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The Group, under the auspices of CASSOWARY 1, has been organized for the purpose of supplying CIA with political, economic, geographic and social information on the Ukrainian SSR and to furnish plans for Headquarters utilization in the fulfillment of the U. S. intelligence mission.

1. Tasks of the Group

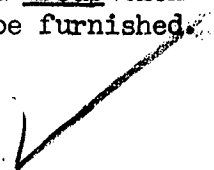
A. To produce studies on the Ukrainian SSR government, from the Republic to the Raion level, and the relationship of the governmental agencies to each other as well as the relationship of the Republic government to the All-Union government. Having a thorough knowledge of inter-governmental and inter-Agency rivalries and jealousies should be of great value in the U. S. psychological warfare effort.

B. To procure biographical information on the Communist party in the Ukraine from semi-overt and covert sources and to include interpretive comments on any changes, promotions, demotions, etc. This would be next to impossible for anyone to do unless he has had first-hand experience in the CP in the Ukraine. Such individuals are available to CASSOWARY 1. It is quite conceivable that such old-timers as KONONENKO, or MAISTRENKO, might even be able to furnish blackmail material on some of the communist leaders in the Ukrainian SSR. There is little question that such information would be somewhat more than a little desirable for future operations.

C. To gather and collate positive political intelligence from overt, semi-overt and covert sources on the Ukrainian SSR and on the Ukrainian emigration. To prepare on the basis of Soviet publications and personal experience, plans for psychological, political and economic warfare against the Ukrainian SSR. These plans would be submitted to Headquarters for evaluation and perhaps implementation within the overall U. S. plans for such warfare against the Soviet Union.

D. To prepare propaganda materials in support of the Ukrainian underground. The United States government is committed to give "technical support" to the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation. The Group then could be a vehicle through which some of this support could be furnished.

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E. To prepare new infiltration, penetration and defection inducement plans for Headquarters evaluation and possible implementation.

F. To prepare and submit plans for mobilization, supply and utilization of the Ukrainian Partisan Army (UPA) in time of war.

G. The above tasks were assigned for immediate study; this, however, does not preclude the assignment of other tasks such as, for an example, the complete development of a curriculum for the proposed "Cadre" school.

2. Security Considerations

A. Clearances: This question was discussed with the Chief of the Clearance Branch, Staff C, who assured the undersigned that clearances were unnecessary if the agents were unwitting, i.e., if they did not know of their connections with CIA. Despite this, however, clearances for some of these agents have already been initiated and will be initiated for the entire group in the event that we may wish to make personal contact with them and place them on a witting basis at some future date.

B. Cover: The undersigned discussed the Group with Chief, Cover Division. At the present time, however, the Cover Division is unable to give backstopped covers on short notice. Therefore, in the interim, the Group will work under the cover of CASSOWARY 1, the money coming allegedly from CASSOWARY 1 treasury.

C. Until such a time that a "philanthropic grant" cover can be established for the Group they can operate ostensibly on CASSOWARY 1 funds; i.e., from the newspaper, collections, from the underground, etc. Security-wise, the \$300. a month which each man gets is only slightly more than his regular pay, therefore, none of them can show signs of sudden affluence.

E. Sensitive Operational matters will be handled exclusively by the individuals who are already cleared. Matters of a less sensitive nature, not involving any of our present operations, can be discussed freely since it is a matter of fairly common knowledge that CASSOWARY 1 engages in such operations.

3. Commitments

A. Group Staff: One secretary, one translator and two researchers. In addition to this, CASSOWARY 2 will be refunded the amounts which are expended for the work done by part-time researchers. (Originally it was believed that this additional amount would be covered by the inclusion of an extra name in the group; however, after consultation with the Finance Division this method was found to be impracticable).

B. Since CASSOWARY 2 will be in charge of, and responsible for the work of the Group, it will be within his power to get rid of individuals who are not producing the quantity or quality of work desirable. (A memorandum reflecting biographic and academic backgrounds of the group

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members will be forwarded upon completion).

C. Timetable: The Group has begun functioning as of 15 October. The period of its existence is indefinite but its longevity is subject to the quality of the work produced. CASSOWARY 2 will, however, be informed that he can expect termination of the Group's activities in June, 1953, or any succeeding June since this is the end of a U. S. fiscal year and all projects undergo a review before they are approved for the succeeding year.

D. Other: Financial assistance in purchasing typewriters, second-hand desks, possibly a safe, and possibly the rental of a room - these latter, however, would come at a later date if it is found necessary to centralize the Group's activities.

E. Salaries: Full-time Group members will be paid at the rate of \$300. per month (approximate wage of a GS-5). After discussing the matter with the Finance Division, as well as a representative of the Special Contracting Officer, it has been discovered that probably the best method of payment would be to deposit the salaries for the entire group in the name of one agent (CASSOWARY 15) who will act as paymaster. Upon the advice of the Contracting Officer an informal contract will be drawn up showing the amount of money handled by CASSOWARY 15 and how it is dispersed. As yet, CASSOWARY 15 is not aware that such a statement will be required of him but it is believed that he will agree to signing. While the mechanics of this type of payment are being worked out with Covert Funds Branch of the Finance Division, it is necessary to submit a Declaration of Intent (in lieu of contract) to the Finance Division, via Special Contracting Officer. The latter has already been initiated.

F. Control: Through CASSOWARY 2 the Case Officer of AERODYNAMIC will give guidance and direction to the Group and CASSOWARY 2 will be responsible for the Group's production.

4. Benefits for CIA

A. The Group's production will furnish materials which would otherwise be either difficult or impossible to secure. It might be pointed out that the men doing the work will be experts in the field but that their pay will be minimal in relation to the pay of other experts.

B. CASSOWARY 1 morale, which had hit a new low, will be raised in that they will be "doing".

C. CIA control will increase in that CASSOWARY 2 realizes that the money backing this venture can be withdrawn at a moment's notice, thereby leaving him with a crew of individuals to whom he is committed. It can therefore be anticipated that he will become increasingly more amenable to CIA "suggestions".