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MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief, SR/3
FROM : SR/W3
SUBJECT : Procurement of Files of Ukrainian Refugee Committee

1. The undersigned visited St. Basil's College, Stamford, Connecticut, from 23 October 1952 to 5 November, 1952, to view the files of the Ukrainian Catholic Committee for Refugees. The Committee retains files on all Ukrainian Displaced Persons who have arrived in this country since the inception of the DP program. The purpose of the visit was to view, evaluate and copy the appropriate files for Headquarters' utilization in its intelligence procurement and CE program.

2. COVER: The undersigned visited the College and Committee Headquarters as Vice President of the National Executive Board of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League (UCYL) of the U.S.A. He has held the post of Publicity Director in the Western Pennsylvania area and in the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore-Chesapeake City area during the past four years. The undersigned spoke with the professors (priests) and the Committee with the view of organizing and amalgamating the Ukrainian displaced persons in the U.S.A. with the UCYL, inasmuch as the UCYL has never undertaken an extensive program vis-a-vis the displaced persons. Prior to this visit, the undersigned conversed with (Father) Stephen CHREPTA, a professor at St. Basil's College and former spiritual director of the UCYL, at the 14th Convention of the UCYL in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Father CHREPTA realized the need for participation of the displaced person within the aims and goals of the UCYL and agreed to cooperate with the undersigned, who desired to initiate a study concerning this amalgamation of DP's residing in the United States as members or member units of the UCYL.

3. The undersigned, after several days of discussion re the cover, was introduced to Father John STOCK (Ukrainian spelling - STAKH), [see Attachment "A"] a Ukrainian Catholic diocesan priest who was sent to Germany in August 1946 to process Ukrainian displaced persons for entrance into the U.S.A. After a discussion of the problem outlined in paragraph 2, Father STOCK consented to permit the undersigned to peruse ^{the} files of the Refugee Committee which Father STOCK now handles. The files formerly were under the supervision of Mrs. Michael NAGURNEY.

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of Stamford, Connecticut, and Mr. (fnu) WEYDA, the latter now employed with the Providence Association, a Ukrainian Catholic fraternal organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The undersigned found that the entire filing system, containing short biographies, transportation statements, etc., was a complete chaos, save for 3x5 cards which contained the names of displaced persons and the names and address of the IRO sponsors. The undersigned undertook the task of picking out the names of those DP's who possibly may be of interest to this Agency. (See Attachment "B"). Father STOCK requested the undersigned to use the compiled list of names only toward the benefit of the UCYL. Therefore, the undersigned had the list photostated in order that the original list might be available for UCYL purposes. During the fifth day of this task Bishop Ambrose SENYSHYN chanced to enter the Committee quarters to converse with Father STOCK and requested Father STOCK to explain the nature of the undersigned's presence. Following an introduction of the undersigned to the Bishop, Father STOCK (who was given additional duties pertaining to the Bishop's Tenth Jubilee on 11 November 1952), closed up shop and during the remaining days of the undersigned's 'vacation', he was able to enter the quarters twice.

4. During the course of the undersigned's stay in Stamford, he had the opportunity to confer with Father Clement ENGLERT, CSSR (Latin abbreviation for membership in the Redemptorist Order). The discussions were concerned with young Ukrainian men and young men of Ukrainian extraction who have dedicated themselves to the Franciscan Order of the Eastern Rite at New Canaan, Connecticut. The Franciscan Monastery at New Canaan was established in 1947 to train young men for future mission work in the "Iron Curtain" countries. The first Eastern Rite Franciscan monks will be ordained in June 1952, among whom will be Frater Theodor WENECK, OFM, and Frater Cyril DROZDIK, OFM (see Attachment "C").

OCC. PROFESSOR
Receives mail from Brother in Siberia ✓ No. 201
5. The undersigned had lengthy discussions with Professor Myroslav BORYSIUK, Teacher of languages at St. Basil's College and Preparatory School. Professor BORYSIUK arrived in the United States on 30 September 1947 and since then has been employed by St. Basil's. Professor BORYSIUK intimated that he was dissatisfied with his employment at St. Basil's and, in order to get ahead, would want a position in a college or university elsewhere. Professor BORYSIUK asked the undersigned in the latter would make inquiries at the university where the undersigned studied or at a university in the vicinity of the District of Columbia. When the undersigned stated that he would attempt to assist the professor in his search for different employment, the latter gave the undersigned a biographical statement, copies of which he had prepared during the Summer of 1952. (See Attachment "D").

a) The undersigned also voiced a desire to study the Ukrainian language, history, culture, geography, etc., on a basis, however, which would

