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FROM: Chief of []

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1. In response to a letter based on first reference, the following letter has been received from JAVELIN.

"We were already aware of some of these developments, having been told by [] during the July talks in London of messages received through (KUBARK) W/T links from the Ukraine in April which indicated that in circles close to KOVAL's headquarters doubts were being expressed about the legitimacy of BANDERA's leadership. It was said that he was planning the replacement of KOVAL and that as a result his sympathisers in the Lvov area had been isolated and negotiations previously conducted with them had been broken off.

"At the end of June the ZCh/OUN held its 4th Congress in London. Among the matters discussed was a memorandum submitted to the ZCh/OUN leadership by the ZP/UHVR, which repeated practically word for word the accusations contained in the messages referred to in our paragraph 1. With our consent this Memorandum and the results of the ZCh/OUN London meeting were transmitted to the leaders in the Ukraine with whom we are in contact, and their comments invited. In all these messages BANDERA stressed the need to avoid conflict in the Ukraine.

"The events leading up to the 4th Congress of the ZCh/OUN may be said to have begun with BANDERA's resignation in August 1952. A few months later the Ukrainian homeland was informed of his resignation and of his reasons for taking this step. BANDERA thus ceased to represent the homeland from that time and after his re-election as leader of the ZCh/OUN by the 4th Congress in June 1953 merely represents this organisation abroad, leaving it to the homeland to renew his mandate if it so desires.

"As matters stand now we would prefer to await comments from the Ukraine on BANDERA's messages, as well as the outcome of his talks with LEBED in Germany, before deciding how far it may be desirable to exert further pressure on our contacts in this matter. We are especially anxious not to damage the intelligence possibilities we have been trying to build up. It also appears to us

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that KOVAL does not exercise effective leadership in at least the Lvov and Drobobycz districts and is unable to communicate with these areas. We would be interested to know whether or not (KUBARK) agree with this surmise."

2. Second reference was based on Para 4 of the above JAVELIN letter.

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