting to deal on property located in one of the Chicago suburbs.

(CG T-2, 6/16/64)

On October 15, 1964, an informal meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP was held at that organizations headquarters, 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

18 persons were in attendance, principally because of the presence in Chicago of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander of the ANP. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was among those in attendance. GEORGE ROCKWELL was visiting in Chicago, Illinois during the course of a speaking engagement in various parts of the United States. His Chicago visit was merely a stopover and there was no indication of activity in Chicago on his part.

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During the course of the evening's activity, ROCKWELL indicated he was well pleased with the leadership quality shown by CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH. JOHN WALLACE remains the appointed head at Chicago, Illinois, but exercises little or no leadership in the organization in Chicago. From all indications VIDNJEVICH will be commissioned an officer in the ANP in the near future.

It was learned at this meeting that the ANP has recently recorded a "Hatenanny" record. It is a 45 RPM record and on one side the song is entitled, "Ship Those Niggers Back", the 'flip side" of this record is a recording of "We's Non-Violent Niggers". The record was made by a member of the ANP at Arlington, Virginia. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH ordered 100 copies of this record which he expects to sell to ANP members and sympathizers in the Chicago area.

(CG T-1, 10/22/64) (CG T-2, 10/20/64) (CG T-3, 10/20/64)

In addition to the above mentioned meetings, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was present at 35 meetings of the Chicago ANP during the period December 15, 1963, through December 3, 1964, at which VIDNJEVICH was either fully in charge or served as co-chairman of the meeting.

(CG T-1, 12/19/63 through 12/14/64) (CG T-2, 12/18/63 through 11/9/64) (CG T-3, 1/3/64 through [1/12/64)

III. STATEMENT BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS

On June 24, 1964, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH related to certain persons attending a meeting of the ANP held on that date how he had spent almost two hours the previous day on the telephone talking to the wife of the first colored family to move into Wilmette, Illinois. He stated he had called her and identified himself as "director" of the Nazi Party and he stated the Party did not want "niggers" in white neighborhoods. He stated that he spent the

two hours on the telephone telling the woman by innuendo what she could expect although he stated that at no time did he actually threaten her nor did he make illegal statements over the telephone. VIDNJEVICH told those present that his line of conversation went something to the effect of "remember what happened to those niggers in Cicero, etc, that could happen here." VIDNJEVICH explained that he did not at any time say that the ANP would have anything to do with it.

VIDNJEVICH related that at times the woman would cry and plead with him not to harm the family.

(CG T-4, 9/4/64)

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

On January 22, 1964, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was known to be in possession of a 15 page list of names which VIDNJEVICH described as the "A" or "preferred" mailing list of the ANP at Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-3, 1/22/64)

On March 7, 1964, CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was one of a group of individuals from the Chicago ANP who met GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL at O'Hare Airport on ROCKWELL's arrival for a visit to Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-3, 3/23/64)

V. INTERVIEW OF CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH

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Regarding the current status of the ANP in Chicago, VIDNJEVICH advised that activity at present is at a minimum. Only two members of the organization permanently reside at the headquarters building. Other than himself VIDNJEVICH identified the second resident as one ROBERT MILLES. According to VIDNJEVICH, only recently has MILLES become active in the affairs of the ANP. He has attended one or two recent meetings of the organization.

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In addition to VIDNJEVICH and MILLES, one CARL YOUNG from Harlan County, Kentucky, is "staying over" in the headquarters building in Chicago. He advised it is not expected that YOUNG will remain there indefinitely and VIDNJEVICH commented that the current status of YOUNG in the ANP is unknown.

Regarding meetings of the ANP, VIDNJEVICH commented that they are still being held on a weekly basis when possible, but most are more like "bull sessions" than formal meetings. The MUELLER brothers, DONALD and WAYNE have "been coming around" to these meetings in recent weeks.

Activities of the ANP of Chicago will be increased after January 1, 1965, VIDNJEVICH said. Hopes are that demonstrations will be held, aimed chiefly at "communists in Chicago". Detailed plans however, have not been made regarding these demonstrations. Finances continue to be a problem with the ANP in Chicago, VIDNJEVICH commented, in that he is the main source of income to the local group. Others contribute on occasion, he said, such as JOHN WALLACE who "is usually good for 25 bucks" when money is needed. Dues are paid by the individual members directly to Arlington, Virginia in reply to statements sent directly to them from the national headquarters. VIDNJEVICH stated that plans are that soon the Chicago organization will receive a \$3 "kickback" from the national headquarters for each \$5 dues paid.

VIDNJEVICE emplained that the Chicago unit presently has "10 or 12 people" who are the nucleous of the ANP at Chicago. Membership and financial records are maintained completely by Arlington headquarters and none are kept at Chicago. All applications for membership are processed for the individual applying at the national headquarters and as a result actual membership status of a person is not known in Chicago.

VIDNJEVICH remarked that four individuals who he understands are members of the ANP or at least were members in the past, in recent weeks came to the Chicago headquarters from Antington, Virginia. These he identified as ALEXANDER DE FIELDS, JERRY LINEAR, GHORGE LINEAR and JOHN RYAN. None are now associated with the ANP in Chicago, he said. VIDNJEVICH explained

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that DE FIELDS left the Chicago area and is believed to be in the Indianapolis or South Bend, Indiana area. It is not known if he expects to return to Chicago. RYAN has returned to New York where it is understood he holds ANP membership. JERRY LYNNE is currently operating a small restaurant or pizza shop in Chicago. LINCKE is known to be around the Chicago area, but his whereabouts and activities are unknown. VIDNJEVICH stated that both LINCKE and LYNNE are known to hold ANP membership in Arlington, Virginia.

