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SPECIFIC— AEQUOR/ Survey of the Belorussian Emigration and the Social^{CM} Concept

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1. The following steps are being taken to implement the survey of the Belorussian emigration in the U.S., Canadian area, and the European area. First of all, we are preparing Cambista 11 to go to the States. In this connection, Cambista 11 will write to various persons in the U.S. and Canada, informing them that under orders of Cambista 4 he is going to the U.S. within a short time to ascertain the current potential of the Belorussian emigration. This will more or less pave the way for his journey and provide him with a legitimate cover for his activities. We are awaiting, however, further information from Headquarters for briefing of Cambista 11 prior to his trip, since it is our feeling that he should be under the strict guidance of a Headquarters case officer during his sojourn there. It will be necessary for us to provide contact, identification, and general operational instructions prior to his departure. On the European side of the survey picture, the other two P/A candidates will be utilized. They will be under the direct supervision of Cambista 2 and will take action to accomplish the following:

- a. to determine the specific age groups of Belorussians in any country and area;
- b. to find out present activities of individual Belorussians or of Belorussian groups;
- c. to sound out the individuals whom they contact on the idea of setting up a social club which would have as its primary function the discussion of the problems of Belorussian nationalism, the contribution that could be made by individual Belorussians in the struggle against bolshevism, etc.;
- d. to obtain as far as possible biographical data on the individuals who, as a result of the survey, appear to be likely prospects for a more active role in the anti-bolshevist struggle.

2. The undersigned wishes to point out Cambista 2's feelings with regard to the program as outlined above, both in regard to the survey of the Belorussian emigration and the establishment of social clubs with subsequent lectures by visiting scholars or officials of Cambista 1.

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Primarily, Cambista 2 interprets the substitution of this plan in place of the establishment of a Cadre school as further indication of the inability of the U.S. Government to demonstrate a sound policy with regard to the future. He expressed himself very vehemently to the effect that it appeared that this was merely another dilatory action to justify our failure to come to a firm decision with regard to the Cadre school. However, he is willing to go along with the program, probably since he feels that he has reached more or less a stone wall with regard to the collaboration with us and there was not much else he could do. He also feels that the survey would only be useful as a stepping-stone to a more centralized program. Merely having a list of names of individuals in the emigration who are willing or are capable of performing a more active role is not sufficient, in his estimation. Once this is obtained, a sound program for the utilization of this information and these persons is mandatory; otherwise, we will find ourselves in basically the same situation as we are now. The same feeling applies with regard to the social club-visiting lecturer concept. He feels that it may be possible to set up various clubs and have Belorussians meet together, discuss politics, and occasionally have a lecturer to point up the problems; but this concept in itself does not have any long range potentiality. If an individual member of a club desires to take a more active part -- which may be manifest in several ways, either he may desire to work on publications, to campaign for the establishment of military cadres, or he may be interested in active work inside the BSSR -- regardless of his feelings, however, at the time they are expressed, there must be some other program available to capitalize on this individual's feelings. In the social club surroundings it remains comparatively passive. The only feasible solution is the establishment of an advanced program to take the interested members of the social clubs and prepare them for more concrete actions under disciplined conditions. Such a program obviously involves the establishment of a military or political Cadre school under centralized Cambista 1 direction.

3. Comments:

a. With regard to the above program, this station cannot help but retain the opinion that the survey of the emigration and the social club lecturer idea are at most stop-gap and preliminary actions. The long-range usefulness of knowing the whats and wherefors of the Belorussian emigration is at most marginal if we do not have an advanced phase on which to enter when we obtain the information we desire. What do we do if we discover that there are hundreds of Belorussians in the proper age group to participate actively in the anti-bolshevist struggle? How do we make use of this latent potential? Of necessity there must be some program to take the potential Belorussians out of their present environment, train them, prepare them, educate them, indoctrinate them, and, after these steps, utilize them. Cambista 1 as an organization may be able to utilize to a limited extent the various capabilities uncovered in the survey. It may be able to increase the effectiveness of its publications, or, through indoctrination of the members, build up the prestige and power of the organization itself. It is readily apparent, however, that any potential

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built up remains a potential only so long as it is used on a positive program. From the point of view of requirements of the AIS, the usefulness of an emigre group such as Cambista 1 is two-fold. First and most pressing use is during the so-called cold war state, that is for psychological warfare, propaganda, and agent type activities. However, the usefulness in a hot war situation is very apparent and important: one man on the inside capable of organizing a battalion of partisans becomes in a hot war a tremendously important figure. If this can be increased by a hundred-fold through an enlightened long-range program which will have individuals prepared, trained and psychologically equipped to accomplish such activities, its usefulness to the U.S. Government is self-evident.

b. In addition to the above comments, there are certain very mundane but nevertheless important problems to be considered in the establishment of the social club idea. In addition to the reasons cited in SMUNI-1196, the financial management of such a program becomes very much of a problem, and very possibly the financial expenditure would in the long run be as great as if a centralized Cadre school were established right now in the U.S.

4. The field requests Headquarters to consider, comment and advise on the problems and observations mentioned above.

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c. Byelorussian-Ukrainian Section:

(1) Present staff assignments are:

- (a) [] - Chief of Section and contact man for AEQUOR affairs.
- (b) [] - REDSOX Carriage operator and AERODYNAMIC political officer responsible for contacts with CASSOWARIES and CE sources.
- (c) [] - AERODYNAMIC/CARTHAGE training officer.
- (d) [] - AERODYNAMIC assistant and secretary.
- (e) [] - Secretary for Section Chief and responsible for clerical work of AEQUOR and CAPACHO Projects.
- (f) [] - Senior Case Officer, CAPACHO training unit.
- (g) [] - Assistant Officer, CAPACHO Project.
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- (j) [] - Senior Project Officer, AEQUOR training unit.
- (k) [] - Administrative officer AEQUOR training unit and Assistant training officer.

(2) Ukrainian/AERODYNAMIC:

Details of developments during the period 1 December thru 31 December 1952 in the political and training field are reported separately by [] and [] (EGMA-2832 and EGMA-2969).

(3) Ukrainian/CAPACHO:

After many vicissitudes the CAPACHO training unit got underway toward the end of December with 4 agents in training and the prospect of adding 2 more soon after the first of the year. Details of developments during December are covered in EGMA-2869. Work is currently being done by [] and [] on an operational plan for the team or teams which come out of this training project. A mission plan will be developed shortly and cabled to Headquarters to be followed by a pouched detailed operational plan.

(4) Belorussian/AEQUOR:

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(a) We had hoped to get the 2 AEQUOR W/T operators in training during December. However, since CAMPOSANTO 10 is having difficulty obtaining a visa, the implementation of the program has been delayed. The present status is that all is ready to go as soon as the bodies get on deck. A safeshouse has been obtained and a training program devised which while emphasizing W/T will also include basic tradecraft and para-military subjects.

(b) The results of a meeting between CAMBISTA 2 and [] concerning other aspects of AEQUOR have been previously reported by cable (SMUNI-1582). Comments on the implementation of surveys of Belorussians in Europe, U.S., and Canada will be submitted in a separate dispatch.

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