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Executive Committee Meeting in London of ZOU/OUN

The following letter concerning subject has been received from Broadway. Developments will be reported.

"The Executive Committee of the ZOU/OUN (Foreign Section of the Ukrainian Nationalist Organization) which has its headquarters in the American Zone of Germany, is proposing to hold a closed meeting of all its main branches in the near future. London has been suggested as the venue for this conference which will consist of between 30 - 40 delegates from Europe, USA, and Canada.

"The ZOU/OUN has a precedent for holding such a meeting in London since last year a smaller gathering of the Presidium took place in February 1952. This was reported to you in (LOND 1769, 23 February 1952).

"The ZOU/OUN is an organization of Western Ukrainians, mostly deriving from Polish Galicia, which has been in existence for over twenty years and claims the distinction of having organized and supported planned resistance in the Ukraine since the pre-war period. Politically it pursues a strongly nationalist, anti-Russian line and its ultimate aim is to found an independent sovereign Ukrainian State.

"The ZOU/OUN has the support of the UPA (Ukrainian Insurgent Army) which though much reduced in size and forced by Soviet counter measures to exist clandestinely and precariously, nevertheless survives in the Ukraine. ZOU/OUN OWNS ITS present position in the Ukrainian emigration to the fact that it has for some time maintained communications with the UPA.

"The object of the forthcoming meeting is to agree policy for the future and draft instructions for the guidance of the homeland. Also to seek approval for certain changes in the Executive Committee of the Organization which have occurred since last year's meeting of the Presidium.

"As you are aware our Service has an operational interest in the ZOU/OUN, which requires us to show a certain benevolence towards their organization. It is therefore not intended to prevent the suggested meeting, the more so as it would be difficult to enforce an embargo because the majority of the delegates are coming from USA and Canada, have national passports of these countries and

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and could find good reasons for a visit to the United Kingdom. And while it is true that the ZOH/ONH is not well viewed by the American Committee of Friends of the Peoples of the USSR, it is also true that their opponents the ZF/INVR are equally disliked by this Committee, which has not prevented your Service from making operational use of them.

"The promoters of the meeting have given an undertaking to abstain from raising any controversial issues and have promised to conduct the proceedings in a discreet and orderly manner. We for our part reserve the right to veto the attendance of any delegate against whom there may be Security objections.

"The promoters plan to hold the Conference some time in May.

"A list of participants will be made available to you at a later date."



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