#### **APPENDIX**

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time the World," copyrighted in 1961, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leaders," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that ROCKWELL's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 19, 1963, a source advised that the ANP-NUFENS was organized by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that ROCKWELL is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

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A second source advised on February 6, 1963, that as of January 31, 1963, the Chicago unit of the ANP became known as the Midwest Division, ANP.

The first source advised on June 3, 1963, that as of that date the Midwest Division, ANP, vacated their headquarters which they had formerly maintained at 2124 North Damon Avenue, Chicago Illinois, and henceforth meetings of that organization would be held in the residences of the organization's members.



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Synopsis: CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH who was born KRSTO VIDNJEVIC on 9/15/43 at Zagreb, Croatia, had his name legally changed by court order at Chicago, Illinois, on 2/19/57. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH currently resides at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed at Central Scientific Company, 1700 Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. Background information regarding VIDJEVICH set forth in this report. Physical description of VIDNJEVICH set forth. VIDNJEVICH attended approximately 60 meetings of the Midwest Division of the American Nazi Party (ANP), at Chicago, Illinois, between the period of 6/16/62 and 10/6/63. VIDNJEVICH since 7/63 is in charge of the Chicago Branch of the ANP at Chicago in the absence of Captain ROY JAMES, Officer in Charge of the ANP in Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH afforded psychiatric examination on 12/20/62 by court at Chicago, Illinois, in connection with arrest and found to be sane and competent. VIDNJEVICH interviewed on 11/20/63 at which time he endorsed completely all stated purposes of the ANP.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

#### Predication

This report is predicated upon CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH's current activity and current membership in the Chicago Branch of the American Nazi Party at Chicago, Illinois, according to VIDNJEVICH's self-admission when interviewed on November 20, 1963.

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### A. Birth Date

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was born September 15, 1943, at Zagreb, Croatia, as determined from school records by Miss GLADYS JACKSON, Records Clerk, University of Illinois, and through an employment record on November 5, 1963, made available by Mr. EUGENE A. SUPRINSKI, Personnel Officer, Central Scientific Company, Chicago, Illinois.

#### B. Citizenship Status

On November 4, 1963, Mrs. MARIA KNUDSEN, Deputy Clerk, United States Naturalization Department, United States District Court, Chicago, advised her records reflect the following information:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, 2001 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, born September 15, 1943, at Zagreb, Croatia, was naturalized in the United States District Court in Chicago, under Petition No. 370155, Alien Registration No. 7862821, dated February 19, 1957.

It is reflected that LYDIA VIDNJEVIC, mother, signed the above petition in behalf of KRSTO VIDNJEVIC and NADA VIDNJEVIC, both minors, son and daughter of LYDIA VIDNJEVIC. Under Petition No. 370155, VIDNJEVIC's name was legally changed from KRSTO VIDNJEVIC to CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH.

#### C. Education

On November 4, 1963, Miss GLADYS JACKSON, Records Clerk, Registrar's Office, University of Illinois, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA EDWARD J. NEHLS her records reflect the following information:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, 4731 North Central Park, Chicago, mother listed as LYDIA VIDNJEVICH, same address, was born on September 15, 1943, at Zagreb, Croatia, and entered the Engineering College of the University of Illinois on September 18, 1961. Miss JACKSON advised VIDNJEVICH had four failures and two "C's" before transferring to the Liberal Arts College of the University the first semester of 1962-1963 and withdrew from school on October 5, 1962, for "personal reasons."

Miss JACKSON advised VIDNJEVICH's school application, dated August 11, 1961, reflected he was single, father listed as ANTON VIDNJEVICH (deceased), and his employment as of June 12, 1961, was listed as St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. The application reflects VIDNJEVICH was graduated from Angel Guardian Orphanage, Chicago, in June, 1961. It further reflects VIDNJEVICH was naturalized on February 19, 1957, in Chicago, and his name was legally changed at that time.

#### D. Marital Status

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH is single as reflected through interview of subject on November 20, 1963, by SAs CLAY M. BRADY and ROBERT J. DOLAN, and through chiscs employment record made available by Mr. EUGENE A. SUPRINSKI on November 5, 1963, at the Central Scientific Company, Chicago, Illinois.

#### E. Military Service

VIDNJEVICH has no prior military service as determined through interview by SAs CLAY M. BRADY and ROBERT J. DOLAN on November 20, 1963.

#### F. Credit and Criminal Record

On November 5, 1963, the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., were caused to be reviewed by IC RONALD W. DIBBERN. No information regarding VIDNJEVICH was noted in the records.

On October 29, 1962, a confidential source advised the Chicago Division that the following individuals, all self-admitted members of the American Nazi Party, appeared in Branch 42, Municipal Court, City of Chicago, on October 29, 1962:

SAMUEL F. BARTLETT 2124 North Damen Avenue Chicago, Illinois

ELWOOD A. LONG 542 Olive Court Wheaton, Illinois

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH 4731 North Central Park Chicago, Illinois

The appearance of these men resulted from an arrest of the three on October 13, 1962, at which time they attracted the attention of police officers in the early morning hours when a car in which they were riding was noted to bear no rear license plate. Subsequently BARTLETT and VIDNJEVICH were charged with disorderly conduct. LONG was charged with unlawful use of firearms and for failure to display registration for the weapon. VIDNJEVICH's case was continued to December 10, 1962.

