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FROM Chief of Base, Munich

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SPECIFIC Minutes of Meeting with AECAMBISTA-4

REFERENCES: A. EGMA-24872, 22 January 1957  
B. DIR-49082  
C. EGMA-24986, 28 January 1957-?

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1. On 1 February 1957 the undersigned MOB case officer met with AECAMBISTA-4 at the request of the latter. According to AECAMBISTA-4, he had requested the meeting in order to coordinate with KUBARK a course of action which he wished to undertake in conjunction with the publicity accorded by the Soviets to the apprehension of AEQUOR Team II by Soviet security organs. AECAMBISTA-4 related that, in his discussions with [ ] and Identity A, of FBCHORD, he was urged to refute publicly the veracity of the Soviet articles at a press conference (or several) which FBCHORD wished to arrange for him. [ ] also urged AECAMBISTA-4 to print (presumably at the expense of FBCHORD) and disseminate leaflets which would contain not only the press conference agenda but also launch an attack against the falsity of Soviet propaganda efforts; [ ] also suggested that AECAMBISTA-4 repeat the refutation via TFLINGO broadcasts. According to [ ] such a rebuttal on the part of AECAMBISTA-4 was also solicited by Ralph JONES of the American Consulate in Munich (although later during AECAMBISTA-4's own discussion with JONES, the latter did not even broach the subject of the Soviet articles or the press conference). [ ] further desired that AECAMBISTA-4 print a series of articles in the AECAMBISTA-1 newspaper, as a direct reply to the Soviet articles, as a follow-up to the press conference refutations. Inasmuch as considerable pressure had been applied to him by both [ ] and Identity A and because he himself felt that there was some validity in and no particular objections to the press conferences, AECAMBISTA-4 had generally agreed upon calling such a press conference during the course of which he would in general refute the Soviet accusations, explain that two of the four captured had in fact associated with AECAMBISTA-1 but that they had repatriated rather than having been dispatched and entertain specific questions from members of the press in this regard. Moreover, AECAMBISTA-4 felt that the press conference(s) might be particularly appropriate especially if a

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20 January 1957 article in the Komsomolskaya Pravda in which one of the captured four is pictured to be in the company of two AECAMBISTA-1 members, one of whom is employed at TPLINGO.

2. Inasmuch as AECAMBISTA-4 was meeting with [ ] and Identity A immediately after seeing the undersigned, he wished as much to apprise KUBARK of the above as to receive KUBARK sanction for this course of action. In view of Paragraph 1 of Reference B, the undersigned was forced to muster all his powers of persuasion to dissuade AECAMBISTA-4 from the aforementioned course of action. AECAMBISTA-4 felt that a flat and simple denial or silence would be inadequate, would be a sign of weakness and, moreover, would not relieve the pressure from the various AECAMBISTA-1 members who are under attack (first from the Soviets and secondly by the emigres and emigre groups); in view of this he felt that some public statement was warranted and that this could be achieved via the press conferences. The undersigned was obliged to apprise AECAMBISTA-4 generally of the contents of Paragraph 2 of Reference B and to explain that AECAMBISTA-4's statements at the press conference (during the course of which AECAMBISTA-4 admitted he might be faced with many embarrassing questions) might differ from whatever statements would be made by a U.S. representative if the matter ever reached the United Nations. AECAMBISTA-4 immediately recognized the significance of this in that he might conceivably place himself and AECAMBISTA-1 in a very compromising and unflattering position vis-a-vis the United States; he therefore agreed with the case officer to decline [ ] suggestion to hold the press conference. Because AECAMBISTA-4 felt that he would find it reasonably difficult to justify his position before PBCHORD, especially after already generally indicating his agreement to the suggestion during the earlier discussions, the case officer suggested that AECAMBISTA-4 explain to [ ] and Identity A that, while conferring with various officials in Washington, D.C., he had been urged to remain silent and had now reconsidered to adhere to the course of action as was recommended by the officials. (NOTE: In the event that the aforementioned explanation on the part of AECAMBISTA-4 does not suffice for [ ] whose entire purpose in going through the exercise is to "exploit" a KUCAGE situation which is in his opinion advantageous to the West, MOB will take the necessary action either through [ ] or with [ ] directly.)

