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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with AECAMBISTA-4

[] and [] met with AECAMBISTA-4 in Room 983, Raleigh Hotel, at 1800 hours, Tuesday, 11 December 1956. AECAMBISTA-4 transmitted the following information:

1. Michael BELYAMUK (Cleveland) did not agree to act as a spotter for the Hot War cadre type. His reasoning was that the probabilities of coming up with any candidates in the Cleveland area were remote. This was based on the fact that Alexander YATSEVITCH (see report of contact with AECAMBISTA-4 on September 1956) has been spreading propaganda regarding Byelorussian nationals in the States who have recruited and sent men on missions from which they have not returned and who have pocketed large sums of money which is paid to them for the recruitment of these men. YATSEVITCH actually has revealed the names of the individuals dispatched into Byelorussia and has named AECAMBISTA-2 as one of those responsible. Therefore, when approaching any Byelorussian type candidates in the Cleveland area, they refer to the "facts" given them by YATSEVITCH. AECAMBISTA-4 said that some of the Byelorussians in the Cleveland area have been talking about "doing away" with YATSEVITCH, but they have been advised by other more cautious Byelorussians against such drastic measures.
2. AECAMBISTA-4 is leaving this month to return to Paris. Constantine MIERLAK (Brooklyn, New York) will replace him as the P. A. under the AEREADY program. Plans were made for [] to meet with AECAMBISTA-4 and MIERLAK in New York on 13 December (later changed to Monday, 17 December 1956) in order for them to become acquainted. Only Hot War program activities will be discussed in the meetings with MIERLAK. He will not be brought in on AEPRIMMER activities.
3. Subject said that MIERLAK would have the list of candidates spotted to date, and that he has some ideas of his own regarding methods of approach to candidates which he will discuss with [] during the New York visit.
4. On one of [] visits in New York, he asked to be introduced to AECAMBISTA-4 and also requested that he be notified when he (AECAMBISTA-4) was in Washington.

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[] told AECAMBISTA-4 he could get word to him via [] . AECAMBISTA-4 was told that an attempt would be made to contact [] to set up an appointment. This was done the following morning and [] was to meet with AECAMBISTA-4 at 0930 hours on 12 December at the Raleigh Hotel. An appointment also was made for [] and [] to see AECAMBISTA-4 for lunch on 12 December at the Raleigh.

5. One fnu MAZUR who returned from Louvain to Minsk has sent letters to numerous Byelorussians trying to lure them back to Byelorussia. He also has had articles published in the Communist, Return to the Homeland, in which he writes about traitors who have sold themselves to the Americans for dollars, naming such individuals as AECAMBISTA-2.

6. The meeting was terminated at 1900 hours. The next meeting was scheduled for [] to meet AECAMBISTA-4 at 1900 hours on 17 December in New York.

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