(CG T-5, 10/29/62)

On December 14, 1962, a confidential source advised the Chicago Division, FBI, that ELWOOD A. LONG, 542 Olive Court, Wheaton, Illinois, appeared on December 10, 1962, at Municipal Court, City of Chicago, on charges of unlawful use of weapon and also with failure to register a weapon. This court

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appearance resulted from an arrest of LONG on October 13, 1963, and the arrest of CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH who was with him. Cases against these individuals had previously been set for December 10, 1962; however, they were rescheduled for December 21, 1962.

(CG T-4, 12/14/62)

On November 17, 1963, the records of the Chicago Police Department, Records Section, were caused to be reviewed by IC A. P. PALBICKE and reflected the following information:

On October 13, 1962, VIDNJEVICH was arrested on disorderly conduct charge, appeared in court on October 31, 1962, which case was continued to December 21, 1962, and bond was raised from \$500 to \$1,000. On November 30, 1962, VIDNJEVICH participated in a demonstration in front of the Sherman House demonstrating against MANDEL TERMAN's meeting. He was arrested on the following charges; mob action (disturbing the peace), disorderly conduct. VIDNJEVICH was to appear in court December 21, 1962. was granted continuance until January 16, 1963, pending results of a psychiatric examination. He was examined by the Psychiatric Institute of Chicago on December 20, 1962, and found to be sane and competent. He appeared in court on January 16, 1963, regarding the mob action charge and the case was continued until March 6, 1963. He appeared in court on March 6, 1963, and the case was further continued to June 14, 1963. VIDNJEVICH was found guilty of disorderly conduct on June 14, 1963, as a result of the arrest made on November 30, 1962. No disposition of the case was shown on the record, regarding the October 13, 1962 and November 30, 1962 arrests.

#### G. Employment

On November 5, 1963, Mr. EUGENE A. SUPRINSKI, Industrial Relations Manager, Central Scientific Company, 1700 Irving Park Road, advised that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH has been employed by this concern since October 2, 1963, as a stock and errand boy.

Mr. SUPRINSKI stated VIDMJEVICH's employment application dated October 1, 1963, reflected he resides at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, was born September 15, 1943, at Zagreb, Croatia, has Social Security Number

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The records reflect VINNJHVICH immigrated from Croatia in 1950 and was naturalized in 1957 at Chicage. He listed his fermer employments as American Hospital Association, 840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicage, from January, 1963, to June, 1963; and St. Francis Hospital, 355 North Ridge, Evanston, Illinois, from June, 1961, to December, 1962.

#### H. Residence

CHRISTOPHER VIDMIEVICE currently shares a basement apartment with RAYMOND SCHULTE, a member of the Chicago Branch of the American Maxi Party at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. This residence is also used as the temporary headquarters for the American Maxi Party.

(CG T-1, 10/26/63)

#### I. Physical Description

The following is a physical description of VIDNJEVICH as obtained from his school records made available by Miss GLADYS JACKSON, Registrar's Office, University of Illinois, on November 4, 1963, and through employment records made available by Mr. NUGHNE A. SUPRIMENT, Central Scientific Company, Chicago, on November 5, 1963:

Name

CHRISTOPHER VIDEJEVICE
(legally changed 2/19/57)
Race
White
Sex
Male
Date of Birth
September 15, 1943
Place of Birth
Height
J'lli"
Weight
185 pounds

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Residence

Previous Residences

Social Security Number Marital Status Relatives

Imployment

Previous Employments

HOLVY Rine Blond Medium

**Naturalised February** 19, 1957, Chicago, Illinois 1808 West Warner Street,

Chicago, Illinois 2001 Vest Devon Avenue Chicago, Illinois (1957); 4731 North Central Park, Chicago, Illinois (1961)

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Single AFTER VIREJEVIC, father (deceased) LYDIA VIREJEVICE, mother,

6717 North Oak Park, Chicago, Illinois:

MADA VIDUJEVICE, sister, sibly resides with mether Central Scientific Company,

1700 Irving Park Road Chicago, Illinois American Hospital Association, 840 North Lake Shore Drive,

Chicago, Illinois (1/63 - 6/63);

St. Francis Hospital, 355 North Ridge,

Evanston, Illinois (6/61 - 12/62)

J. Make and Model of Automobile and Descriptive Data Including Color, License Plate, Alse Other Automobiles to Which Subject Has Access

VIDMJEVICH was interviewed by SAs CLAY M. BRADY and ROBERT J. DOLAN on November 20, 1963, and advised that he has ne automobile and does not have access to any automobiles.

## K. Up-To-Date Picture of Subject

A photograph of CHRISTOPHER VIDEJEVICE is currently maintained in Chicago files,

L. Special Abilities of Subject Including Knowledge of Weapons or Explosives

On November 20, 1963, VIDNJEVICH was interviewed by SAs CLAY M. BRADY and ROBERT J. DOLAN at his residence in Chicago and advised that he has no knowledge of weapons and explosives and has no special abilities.

#### M. Associates Both Business and Social

On November 20, 1963, VIDNJEVICH was interviewed by SAs CLAY M. BRADY and ROBERT J. DOLAN at Chicago, Illinois, and advised that his associates consist of members of the Chicago Branch of the American Nazi Party.

# II. CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

#### A. Position

VIDNJEVICH was interviewed by SAs CLAY M. BRADY and ROBERT J. DOLAN on November 20, 1963, and advised that since July, 1963, he has been the active head of the American Nazi Party (ANP) in Chicago. VIDNJEVICH advised he has no title and expects that a leader for the Chicago ANP will be sent from the ANP's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, within the next month.

A characterization of the Midwest Division of the Chicago ANP is located in the appendix section of this report.