3. Vis-a-vis other emigre groups and Identity B, AECAMBISTA-4 stated that he would use the following explanation which he alleged had been approved by KUBARK case officer [ ] AECAMBISTA-2 (AECAMBISTA-5 and others of AECAMBISTA-1), as a representative of AECAMBISTA-1, had in fact associated with the Americans in the years circa 1950-52, as had other emigres and emigre groups, in the creation of the proposed nationalist battalions, among which would be one formed of AECAMBISTA-1 members, and that the Soviet accusations undoubtedly had reference to this but that, as is publicly known within the emigration, the idea proved abortive and that no nationalist battalions were ever created. Inasmuch as AECAMBISTA-4 has already used this explanation in discussions with

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AECAMBISTA-1 Rada members in New York City and had authorized AECAMBISTA-2 to use the same explanation in Canada, and because he ostensibly had Headquarters approval for this, the undersigned was obliged to agree with AECAMBISTA-4 that he resort to this explanation if occasion so demanded. (MOB COMMENT: MOB would be most appreciative if, in matters which require a follow-up by the Field, Headquarters would forward either the contact reports between the Headquarters case officer and the agent in question or the appropriate excerpts. Keeping MOB apprised thusly would assist us in presenting a coordinated front, in the AEQUOR as in other projects, and would not force MOB to attempt outguessing Headquarters. Moreover, Headquarters assistance in this regard would obviate our having to report to Headquarters for the second time various items of other information, some directly related to the above and others of specific LCIMPROVE interest to ODENVY and the Canadian authorities, which were reported by AECAMBISTA-4. They are omitted from this report, although some have a bearing on the question under discussion while others warrant a separate follow-up, because AECAMBISTA-4 "believes" that he did mention most of them to the Headquarters case officer.)

4. Although for the time being AECAMBISTA-4 has again in general agreed to remain silent in this regard and not to call any press conference, he, nonetheless, feels that some comment will ultimately be warranted in the AECAMBISTA-1 newspaper. As a partial sop to AECAMBISTA-4, the undersigned suggested that a series of articles be printed in the AECAMBISTA-1 newspaper, in part as a counterblast and an indirect reply to the Soviet articles, dealing with a variety of not unrelated subjects, e.g. Soviet terrorism in the Byelorussian SSR, the nationalistic movement in the BSSR, the conception and activities of Identity C in BSSR during and after World War I, re Byelorussian PW's returning from German prison camps during and after World War II and their exposure to the nationalist movement in the West, re Soviet branding of all nationalist movements as being AIS inspired, etc., all of which could be considered introductory to something more concrete and specific related to the Soviet articles if it were decided at a later date that printing of such specific rebuttal articles was warranted. AECAMBISTA-4 voiced his approval and indicated that he would personally author articles along the line suggested.

5. AECAMBISTA-4 apprised the undersigned that it had come to his attention, through Identity D of Paris, that a woman (nu) had recently appeared in England from the Byelorussian SSR and had brought out with her information concerning AECAMPOSANTO-1. According to her story, AECAMPOSANTO-1 was apprehended (some time ago) by the Soviets while visiting his family and that AECAMPOSANTO-1, along with 40 others including members of his family and others accused of complicity in harboring AECAMPOSANTO-1 and offering refuge and protection to him, had been publicly hung. In view of this (and other organizational AECAMBISTA-1 matters) AECAMBISTA-4 intends to travel to England in the immediate future in order to learn further details and the name of the woman in order to gain personal access to her. AECAMBISTA-4 was cautioned not to undertake debriefing the woman in question, should he succeed in locating her, but rather, for reasons of security, to permit KUBARK to do this directly through liaison.

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6. Financial commitments re AEQUOR Team II: AECAMBISTA-4 apprised the case officer that he had discussed the item of \$10,000 insurance on each of the AEQUOR team members with AECAMBISTA-2, who, in his understanding, had either already discussed the matter with [redacted] or intended to do so, and inquired as to the KUBARK decision in this regard. The undersigned replied that he would take the matter under advisement and that AECAMBISTA-4 would be advised re this at a future date. Headquarters guidance is requested (see also Paragraph 4 of Reference A).

7. Immigration to the United States: AECAMBISTA-4 queried the case officer whether we had taken any action in the matter of his and his families immigration to the United States. According to him, [redacted] and [redacted] had promised him KUBARK assistance and support and intervention before the French authorities. The undersigned reported that to date he has not been advised by Headquarters in this matter.

8. MOB feels that AECAMBISTA-4's promise to coordinate with KUBARK all action dealing with the Soviet articles and not to take any unilateral action can, based on our relationship with him, be taken at face value. Moreover, KUBARK exercises some form of control over him in the matter of the AECAMBISTA-1 newspaper subsidy. However, in view of AECAMBISTA-4's conviction that some explanation is warranted in the AECAMBISTA-1 newspaper and since MOB will have to continue guiding and counseling AECAMBISTA-4 closely over the next several months (during which period he intends to make his home in Munich), we would be most appreciative of hearing Headquarters views in this regard and receiving guidance in mounting any KUCAGE effort through the AECAMBISTA-1 publication.

9. Time precluded discussing the proposed Reference C KUCAGE effort with AECAMBISTA-4. This was postponed until AECAMBISTA-4's return to Munich from England in circa two weeks.

10. Headquarters comments are invited relative to the various points broached in the above paragraphs.

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