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Ukrainian Ethnic Groups in Canada

Discussion with

1. Representatives of the Ukrainian Desk have discussed with us the possibilities of encouraging the Canadian authorities to exploit the Ukrainian ethnic groups in Canada for the collection of positive intelligence and for possibly unearthing subversive activities which might be hidden under the guise of the ethnic groups.
2. According to information received from unspecified Canadian sources through AMBASSADOR-2, there are about 1,000 Canadians of Ukrainian extraction planning to travel to the USSR during the summer of 1959. Since Ukrainians are the third largest ethnic group in Canada, this does not seem to be an exaggerated number. When the representatives from visit Headquarters, we should like to discuss with them capability for briefing and debriefing such legal travelers for purposes of obtaining positive intelligence on the Ukraine: public opinion, degree of nationalist tendencies, reaction to Western PP efforts, etc. If you can do any spade work before the visitors arrive, please let us know reactions and comments.
3. AMBASSADOR-2 reported that recently about eight women immigrated to Canada from Poland. Supposedly two years before they had come to Poland from the Ukraine. We would be most interested in having these women debriefed on how they were able to get from the Ukraine to Poland -- giving details on how they were able to obtain permission to leave the Ukraine to immigrate to Poland, required documentation, method of travel, area knowledge; and on any positive intelligence about the Ukraine they could supply. We shall forward the names and addresses of these women as soon as they are made available to us.
4. AMBASSADOR-2 may be described to liaison as a usually reliable source.

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