#### B. Meetings

On June 16, 1962, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander of the ANP arrived in Chicago, Illinois. As a result of ROCKWELL's appearance, a meeting of the members of the Midwest Division, ANP, was held at the ANP's headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH was present at this meeting.

(CG T-1, 6/28/62)

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VIDNJEVICH attended two meetings of the Chicago ANP held on June 29, 1962, and July 6, 1962, at the Chicago ANP headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1. 7/6.12/62)

On July 13, 1962, a regular meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, was held at the organization's headquarters in Chicago. Nine persons were present during the course of this meeting. It was explained that the Chicago Branch at that time was made up of two divisions; namely, the Administrative Division and the Storm Trooper Division. VIDNJEVICH, who was present at this meeting, was assigned to the Administrative Division.

(CG T-1, 8/8/62) (CG T-2, 7/26/62)

On July 27, 1962, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, which was held at the units headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-2, 8/6/62)

VIDNJEVICH attended three meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held in Chicago, Illinois, on August 3, 1962, August 10, 1962, and August 17, 1962.

(CG T-1, 8/8,15; 9/5/62) (CG T-2, 8/6,13; 9/6/62)

On August 24, 1962, and August 28, 1962, 2 meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, were held in Chicago, Illinois. The formation of a public speaking class for members was discussed, since it was announced that each individual may be called upon at some time to speak to groups and to agitate. VIDNJEVICH attended these meetings.

(CG T-1, 9/11/62) (CG T-2, 9/6/62)

On August 31, 1962, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the members of the ANP at Chicago, Illinois, which was held at the organization's headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue. The meeting dealt basically with routine business following which a discussion was held concerning the progress of the first public speaking class. It was indicated that the class was considered as very successful.

(CG T-1, 9/5/62) (CG T-2, 9/6/62)

On September 7, 1962, a regular meeting was held at the Chicago Branch, ANP, Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Eight persons, including VIDNJEVICH, were present at this meeting and participated in a discussion of ANP principles.

(CG T-1, 9/11/62) (CG T-2, 9/19/62)

On October 12, 1962, an open meeting of the ANP was held in Chicago, Illinois. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was present and spoke to approximately ninety individuals at the meeting on the topic, "Communism is Jewish." VIDNJEVICH attended.

(CG T-2, 10/16/62)

On October 24, 1962, and October 26, 1962, VIDNJEVICH attended meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, at Chicago. At the meeting on October 24, 1962, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Chicago ANP purchasing the building at 2124 North Damen Avenue. It was suggested that the organization hold a series of open dinners to raise money for this purpose. A collection was taken from those present.

(CG T-2, 10/25/62 and 11/1/62)

VIDNJEVICH attended two meetings of the Chicago Branch of the ANP on November 16, 1962, and December 6, 1962,

at Chicago, Illinois. The two meetings were routine in nature and no pertinent matters were discussed.

(CG T-2, 11/21/62) (CG T-3, 12/10/62)

On December 7, 1962, a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, was held at 2124 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH attended this meeting. It was explained at this meeting that membership in the ANP is now divided into four groups. These are:

- 1. Storm troopers Those persons who are available for all activities of the organization.
- 2. Associate storm troopers Those persons who will participate to a limited extent in the organization's demonstrations and other public functions.
- 3. Associate members Those persons who will not for their own reasons participate in public activities but who contribute financially to the organization.
- 4. Supporting non-members Those persons who are not members of the ANP, but who contribute financially.

(CG T-2, 12/10/62)

VIDNJEVICH attended three meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held in Chicago on January 13, 1963, January 27, 1963 and January 29, 1963, at the organization's headquarters. These meetings were general business meetings and nothing of a pertinent nature developed.

(CG T-2, 1/15/63 and 1/31/63)

VIDNJEVICH attended two meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held in Chicago on January 30 and 31, 1963. At the meeting held on January 30, 1963, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was present and presided. Approximately thirty-four individuals were in attendance at the meeting during which ROCKWELL reviewed events of the past year, and to a limited extent discussed plans for the future.

(CG T-1, 2/14/63) (CG T-2, 1/31/63)

VIDNJEVICH attended two meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held in Chicago, Illinois, on February 1, 1963, and February 6, 1963. At these two meetings the topic of discussion was the need of financial aid from members of the ANP to cover the rent due on the organization's headquarters building at 2124 North Damen Avenue.

(CG T-2, 2/5,7/63) (CG T-3, 2/14/63)

VIDNJEVICH attended three meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held in Chicago, Illinois, on February 10, 1963, February 15, 1963, and February 17, 1963. A discussion was held regarding the recruitment of new members to the organization. The balance of the evening was a general discussion and no pertinent developments grew from this discussion.

> (CG T-1, 2/17/63) (CG T-2, 2/12, 21/63) (CG T-3, 2/20/63)

On Sunday, February 24, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a regular meeting of the Chicago ANP held at the organization's headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue. An announcement was made that the ANP organization was behind in the rent payments for their headquarters building and as of that date had not even paid the January rent in full.

(CG T-1, 2/28/63) (CG T-2, 3/12/63) (CG T-3, 3/4/63)

VIDNJEVICH attended four meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held at the organization's headquarters in Chicago on March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1963. At these meetings a general discussion regarding the financial condition of the organization took place. The meetings were general in nature and nothing of a pertinent nature developed.

(CG T-1, 3/6,14,26,28/63) (CG T-2, 3/12,27/63) (CG T-3, 3/4,18,25/63)

On March 22, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a special meeting of the Midwest Division, ANP, which was called at the headquarters building, 2124 North Damen Avenue. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the financial situation of the Midwest Division and to talk over the possibility of purchasing the headquarters building.

