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Soviet Flashpoints

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CIA's "Operation Gladio"

All agency records related to the following:

1. The United States Government's original decision(s), probably taken during the 1951-55 period, to sponsor, support, or collaborate with, any covert armies, networks, or other units, established to resist a possible invasion of Western Europe by communist-dominated countries, or to conduct guerilla activities in Western European countries should they become dominated by Communist, leftist, or Soviet-sponsored parties or regimes.
2. Any United States Government policy assessments or reviews undertaken during 1961-1963, of the United States Government's decisions to sponsor, support, or collaborate with, such covert entities.
3. Any United States Government policy assessments or reviews undertaken during 1969-1970, of the United States Government's decisions to sponsor, support, or collaborate with, such covert entities.
4. With reference to the above, please include in your search any records relating to the activities known as "Operation Gladio", particularly in France, Germany, or Italy.

The term "records" means records of any kind, including mission statements, organizational charts, budget data, memoranda, reports, and records of action.

PLEASE NOTE: This request merits a fee waiver because: (1) any records obtained as a result of the request will contribute significantly to public understanding of United States foreign policy in the post-World War II, as well as the role of intelligence information, analyses, and operations in United States policy-making during that time.

(2) The National Security Archive's past and present record of publications, gives it status under the FOIA as a representative of the news media. This request is integrally related to the Archive's publishing program because any documents obtained from it may be published in a forthcoming document set on Cold War "flashpoints".L

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