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not consume too much time. The professor, in answer to the undersigned's request, gave the latter a brochure describing a correspondence course sponsored by UNU (Ukrainskiy Narodnyy Universytet - Ukrainian National University), available in America through the auspices of OBNOVA (Ukrainian Catholic Union of Professions and Intellectuals) [see Attachment "E"].

b) During the course of conversation with BORYSIUK the undersigned asked the former whether he had a family, wherein BORYSIUK produced some photographs of his wife, children, and those of the family of his brother-in-law who reside somewhere in Siberia. In reply to the undersigned's question as to how BORYSIUK knew of their residence in Siberia, BORYSIUK immediately pulled the snapshots from an uncovered frame and pointed out that the snapshots were taken during early summer 1952 and added that he has received mail from his brother-in-law from Siberia via Galicia, thence through friends in Poland. The undersigned did not press BORYSIUK for further details.

6. During the course of the undersigned's rummaging through the Committee files, he picked up sundry names and addresses of Ukrainians living outside the U.S.A. which may prove useful for field utilization (see Attachment "F").

7. Attachment "G" contains a stamp which the undersigned found affixed to an envelope which arrived at the Committee Headquarters from a Ukrainian personality residing in Germany. The stamp measures one and one eighth inches in width and one and one quarter inches in length, having a deep, bright blue color, embossed on a white background. The apparent price of the stamp, as indicated, is fifty (denomination unknown). The traditional Ukrainian trident occupies two thirds of the stamp, while in the upper left corner is included a cross enclosed within a triangle which is enclosed within a circle. The initials, in the Ukrainian language, OUN (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists - Organizatsiya Ukrainskikh Natsionalistiv) appear on the borders of the triangle. The words "Ukrainian Underground Postoffice" (Pidpil'na Poshta Ukrainy) appear at the bottom of the stamp. The question arises whether the stamp is a product of the underground in the Ukraine or is it produced by the OUN in the emigration.

8. During the course of conversation with Father STOCK and Father CHREPTA, Professors BORYSIUK and Joseph DACZKEWYCZ, concerning the problem confronting the UCYL, the names of the following individuals, together with their affiliations, were offered for contact in the event the UCYL follows through with its DP program:

- a) Dr. Bohdan LONCHYNA
Steubenville College (Franciscan)
Steubenville, Ohio

Affiliation: OBNOVA (Ukrainian Catholic Union of
Professionals and Intellectuals)

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- b) ~~Dr. George RYBAK~~
775 - 24th Street (Ring bell 3 times)
Philadelphia 30, Pennsylvania
Affiliation: OBNOVA
- c) ~~Dr. Eugene PEREMA~~
(address obtainable from Mr. Petro ISAJIW, editor of
The Way, Ukrainian Catholic Diocesan publication)
Affiliation: OBNOVA
- d) ~~Dr. Wasyl LENCIK~~
330 E. 8th Street
New York, N. Y.
Affiliation: OBNOVA
- e) ~~Father (fnu) MUDRY~~
816 N. Franklin Street
Philadelphia, Penna.
Affiliation: OBNOVA, SUMA (Union of Ukrainian
Youth in America), The Way, stationed at the
cathedral of the Ukrainian Catholic diocese
- f) ~~Mykola SHLEMKEWYCH~~
347 Grier Avenue
Elizabeth 2, New Jersey
Affiliation: Institut d'enseignement par
Correspondance, 27 Rue des Bauves, Sarcelles,
(S. et O.), France.
Ukrainian National University representative
in America, OBNOVA.
- g) ~~Stephan DUDIAK, M.D.~~
(Address unknown)
Chicago, Illinois

9. RECOMMENDATIONS: The following recommendations are submitted for Headquarters consideration and action:

a) It is recommended that Father John STOCK be contacted and recruited as a spotter and possibly as a recruiter. Father STOCK has been visiting and will continue to visit the various parishes of the Ukrainian Catholic diocese of the U.S.A. in an effort to (1) counsel the DP's who have arrived in the U.S.A., (2) raise funds for those DP's who have remained in Europe due to poor health or who were unable to have their applications approved prior to the termination of the IRC program. Father STOCK, in assisting the undersigned in the implementation of the DP program within the UCYL, suggested that the undersigned contact Dr. Stephan DUDIAK, resident of Chicago,

who was an assistant to Father STOCK while the latter worked among the DP's in Germany.

b) It is recommended that Dr. Stephen DUDIAK be contacted as a spotter in the Chicago area and that he be debriefed on his experiences while working with Father STOCK in Germany.