(CG T-1, 3/26/63) (CG T-2, 3/27/63) (CG T-3, 3/25/63)

Two meetings were attended by VIDNJEVICH held on March 29, 1963, and March 31, 1963, by the Chicago Branch of the ANP at Chicago, Illinois. These meetings basically dealt with reorganization of the Chicago group. Nothing significant developed during the meetings.

(CG T-1, 4/4/63) (CG T-2, 4/2/63) (CG T-3, 4/3, 13/63)

VIDNJEVICH attended three meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held at the headquarters building in Chicago on April 7, 14 and 28, 1963. These meetings were general business meetings and nothing of a pertinent nature developed at them.

(CG T-1, 4/11/63 and 5/3/63) (CG T-2, 4/15,30/63) On April 16, 1963, VIDNJEVICH and eight other individuals gathered at the Chicago ANP headquarters to meet GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander of the organization. The evening was spent in small talk and it was learned that ANP hand bills, posters and stickers of various kinds were soon to come out and a supply would be furnished to the Chicago organization.

(CG T-2, 4/30/63)

On April 20, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a special meeting of the Midwest Division, ANP, in Chicago. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a talk delivered by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, who was then visiting the city. After the speech by ROCKWELL he was driven to the airport in Chicago and was accompanied on this ride by VIDNJEVICH.

(CG T-2, 4/20/63) (CG T-3, 5/21/63)

VIDNJEVICH was present at four meetings of the Midwest Division, ANP, which were held at headquarters in Chicago on April 21, 1963, and May 5, 12 and 19, 1963, These meetings were general business meetings and nothing of a pertinent nature developed.

(CG T-1, 5/15,23/63) (CG T-2, 4/30; 5/22/63) (CG T-3, 5/21,23/63)

VIDNJEVICH attended three meetings of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held at Chicago on May 26, 1963, June 2 and 7, 1963. These meetings were general business meetings and nothing of a pertinent nature developed. At the meeting on June 7, 1963, VIDNJEVICH stated he was disappointed in the small number that appeared at the meetings, and he informed those present that he had contacted a number of members requesting that they attend meetings.

(CG T-1, 5/28/63) (CG T-2, 5/27/63) (CG T-3, 6/10; 56/18/63)

On June 30, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, which was held at 1808
West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is an apartment building shared by VIDNJEVICH and RAYMOND SCHULTZ and is now being used as the temporary headquarters of the Chicago Branch of the ANP and has been since June 3, 1963. At this meeting ROY JAMES, Officer in Charge of the ANP in Chicago, announced that he is to go to Arlington, Virginia, the National Headquarters of the ANP and is to accompany GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL on a six weeks speaking tour in Virginia. This speaking tour is to be political in nature and ROCKWELL's speeches will deal with white supremacy. JAMES told all present to keep in touch with VIDNJEVICH concerning future meetings of the ANP and VIDNJEVICH will apparently be in charge of the ANP in Chicago in JAMES' absence.

(CG T-3, 7/1/63)

On July 14, 1963, a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, was held at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH was in charge of themmeeting. VIDNJEVICH indicated at this meeting that the Chicago Branch of the ANP is to continue to mark time until ROY JAMES returns from Virginia.

(CG T-3. 7/17/63)

On July 28, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Chicago ANP at 1808 West Warner, Chicago, Illinois. The main topic of discussion during the evening was the poor attendance at the Chicago ANP meetings.

(CG T-2, 7/30/63) (CG T-3, 8/11/63)

On August 4, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Midwest Division, ANP, at Chicago held at 1808 West Warner Street, the temporary headquarters location. During the course of this meeting an attempt was made to "talk up" the forthcoming "March on Washington" scheduled for August 28, 1963. Two problems stand in the way of the Chicago members' participation; namely, securing time off

from their employment and procuring enough money for the trip.

(CG T-1, 8/22/63) (CG T-3, 8/26/63)

A meeting was held on August 11, 1963, of the Midwest Division, ANP, at Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH was in attendance and was chairman at this general business meeting.

(CG T-1, 8/22/63) (CG T-2, 8/28/63)

On August 18, 1963, VIDNJEVICH was present at a meeting of the Chicago ANP which was held at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. Because only six persons appeared, no business was conducted and the evening was spent in a "bull" session.

(CG T-1, 8/22/63)

On August 25, 1963, the Chicago ANP held a meeting of nine persons at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was presided over by CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH who conducted a discussion regarding the forthcoming "March on Washington." Following some general announcements, the meeting was terminated.

(CG T-2, 8/28/63)

On September 1, 1963, thirteen individuals, including VIDNJEVICH, attended a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, at Chicago, Illinois. This was a general business meeting and nothing of a pertinent nature transpired.

(CG T-3, 9/17/63)

On September 8, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Chicago ANP at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH commented at this meeting that a confidential report had been received from the Arlington, Virginia, headquarters of the ANP which report concerned the recent "March on Washington' and how ANP members present were surrounded by police and were not allowed to give any speeches or demonstrate on a second sec

(CG T-2, 9/11/63)

On September 15, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Chicago Branch of the ANP in Chicago, Illinois. It was learned that this meeting was informal as most meetings have been since ROY JAMES left Chicago in July, 1963. Nothing of a pertinent nature developed at this meeting.

(CG T-3, 9/17/63)

On September 30, 1963, VIDNJEVICH attended a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP at Chicago, Illinois. This meeting was chaired by VIDNJEVICH in the absence of ROY JAMES. The meeting consisted of VIDNJEVICH reading two inter-party news letters sent from Arlington, Virginia, the ANP headquarters.

