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<p>1. In order to bring the Field Case Officer up to date on AEQUOR matters prior to his visit with AECAMBISTA/4, the undersigned, Headquarters Case Officer on AEQUOR, offers the following information.</p> <p>2. On 1 December 1958, AECAMBISTA/11 informed the undersigned that the charter for the non-profit organization had been finalized to the point where it needed only the signatures of the officers of the organization to make it legal. Since these persons do not live in close proximity to each other the mechanics of mailing etc. will require approximately four weeks for completion. The sum involved will be funded via a philanthropist or foundation to the non-profit organization.</p> <p>3. A letter play involving an authentic envelope from Byelorussia coupled with a letter written by AECAMBISTA/11 and both to be reproduced in the pages of the AEQUOR newspaper is contemplated for the early part of 1959. The letter purportedly will be from a young Byelorussian, using a "letter from home" format, in which he will write of conditions in Byelorussia, vox popule, rumors, stories etc., and of course, whatever pure fabrication seems at the moment of writing, to be most profitable. The first letter has been produced and has been commented upon by KOFIRE personnel. Revisions as suggested, will be accomplished and the letter then will be forwarded to the AEQUOR Field Case Officer for comment and implementation. It is hopefully planned that the letter play be a continuing thing with the letters being published at irregular intervals of four to six weeks.</p> <p>4. AEPRIMER/1 informed the undersigned that a recent emigre from BYELORUSSIA via POLAND has information concerning AECAMPOSANTO/8. The person concerned has known AEPRIMER/1 and AECAMPOSANTO/8 since the time when both were young men attending school at NOVGORODEK. The informant states that AECAMPOSANTO/8 had appeared at her home in the uniform of a Soviet Major. He asked aid and asylum which she agreed to give. AECAMPOSANTO/8 stayed for only a short while but told her before he left that he and some friends had killed a high ranking Soviet military commander plus other Soviets at a command post during a period of time when the Soviets were holding military maneuvers. Source states that she learned later that he had been arrested and was to be given a public trial. AECAMPOSANTO/8 was to make a public confession of his evil deeds, disclose his fellow conspirators, plead for mercy, etc. At the appointed time, in BARANOVICHI, AECAMPOSANTO/8 rose and instead of confessing, cried out something to the effect, "Long Live a Free Byelorussia" and "Down with the Soviet Oppressors". He was immediately hustled away by the Security forces. His outcries made quite an impression upon the populace. Many demonstrations, approaching riots, broke out in BARANOVICHI. When his execution was announced the demonstrations broke out again. Source says that the people had at first believed Soviet press accounts that AECAMPOSANTO/8 was a Western agent. However, after his outburst at the public confession and his execution, people began to speak of him as a true Byelorussian patriot and a martyr. People said that here was proof that people in the West had not forgotten the Byelorussians and that someone was still trying to help them. As a result of the incident and the demonstrations, L. BERIYA issued a decree that all residents of Byelorussian towns and villages not indigenous theretowould be required to register with the police. Included among those needing to register would be not only transients but also those persons returned to Byelorussia from other Soviet lands and/or labor camps. This decree caused serious alarm among the people, especially those having relatives returned "from the east". Fortunately BERIYA was himself executed before the order could be put into effect.</p>			
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5. Since the information related in para 4., above, was received second hand, AEPRIIME/1 has been directed to visit the source, who is now in PEPRIME, during 30 December - 2 January, to learn all the details of this interesting incident which is at such variance with the Soviet account of the ASCAMPOSANTO surfacing in their "Quadrant B-52".

6. Results of the de-briefing and other pertinent data will be dispatched upon receipt.

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