c) It is recommended that Father Clement ENGLERT, CSSR, 323 E. 61st Street, New York 21, be contacted and recruited as a spotter and recruiter of the Franciscan Seminarians of the Eastern Rite at New Canaan and other Franciscan monasteries of the Eastern Rite in the U.S.A. as sleepers to be utilized by CIA at the proper time. Contact can be effected possibly by the undersigned who asked Father ENGLERT if he would speak at a Communion Breakfast which will be held by the Capital Council of the UCYL sometime in December. Father ENGLERT can be contacted during his stay in this area at that time, that is, if the Executive Board of the Capital Council accepts the suggestion of the undersigned that Father ENGLERT appear on the program as the main guest speaker.

d) It is recommended that Professor Myroslav BORYSIUK be debriefed concerning the mail he receives from his brother-in-law in Siberia together with a detailed debriefing on his background as indicated in Attachment "E". The undersigned, assisting Professor BORYSIUK in obtaining employment at another educational institution, will provide [] with BORYSIUK's curriculum vitae. [] who is Chief of the CIA Language Training Division and head of the Georgetown Institute of Languages and Linguistics, will remain unwitting of this Agency's interest in Professor BORYSIUK, unless otherwise specified.

e) It is recommended that, on the basis of investigations made into the background of the personalities listed in Paragraph 4, they be contacted and recruited as spotters or reporters on Ukrainian emigre politics and personalities.

f) It is recommended that this Agency contact one John BARSTON, former executive member of the UCYL, who is a practicing attorney of the firm, BARSTON-WOLYNETZ and STECK, which maintains offices at 100 Second Avenue, on the East Side (the heart of the residences of the recently arrived DP's) and at 37 Wall Street. (Second Avenue telephone: GRammercy 36761; Wall Street Telephone: WHitehall 4-2358). John BARSTON received his Bachelor of Arts degree at New York University and his Bachelor of Law degree on 5 May 1952 at Brooklyn Law School. BARSTON is a suitable candidate as spotter in the Metropolitan New York-New Jersey area.

g) It is recommended that this Agency contact Father Stephen V. KNAPP who is a suitable candidate as spotter in the Detroit area.

Attachments: "A" through "G", incl.

COMMENTS:

1. Rev. John STOCK

I go along with [redacted]'s recommendation to recruit STOCK as a spotter but not as a recruiter. STOCK is a well-known figure in the emigration because of his relief work in post-war Germany. He is a-political and has natural access to the Uniate DP's in the U.S. and possibly Canada. Although I do not know STOCK personally, I have heard from friends, whom I have no reason to doubt, that STOCK is an unscrupulous reprobate and this judgment was not made on any isolated case but rather, on the basis of many years of observation. Because he is unscrupulous I believe that he can be "bought" so that neither his Bishop nor Rome would be informed that he is doing extra curricular work for CIA. Besides this, he is a native born American and his motivation ideologically probably cannot be questioned. Because of the above, I recommend that clearance on STOCK be initiated and once he is cleared that he be handled by DOB.

2. [redacted]'s recommendations b, e, f and g, all seem to deal with spotters. In view of the fact that CANDID has returned to the U. S. and is willing to act in the capacity of spotter here, and if, in addition to this, Rev. STOCK is recruited for the same type of mission, then we should, it seems to me, wait to see what they produce before recruiting any more spotters. It may be that even one spotter might produce more than we can handle at this time.

3. Re the Monks:

In my opinion these young religious Americans cannot be approached directly by CIA because unquestionably such contact would be known in Rome within a very short time with the consequent ramifications. Of course it seems to me advisable to tinker with the idea of recruiting "sleepers" in a future Ukraine. However, such a matter would have to be handled very delicately. I, therefore, recommend the following as probably the likeliest way of accomplishing this:

The Vatican liaison man is one, ^{NO 201} Bishop Ivan BUTCHKO, and it is reasonable to assume that in the future, BUTCHKO will remain close to Rome and will probably be named the Uniate Metropolitan for the Ukraine. In this capacity he will be a focal point of all the intelligence furnished by the parish priests. Therefore, it would appear that tapping this intelligence potential through him would be a worthwhile target. I am quite certain that BUTCHKO would cooperate with us without informing his Vatican superiors of this cooperation because BUTCHKO is a politically mature individual and appears to be one of the "away from Rome" Uniate leaders. It goes without saying that he will cooperate only to the extent which he feels would be the furthering of the "cause". In view of the above, I recommend that clearance for BUTCHKO be initiated and if one day

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we have enough people to undertake this type of assignment, that he be recruited and that the intelligence nets be worked through him as a principal agent.

4. Re BORYSIUK - Para D:

I recommend that BORYSIUK be debriefed by OO Contacts about his correspondence with Siberia. At this point, however, I fail to see what other official interest we could have in him.



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