(CG T-1, 10/10/63)

On October 6, 1963, a meeting was held by Chicago Branch ANP, at 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH was chairman of this meeting. The principal discussion centered about the attempt to find suitable office space for the organization in downtown Chicago.

(CG T-1, 10/10/63)

III. STATEMENT BY SUBJECT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS

It was learned on May 5, 1963, that CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH accompanied ROY JAMES to Newberry Park, "Bug House Square,", Chicago, Illinois, on May 4, 1963, where JAMES gave a public speech concerning white supremacy, and how costly a problem it was to have all the vast number of Negro indigents on the public aid and relief roles.

(CG T-3. 5/21/63)

On August 4, 1963, at a meeting of the Chicago Branch, ANP, held at Chicago, Illinois, VIDNJEVICH stated he was recently on the South Side of Chicago where some Negro families have moved into an all white neighborhood. VIDNJEVICH stated there was increasing anti-Negro feeling in that section of

the city and the whole area is about ready to explode in a race war. As VIDNJEVICH put it "The white people there are boiling over, and all they need is a leader. If someone would just lead them, they would probably take on every cop there to get those niggers and run them out." VIDNJEVICH stated very little spark was needed to start a race riot. It was the intention of the ANP to keep a very close watch on the proceedings on the South Side of Chicago.

VIDNJEVICH further stated Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was arrested in Emporia, Virginia, which arrest was brought about through the influence of a Jew, who owns or controls nearly all of the business establishments in Emporia, Virginia.

(CG T-3, 8/26/63)

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

# A. Public Appearances and/or Demonstrations

On August 4, 1962, a group of representatives of the Chicago Branch, ANP, conducted a picket demonstration in front of the headquarters of the Illinois edition of "The Worker," 36 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. VIDNJEVICH participated in this demonstration. The demonstrators were attired in ANP "storm trooper" type uniforms and carried signs which read, "Communist Propaganda Mill Upstairs," "Gas the Communists - Use Zyklom B."

(CG T-2, 8/6/62)

"The Worker" is an East Coast communist newspaper.

On August 11, 1962, VIDNJEVICH who wore his ANP uniform was one of the members of the Administrative Branch of the ANP in Chicago that conducted a picket demonstration at the Israeli Consulate, 936 North Michigan Avenue. Placards were carried with the inscription "Bring Back Soblen So We Can Gas Him."

(CG T-1, 8/15/62) (CG T-2, 8/13/62)

On November 11, 1962, VIDNJEVICH was one of the representatives of the Chicago Branch ANP that conducted a picket demonstration at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This meeting was held by the Chicago Committee Against Nazism, Anti-Semitism and Racism which is a committee of the Jewish Cultural Clubs of Chicago (JCCC).

(CG T-2, 11/13/62) (CG T-4, 11/15/62)

A characterization of the JCCC is attached hereto.

On November 30, 1962, MANDEL TERMAN, Chairman, of the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF), held a meeting at the Sherman House Hotel, Clark and Randolph Streets, Chicago, for the purpose of showing films and giving a talk on a recent trip to the Soviet Union. A picket demonstration against this meeting was held in front of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago. CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH was one of the pickets and was dressed in the uniform of the ANP. The pickets carried placards reading, "Communists Must Go" and "Sherman Hotel Supports Communists."

(CG T-3, 12/3/62)

A characterization of the CCASF is attached hereto.

On February 10, 1963, it was learned that VIDNJEVICH and other members of the Chicago Branch of the ANP in Chicago, Illinois, had gone to Northwestern University, campus at Evanston, Illinois, on February 10, 1963, to distribute pamphlets among students at the University. These pamphlets protested the previous cancellation of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL's speech at Northwestern University and blamed the Jewish War Veterans and pressure exerted by them for the cancellation of this speech.

(CG T-3, 2/15/63)

On March 10, 1963, VIDNJEVICH and other representatives of the Chicago unit of the ANP appeared outside the Northwest Baptist Church, 6015 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, where an unknown individual connected with the trial and execution of ADOLPH EICHMANN in Israel was to speak. It was

the purpose of the ANP group to distribute literature to persons attending the lecture. Chicago police denied entrance to the group when it was determined they were not persons of the church parish. They were also prohibited from distributing the literature because of a city ordinance which denied them to do so without a permit.

(CG T-1, 3/14/63)

On April 13, 1963, VIDNJEVICH and other members of the ANP of Chicago appeared at a peace march demonstration being staged by another organization in downtown Chicago. This was not an organized function of the ANP but a private activity of VIDNJEVICH and other members. The individuals divided into two groups and heckled the peace demonstrators, some throwing eggs or firecrackers.

(CG T-2, 4/15/63)

It was learned on August 11, 1963, that VIDNJEVICH was on the South Side of Chicago sometime during August, 1963, and passed out ANP leaflets regarding the proposed "March on Washington" that was to take place in August, 1963.

(CG T-1, 8/22/63)

#### B. Miscellaneous Activity

During the early evening of February 27, 1963, a number of persons, including VIDNJEVICH, gathered for a dinner at the Tom Thumb Restaurant, 3566 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL was guest of honor at this dinner. It was learned during this dinner that VIDNJEVICH had contributed over \$100 to the ANP organization to help purchase a building to be used as headquarters for the ANP in Chicago. This money was a refund from VIDNJEVICH's income tax. VIDNJEVICH was lauded for this action and received a round of applause by those present at the dinner.

