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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/6

SUBJECT : Postal Penetration Capabilities and
Potential of SR/DOB Assets.

1. Project AEQUOR/PP, a Byelorussian Project, has proven that it is capable of postal penetration of Poland and Byelorussia and that it has a penetration potential that has not been fully exploited.
2. The penetration is accomplished via international mail. The Agency sponsored Byelorussian newspaper, THE BATSKAUVSHCHINA, and various pamphlets and books either produced or purchased by the AEQUOR complex are mailed from West Germany, France and Belgium into Poland and Byelorussia. In addition, it is presumed that the penetration is also effected by mail to Poland and then re-routing to Byelorussia either by mail or by courier. (AKLANDER/1 reported upon his return from Poland in February 1958, a copy of which is attached, that there are practically no mail or parcel post restrictions between Poland and Byelorussia).
3. Material which has been sent by the AEQUOR apparatus includes in part:
 - a. Newspapers - THE BATSKAUVSHCHINA (a bi-monthly newspaper)
 - b. Books - SPASHCHINA (book sent to the Byelorussian Cultural Brotherhood in BIALYSTOK)
LYA CHUZHNIK BERRAGOI (book sent to preceding address also)
 - c. Pamphlets - The Byelorussian Independence Day Manifesto (a pamphlet which was distributed world-wide)
4. Addressees include:
 - a. The Byelorussian National Cultural Brotherhood in BIALYSTOK, POLAND.
 - b. The NINA, a Byelorussian language newspaper published in BIALYSTOK, POLAND.
 - c. Various newspaper offices, government agencies, cultural and scientific bureaus and to the security department in USSR.

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d. Various persons resident in Poland and Byelorussia whose names and addresses are obtained from friends, co-workers, and overt publications. An example of the latter is the newspaper the NINA. Persons whose names and addresses appear in the NINA be it for official commendation, condemnation or other, are sent a copy of the BATSKAUVSHCHINA together with a mimeographed sheet stating from which issue of the NINA the persons name was obtained and that the mimeographed sheet is for the protection of the addressee.

5. That the newspaper is being received is evident from the letters posted to the editorial offices of the BATSKAUVSHCHINA (sample copies attached) and to articles which appear from time to time in Soviet publications calling attention derogatorily to articles in the BATSKAUVSHCHINA.

6. The unproven potential of the AECUCR/PP apparatus lies in that there has never been a concerted effort at postal penetration by the AECUCR personalities. Effort, of course, has been expended but dictated by addresses and funds readily available. Should a concerted effort be desired to test the potential, the Headquarters Case Officer would instigate a "letters to the editor" campaign via the AECUCR apparatus.

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Chief, SR/DOB]

Attachments:

1. AELARDER/1's Report
2. Copies of letters received from Poland and Byelorussia

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Distribution:

- O & 1 - Addressee
- 2 - DOB ✓
- 1 - Chrono