20 December 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT : Briefing AECASSOWARIES 2 AND 4 RE : SPOTTING AND
Operational Planning

1. The undersigned case officer met with the two AECASSOWARY representatives in New York City on 14 December 1955. The discussion included the following:

a) The proposed spotting mission of AECASSOWARY 4 including points of travel

b) A reiteration of the new CIA-AECASSOWARY 1 relationship.

c) The inclusion of OUN/M personalities in the spotting program

d) The scheduled arrival of Stefan Bandera in the United States sometime in March.

e) General ops matters (documents, areas, and equipment)

f) Liaison matters for SR/3

g) A Ukrainian cadre for HOT War Planning.

2. The entire course of the talks was held in apparent harmony. AECASSOWARY 2 was told that it was undesirable to use AECASSOWARY 4 on a consultant basis at this time in view of his past connections with SR/3/CE projects. It was further proposed by the case officer that AECASSOWARY 4 make preparations for undertaking the spotting mission in the United States. AECASSOWARY 2 agreed and further commented that the one trip should include as much territory as possible. It would be the only way to obtain a fairly comprehensive picture of the potential in the United States. Until further notice, any territory under Canadian control will not be included in the survey. The trip will begin sometime after the 1st of the year.

3. To preclude any misunderstanding, the stand of the Agency vis-a-vis the AECASSOWARY, organization was repeated, to wit:

the agent

the agent candidate, once recruited will become the sole responsibility
of the Agency and will be dispatched on an Agency mission. Upon his
return and eventual debriefing, should any information which will be of
value to the AECASSOWARY organization, be revealed that information
would be given them.

4. The proposal that HAIVAS, the OUN/Melnyk operation chief
be included in the spotting program has been resolved. He is now awaiting
his final United States naturalization certificate. Once the document is
received, he will go to Luxembourg, where the head of the organization,
Andrei Melnyk resides, and discuss the matter of operational spotting.
However, no contact with HAIVAS will be made until he is granted a POA,
which has been requested.

5. It has been reported that Stefan Bandera, chief of the
OUN/B will arrive in the United States sometime in March. The pur-
pose or the details of the trip are unknown, but since several of the
trusted Bandera lieutenants in the United States have made overtures
to the State Department, it can be assumed that the trip must have
some connection with that action. FYI. The Bandera element has been
involved in REDSOX type operations with the British Intelligence Service
for the past five years. Recently all such contacts were severed. It
has been averred by the British that action was predicated upon the
fact that the primary w/t link in the Ukraine was under Soviet control.
The arrival of BANDERA in the United States may indicate that he is
seeking aid.

6. AECASSOWARY 2 feels that any documentation which would in-
clude travel to or from the CRIMEA would be satisfactory since travel
to that area from all parts of the USSR is common and the nationality
problem would have little bearing.

7. The perennial problem of a cadre type unit for HOT-WAR
standby was presented by AECASSOWARY 2. He was told that the matter
was under advisement and the matter was dropped. Earlier discussions
with him inferred that a cadre group of this type would be desirable
and the matter was receiving attention.

8. Generally, AECASSOWARY 2 stated that he will reserve positive
operational proposals until Peter Baranowski presents the views and
general ops potential as noted by AECASSOWARY 3 in Munich. No definite
time was set for the next meeting.

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