(CG T-1, 2/28/63)

# V. INTERVIEW OF CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH

Date November 26, 1963

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CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH, 1808 West Warner Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he is currently a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) at Chicago and since July, 1963, in the absence of Captain ROY JAMES, Officer in Charge of the Chicago unit, he has been the acting head of the ANP in Chicago. VIDNJEVICH advised he has no title and is serving only on a temporary basis since it is anticipated that within approximately thirty days the national headquarters of the organization at Arlington, Virginia, will assign either JAMES or a new leader to the Chicago post.

VIDNJEVICH stated that his interest in the ANP began in approximately January of 1961. He explained that he had read of the existence and activities of the organization and developed an interest since, based on what he read, many of the ANP views coincided with his.

VIDNJEVICH stated that since he originally came into contact with the ANP he has maintained a continuing interest in that organization not only as a member but has attended meetings of that group and participated in their activities.

VIDNJEVICH stated that the ANP today is a political organization promoting national socialism. The Chicago unit is absolutely an affiliate of the American Nazi Party in Arlington, Virginia. The organization, he stated, depends solely on contributions from the membership and its friends for financial support. Originally he advised the group collected dues from its members on a regular basis. However, over the months they "slipped away" from this practice. It is anticipated that they will again begin to collect dues monthly from the members.

VIDNJEVICH stated that the organization as a whole has been rather inactive lately because of numerous court cases in which the leaderhip of the Party and its members are presently involved. This condition of inactivity exists particularly in Chicago for a number of reasons, one being the "pressure brought to bear" on the organization here, another the fear of the membership in being arrested and losing their jobs.

On	11/20/63 of Chicago,	Illinois	File # 105-13900
<b>O</b> ,	SAs ROBERT J. DOLAN and		
by _	CLAY M. BRADY/BJD	<u> </u>	Date dictated 11/26/63

VIDNJEVICH cited as an example of the "pressure brought to bear" the recent action taken by the City of Chicago in bringing numerous building violations against their headquarters. He said this action caused them to give up their building.

He continued that he would like to have the organization become fully active again. He expressed his desire to have the membership demonstrate against meetings of "communist fronts" and against the various civil rights movements. Their big obstacle at this time, VIDNJEVICH stated, is the inability of the members to pay fines if they should be arrested as a result of their Party activities.

VIDNJEVICH stated that he fully subscribes to the program of the ANP as it exists today. He said it is the Party's aim to place representatives in the various political positions about the country and finally to have a Party representative in the White House by 1972.

VIDNJEVICH stated that the Chicago organization presently consists of approximately 14 "hard core" members. By this, he stated, he referred to persons who regularly attend meetings, furnish whatever financial assistance they can, and will participate wherever possible in public demonstrations. He stated that it is the desire of the local organization to build this number of "hard core" members and with the arrival of the new leader from Arlington, it is hoped this organizing will get underway.

VIDNJEVICH stated that the Chicago unit at one time utilized a front group known as the "Fighting American Nationalists". This was to provide a level of membership for those persons who could not participate in the activities of the ANP for one reason or another. In addition, there existed at one time a group known as the White Youth Corps which also provided a level of membership for the young men in the area who because of their age could not become members of the ANP. Neither of these groups existed as actual organizations but rather as a part of the ANP itself. Both are now out of existence and no plans are presently had to reactivate them.

VIDNJEVICE stated that he currently resides at 1808 West Warner Street with RAYMOND SCHULTZ. This address serves as the temporary headquarters of the ANP at Chicago, Illinois.

The following is a physical description of VIDNJEVICH based on interview and observation on November 20, 1963:

CHRISTOPHER VIDNJEVICH Name (Legally changed in February, 1957 from KRSTO VIDNJEVIC) Race White Sex Male Date of birth September 15, 1943 Place of birth Croatia Height 5'11 3" 180-185 lbs. Weight Build Heavy Hair Blond Eyes Blue Medium Complexion 1808 West Warner Street Residence Chicago, Illinois Central Scientific Company Employment 1700 West Irving Park Road Chicago, Illinois, as a chemical sub-divider Social Security #

Social Security # Military Service Marital Status Automobile

Associates Special

abilities

None, registered Chicago, Illinois

Single

None (has no access to automobile)

Members of ANP only

None (including knowledge of explosives and weapons)

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# AMERICAN NAZI PARTY MIDWEST DIVISION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. George Lincoln Rockwell, National Commander, ANP, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1962, Matthias Koehl, self-identified as lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject for final authority on George Lincoln Rockwell and ANP National Headquarters.

On January 15, 1963, William Cody, then a lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the Chicago headquarters of the ANP controlled the activities of the organization in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A second source advised on February 6, 1963, that as of January 31, 1963, the Chicago unit of the ANP became known as the Midwest Division, ANP.

The first source advised on June 3, 1963, that as of that date the Midwest Division, ANP, vacated their headquarters which they had formerly maintained at 2124 North Damon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and henceforth meetings of that organization would be held in the residences of the organization's members.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS, Also Known as The George Lincoln Rockwell Party

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 19, 1963, a source advised that the ANP - WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is esponsing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Storntrooper's Manual," an official publication of the American Nazi Party, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first, "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and, fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

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#### FIGHTING AMERICAN NATIONALISTS (FAN)

On February 23, 1961, GRORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, leader of the American Nazi Party (ANP), advised Special Agents of the FBI that the FAN was organized as an anti-communist organization in September, 1960. ROCKWELL said it is a separate and distinct group from ANP, but members of FAN are "frustrated Nazis" who do not like to wear the swastika or be associated with the principles of ADOLF HITLER.

