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29 November 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT: AECAVATINA 5 Letter to AECASSOWARY 2

1. On 28 October 1954, in OELA 8129, SMYOPIA transmitted to us a letter written by AECAVATINA 5 to AECASSOWARY 2 summarizing the political traffic exchanged with MIRON. A translated copy of the letter is attached herewith. The original letter will be given to AECASSOWARY 2 upon his return from Germany.

2. It is noted that the above correspondence from SMYOPIA followed by one day the transmission to us (OELA 8130) of a request for information regarding the exfiltration of AECARTHAGES 19 and 20. Although agreed to by SMYOPIA in February 1954 that they would furnish us with political traffic exchanged with MIRON, it appears as though it was not until they learned of the arrival of couriers that they decided to comply with their agreement of traffic exchange. It is possible that if SMYOPIA had not learned of the arrival of the couriers, in whom they are naturally interested, the above official exchange of information might not have been made yet or perhaps not at all unless pressed by us to do so. This is evident from the fact that, unofficially, AECAVATINA 5 has already told AECASSOWARY 2 what has been exchanged with MIRON and that if SMYOPIA had intentions of honoring the agreement to exchange traffic they would have done so long before this.

3. It should be noted in the translated letter that no dates of traffic sent or received are given. It has been learned from CASSOWARY 2, who has been in correspondence with AECAVATINA 5, that the above traffic exchange took place from early Spring to August of this year.

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Chief of Homeland Contact
for the ZCh/OUN

15 October 1954

TO: General Secretary, ZP/UHVR,
Mr. Lebed, N.Y., USA

Dear General Secretary:

As agreed upon between you and the Collegium of the Authorized and the Political Council of the ZCh/OUN, the following was transmitted to Miron: "Affairs in the emigration, and especially those concerning the OUN, have hurt and are hurting our chances of obtaining recognition by the West and are also marring our chances of obtaining aid for the Homeland. During the 3rd and 4th conferences of the ZCh/OUN, the conflict was brought up with both sides to the conflict being presented with the Homeland's decision. (This decision was known to Miron last year.) Both sides recognized or honored this decision and the three authorized members of the Collegium signed an act laying a basis for the future activity of the Collegium. Both the British and the Americans acclaimed this move and also recognized the Homeland decision and agreed to joint action with respect to aid for the Ukraine, with the stipulation that the unity of the liberation-revolutionary movement in the Ukraine will be fostered and maintained. Bandera refused at the last minute to enter into the Collegium. The Collegium of Matla and Rebet, the Political Council under the leadership of Kordiuk and the Executive of the ZCh/OUN took over. The British cut off further aid to Bandera and decided only to help the Ukraine and the ZCh/OUN which has a mandate from the Provid in the Ukraine."

In answer to the above, Miron answered with the following: "The Provid of the Lvov Krai is very disturbed with the new split in the ZCh/OUN since it still remembers the ill effects of the last split. The Lvov Krai does not wish to become a partner in the new split since it has received only one side of the story. It believes that both Bandera and the Collegium could be of great help to the cause and help the Ukraine. Miron asked that all possible be done in order to pass on to Lemish news of the situation abroad."

In regard to Providnik Lemish, I want to add that later I received a message from Miron stating that Lemish is alive, that he sent his best wishes to the nadraionovii of Rohatin and that he was supposed to have moved to the southern Ternopol area.

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In answer to the Lvov Krai's stand we sent the following message to Miron: "We did not send a "one sided" story regarding the dispute and had no intentions of dragging the Lvov Krai into the conflict as arbitrators since this would have been contrary to existing organizational laws. The Provid OUN decisions are binding on both us and the Lvov Krai Provid. Bandera can only make an appeal to the Provid OUN in the Ukraine and any appeal or summons to any subordinate Krai would be considered a diversionary move and an attempt to bring about a schism in the Ukraine. Both must subordinate to the decision of the Provid OUN in the Ukraine and to its head, Providnik Lemish. This proper stand was recognized by both the British and the Americans."

Glory to the Ukraine

Bohdan Pidhainy
(Aecavatina 5)