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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
<p><u>I. PREAMBLE:</u></p> <p>S was in 3 civilian penal labor camps near UST'-UKHTA (6334N/5342E) from Dec 49 to Jun 53. He was held in penal labor camp # 3 from Dec 49 to Jan 50, in penal labor camp # 14 from Jan 50 to Jul 51 and in penal labor camp #2 from Jul 51 to Jun 53. During these periods he worked as a lumberjack in the woods and as laborer in the camp's own bakery. While being in penal labor camps #3 and 14 he met 2 members of the USAF about whom he reported the following.</p> <p><u>II. PENAL LABOR CAMPS:</u></p> <p>S could not identify or locate the camps on any available maps. The penal labor camp #3 was located 8 km from UST'UKHTA (6334N/5342E) as S heard from MVD guards and 572 men; mostly Russian civilians were interned there. All internees had chains on their feet within the camps and also 1 m long chains on their hands on their way to and from work as well as during work. They worked in the woods, cutting pine trees and in a saw mill located near a 12 m wide river, 3 km distant from the camp. The penal labor camp # 14 was located 14 km SE of UST'-UKHTA, 700 m away from the IZHMA River, surrounded by several log houses in which civilian farm workers were living. Altogether 150 to 200 civilians including MVD soldiers, the guards of the penal camp, were living here. 8,000 internees were living in the camp under the same conditions as in penal labor camp #3. The penal labor camp #2 was located 28 km SE of UST'-UKHTA, bordered on the one side by the ISHMA River. It was subdivided into 2 sections, by a wooden fence. 1 of these sections was the so called REGIME camp with 250 internees, including S, who lived in the same conditions as in penal labor camp #3 and 14, while in the other section the so called BUR camp 500 internees under still more severe conditions were held. The internees here had chains on their feet and hands within the camp as well as outside the camp while marching, or in the woods where they worked. S worked here in a bakery located outside the camp but near its entrance.</p> <p><u>III. AMERICANS HELD IN PENAL LABOR CAMPS:</u></p> <p>Soon after arrival, S met in the penal labor camp #3 in Dec 49 two members of the USAF. S was surprised to hear their English conversation and asked them where they came from. He spoke with them, asking about details, wondering</p>			
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that they were former allies of the Russians in penal labor camps. They proved their statements by showing an USAF cap which one of the men had in his pocket. It was an overseas cap of grey blue color with an airman's US insignia, with a silver metal airman's wing insignia, 1 silver bar fixed horizontally. The cap was embroidered by a silver piping. The name of the man who showed the cap was Mr. Harry ROSENBERG, 26 years old, 1.7 m tall, slim, black hair which was cut off. While he was in the camp, he wore a bright blue airman's shirt, without pockets, and sometimes a brown-green colored shirt with 2 pockets closed with buttons. He had a 2 piece blue working suit, cotton-wool lined black trousers and a jacket and a coat during Winter time of Russian make. Felt boots. A tailor made black cap embroidered with white lamb skin. Mr Rosenberg had a scar on his right upper arm and spoke only little German. The name of the 2nd USAF man was unkn. He was 1.75 m tall, had broad shoulders, blonde, but off hair, was slim and went lame with his right leg. He wore similar clothes as Mr Rosenberg and also a plain baige tie. S and the airmen became friends as they were at this time the only foreigners in the camp. Both airmen were from New York state. S was told that they were forced to land in Summer 49 in the area of KHARKOV (5000N/3615E) with their 4 engine bomber, because both right-hand engines fell out. They were accused of spying and arrested by Soviet authorities and interned in penal labor camp #3 near UST'-UKHTA. In Jan 50, S was transfered with the 2 US airmen, 5 Chechs and 55 Russians to the penal labor camp # 14, also near UST'-UKHTA. The mairmen always refused to work. One day in Mar or Apr 50 Mr Rosenberg escaped at 0002 hours from the camp and was able to reach the area of KOTLAS (6116N/4635E) but here he was caught and brought back to the penal labor camp # 14, where he was held in a special prison. Few days afterwards, S also refused to work and as a result of this he was also sent into this special prison, where he was together with Mr Rosenberg who related the story of his escape to S. After 10 days S came out of the prison remaining still in camp # 14 while Mr Rosenberg was transfered to the BUR section of the penal labor camp #2. The 2nd US airman, who had in his pocket 200 to 300 Rubles planned to escape 2 months later. Someone disclosed his possession of money to members of the so called SUKAS, a group of criminals. On a Sunday in Summer 50, at 1100 to 1200 hours, he was asked to render him the rubles in his possession. The airman refused. As a result of this he was stabbed by a criminal, 3 m away from S. Although a physician, also an internee Dr. SCHWITZER Otto, applied first aid, he died soon afterwards on the 34 stabs which he received. The airman was burried on the same Sunday by S and 3 Russian internees on a cemetary located 2 km from the penal labor camp in the woods, containing 5,000 graves. S stated that he ordered a wooden cross in the joiner shop of the camp, and fixed on it the letters US made of copper. The cross was later on placed on the grave. Soon afterwards S was transfered to the REGIME camp of the penal labor camp # 2. The camp officer was friendly towards the foreigners and S received a job in the bakery, located just near the entrance to the BUR section of the camp. 4 or 5 days after arrival, s recognized Mr Rosenberg through the window in the last line of a marching group of penal laborers, which left the camp on their way to work. While the group stopped, S opened the window from the bakery and shuted "Harry". He turned round recognized S and asked about the news of the 2nd airman. He told him the sad story, and

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handed him also a piece of bread. He was very meagre. In Autumn 51, S observed on one day 0090 hours a man guarded by 2 MVD soldiers, being led through the gate of the camp. It was Mr Rosenberg. They could exchange few words and said that he is on the way to MOSKVA (5545N/3735E) which were the last words to S.

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