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MEMO - 6244

SUBJECT: REDBIRD/AEQUOR/CAMBISTA II: NEW PROPOSALS

RE: MUNIFG 3999

1. Until the present, we have dealt with CAMBISTA II only with the goal of recruiting agents, but at our last meeting, CAMBISTA II advanced several proposals which will have the effect of extending the basis of our relationship with him. The proposals cover methods of recruitment, the establishment of a program of partisan training, and the resuscitation of a Belorussian newspaper now published irregularly in Munich.

2. The subject of further recruitment and CAMBISTA II's proposal for the establishment of a program of partisan training for Belorussians, are best discussed together. CAMBISTA II proposes to select about 200 young Belorussians now living in Western Europe for partisan training to be conducted at some out-of-the-way location in the American Zone of Germany under cover of U.S. Army recruitment of EP's. These men would be trained for service in the event of war, but it is expected that from their number, individuals would volunteer for immediate action, which is to say for agent missions. CAMBISTA II stated that he would go about recruitment in the following manner: Ten Belorussian students presently studying at the University of Louvain will be assigned the job of recording the military histories and other biographical data of approximately 200 of their fellow countrymen now residing in England, France, Belgium and other parts of Western Europe. This information will be collected during the summer recess of the university when the students scatter throughout various West European countries to visit their homes. The action will be completed by the end of August. CAMBISTA II stated that it was important to gather this information now, even if we were unable to see our way clear to supporting the establishment of the proposed partisan training center at the present time. This suited us perfectly: although CSOB wishes to concentrate on recruiting and training agents for immediate action and therefore cannot commit ourselves to large-scale plans for training partisans for actual warfare, we are definitely interested in obtaining information about young Belorussians in Western Europe, because very likely some of these men can be recruited as agents. Others will definitely be of interest to ZRELOPE. CAMBISTA II has been instructed to go ahead with the collection of this information, which we are financing with 50,000 Belgian francs (\$1000). (Each of the ten students will receive roughly \$100 for one month's travel and expenses.) We consider this to be a reasonable figure in view of the anticipated results.

3. CAMBISTA II attaches great importance to the establishment of a Belorussian weekly newspaper. He said that the most important way in which we can reciprocate for his services in recruitment is by furnishing material aid to revitalize an irregularly published Belorussian newspaper. The newspaper in question is Bac'kawacina (phonetically, Bats'kavahchina, meaning "Fatherland"), which appears in Munich. CAMBISTA II recommended that the current staff of two men be retained in their positions of editor and business manager. In the past, they have been able to devote only their evenings to newspaper work because during the day they had to support themselves by other employment. The lack of full-time editors and inadequate funds explain why the newspaper has been appearing irregularly. The editor-in-chief is Stanislava STANKJEVIC (Stankyevich), IRO, Bad Aibling. The

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business manager is Vladimir BORTNIK, IRO, Gauting. An additional associate editor will be chosen. The initial monthly cost of publishing the paper will be DM 4000. We will provide this sum for a provisional two-month period, during which time we will have the opportunity of determining whether or not the newspaper is worth its keep. The money will be spent as follows:

Printing, around DM 750 per edition	DM 3000
Editor's salary	350
2 Assistant editors, @ DM 300	600
Additional expenses	50
	DM <u>4000</u>

CAMBISTA II estimates that after two months, about one-third of the production costs should be covered by subscriptions. Present circulation is only 2000, largely because the paper appears irregularly, but CAMBISTA II believes that circulation can be built up to 4000, once the newspaper is published on a weekly basis. CAMBISTA II wants to keep our financial support of the paper a secret to be known only to him. He intends to say that the money which he turns over to the paper is a donation of the CAMBISTA III organization in Louvain. This will not cause surprise because the students have previously supported a number of Belorussian causes with funds given to them by Catholic authorities at the University of Louvain. (These funds are actually earmarked for the students' education). For example, these students were for several months sending the equivalent of \$200 monthly to Paris to help support a Belorussian news paper which, however, eventually failed because of the high <sup>cost of</sup> production in that city. Since CAMBISTA II handles the funds provided by Catholic authorities, even the students will not realize that they are not actually providing the funds for Bac'kawsina. With reference to the newspaper's policy, CAMBISTA II has given us assurance that the editorial line will not be anti-Russian or antagonistic towards local Russian groups. If the editors take a tack to which we object, we have but to tell CAMBISTA II and he will see to it that the editors are set straight, or, if necessary, changed. We consulted with QKACTIVE personnel regarding the newspaper and its editors, but found out that they have no information concerning the enterprise. A name-check at local CIC headquarters revealed nothing in the files against the editors. In conclusion, it should be pointed out that the interest of CAMBISTA III in this newspaper will provide a convenient excuse for CAMBISTA II to come to Munich once a month or so to confer with the editors and, clandestinely, with us.

4. CAMBISTA II would like to make a trip to the United States to investigate the possibility of recruiting Belorussian emigrants for agents and partisan training. He states that many young men who recently emigrated to the United States are now being conscripted into the US Army, and although they are happy to serve, he believes that they would be more valuable as agents and partisans than as privates. CAMBISTA II would not do the recruiting himself because of the time required, but would appoint two or three recruiters in both the US and Canada to undertake the task. The men whom he wished to contact initially regarding the recruiting program in North America are Michael TULEJKA, c/o Horoshko, 325 E. 100 St. (Apt 9), New York; and Iru HRYCUG, c/o Akua, 131 Manning Ave., Toronto. CAMBISTA II has the opportunity of going to the US in August with cover as a delegate of the East European Assembly of Free Youth to the convention of the World Association of Youth (WAY). However, we believe that it would be better if he were to go to the US at a later date, perhaps in the fall, when the REDBIRD domestic training program is in full swing. At the time we informed CAMBISTA II of

this decision, we also told him that his pet project, the newspaper, would be financed on a trial basis for two months. This, together with intimations that a trip to the US may be possible in the fall, softened the blow of our refusal. Since CAMBISTA II admits that one of his reasons for wanting to go to the US is to get to know the country with which he is collaborating, he should be met by one of our people who, in escorting him, can make sure that he sees more of the country than just New York City where many new emigrants are living in circumstances which compare quite unfavorably with the way in which their counterparts are living in Western Europe. The impact of this might have an unfortunate effect on our relationship, unless counterbalanced by a wider sampling of American life. Since the undersigned, [redacted] will be present in the US for part of the fall, it may be found convenient to use him to meet and maintain contact with CAMBISTA II if the latter should visit our country at that time.

5. CAMBISTA II has expressed the desire to send in pamphlets with CAMPOSANTO I. We have explained to him that, operationally, it is not a good idea to send in propaganda with the first man, but we promised to give further consideration to the matter. We have asked him to have a few pamphlet texts prepared so that we can get an idea of the sort of thing he has in mind. CAMBISTA II states that, in general, the pamphlet line will attack Communist abuses and at the <sup>same</sup> time create hope for a better future. For example, collectivization, which has met strong resistance in Belarussia, will be roundly criticized, and its abolition will be promised as soon as the Soviet state falls.

6. We have advised CAMBISTA II to accept a position as a "free assistant" at a Belgian hospital upon completion of the examinations which he is now taking to obtain his medical degree. In this capacity he will replace other doctors who go away on vacation or for other reasons. He will be under no obligation to accept a given assignment, and, therefore, his job will not interfere with his work for us and his organization. The position will provide excellent cover but not enough money for his family's support. Therefore, we will pay him 12,000 Belgian francs monthly (\$240) which is for partial support of his family and for expenses incurred in traveling.