ROCKWELL stated individuals have expressed an interest in the FAN and since FAN is in consort with and guided by the ANP, these individuals soon realize the use of the swastika is the best method of getting recognition in their fight against communism. Soon these individuals will join the ANP, Rockwell said.

A source advised on February 17, 1961, that in talking to J. V. KENNETH MORGAN, Deputy Commander, ANP, MORGAN stated there is no legal connection between FAN and ANP but FAN was organized under the guidance of ROCKWELL and it is used as a front group dominated by the principles and objectives of the ANP and looks to GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL as its leader.

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#### FIGHTING AMERICAN NATIONALISTS (FAN) - Chicago

A source advised on April 10, 1961, that the Chicago Branch, Fighting American Nationalists (FAN) was established at Chicago, Illinois, in November, 1960, as a "front group" of the American Nazi Party (ANP). Source stated the expressed purpose for establishing the Chicago Branch FAN was to create a "training ground" for ultimate membership in the ANP.

Source stated that as of February 1, 1961, the Chicago Branch FAN was headed by MALCOLM LAMBERT, Illinois Commander, ANP, who is assisted by MATTHIAS KOEHL, JR., Illinois Secretary-Treasurer. ANP.

On May 22, 1962, MATTHIAS KOEHL, JR., self-identified Lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, Illinois, advised that as of that date, all operations in the Chicago area are now carried on under the banner of the ANP. Previously, he stated, a certain element of the ANP membership was assigned to the FAN, a front group of the ANP. KOEHL stated the purpose of the FAN was to afford the young, inexperienced individuals in their group with organizational training and certain indoctrination into National Socialism. In recent weeks all activities have slowly been consolidated into the ANP operation and the FAN organization has ceased to exist in Chicago, Illinois.

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#### CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF," an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American—Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in Jūly, 1943. This document stated, "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American—Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was validated August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on May 9, 1963, that the CCASF remains affiliated with the NCASF for the purpose of implementing its stated aims of peaceful co-existence and friendship with the USSR but continues to consider itself autonomous in the government of its affairs and program for achieving these aims. Although the CCASF considers itself autonomous in this regard, the leaders of the CCASF are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the NCASF.

The CCASF is located at 32 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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#### JEWISH CULTURAL CLUBS OF CHICAGO

A source advised on December 7, 1961, that the Jewish Cultural Clubs of Chicago (JCCC) which initially rented space at 177 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, during 1956, moved to 3300-3314 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, on December 1, 1961.

A second source advised on June 26, 1963, that the JCCC is not responsible to any other organization of a similar character. It pays no dues or receives directives from a national office. The JCCC does request speakers and suggestions for programs from their counterparts in other midwestern cities and especially New York City. A loose-knit coordinating committee in the midwest operates with delegates from the larger midwestern cities.

This source advised on May 14, 1963, that the JCCC has nine affiliated clubs. The membership of the club includes many former members of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order - International Workers Order (JPFO) (IWO).

This source on October 25, 1961, made available a copy of the Perspectives and Proposals presented at the annual JCCC conference held October 22, 1961. The aims and purposes set out in the Perspectives and Proposals are as follows:

As a progressive Jewish organization, it is our task to be alertened to react to all matters concerning the welfare of our people and our country. The guestion of peace, civil rights and growing anti-Semitism, the rising pro-Nazi tendencies and organizations... are of paramount importance to our organization. In presenting our program, we urge active support and cooperation with peace movements against the threat of a third nuclear war; an all-out campaign to help expose and eradicate organized anti-Semitic groups; to study bills pertaining to the health, security and welfare of our senior citizens; to intensify our cultural activities and to support Jewish children's schools as a means of perpetuating this heritage. On June 26, 1963, this source advised that the aims and purposes of the JCCC continue to be the same.

This source advised that as of June 26, 1963, LEO BERMAN was President of the JCCC, and MARTIN JOFFE and ISADORE POMERANTZ were two of the three Vice Presidents.

A third source advised in March, 1962, that LEO BERMAN was one of three Communist Party (CP) members who are attorneys in the City of Chicago.

A fourth source advised that as of January, 1963, MARTIN JOFFE was a member of a CP club in the Rogers Park area of Chicago.

A fifth source advised that as of February 7, 1963, ISADORE POMERANTZ was a member of the CP of Illinois Hyde Park Political Action Club.

The JPFO and IWO have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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#### WHITE YOUTH CORPS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A confidential source advised on November 30, 1961, that one ARTHUR BRILL, an associate of the American Nazi Party (ANP) in the Chicago, Illinois, area, had started a new program to be known as the White Youth Corps (WYC).

On May 22, 1962, MATTHIAS KOEHL, JR., then a Lieutenant in the ANP and second in command of the Chicago Branch of that organization, advised that the WYC did not exist as an organization per se but rather was a level of affiliation with the ANP specifically for the young element unable to actually be accepted into membership because of their age. The WYC, KOEHL stated, was no longer in existence.

On January 4, 1963, a second confidential source advised that the WYC was then being reorganized. The organization reportedly will not be considered a part of the ANP although they propose to utilize office space in ANP headquarters and they will receive legal advice from the ANP. Membership in the new WYC will be confined to individuals 14 to 18 years of age.

On February 13, 1963, the second confidential source mentioned advised that nothing has developed to indicate an extension of membership or activities of the WYC. Source stated that it appears that despite denunciations of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, regarding the association of this organization and the ANP, the WYC is nevertheless affiliated with that organization.



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Reference

Report of Special Agent John P. O'Brien, dated and captioned as above, at Chicago.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG T-4 and CG T-5 are employed by an agency which collects security type information in the Chicago, Illinois, area.