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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT : Information Regarding AECASSOWARY 2's Questioning by the
Un-American Activities Committee on 10 September 1959 as
Supplied to the Undersigned on the Same Date

1. A Congressman whose name AECASSOWARY 2 did not catch (and he did not ask to have it repeated because the Congressman handed AECASSOWARY 2 a calling card which he believed to be the Congressman's, but which was the card of ~~Richard~~ AARENS, Staff Director, Un-American Activities Committee) was in charge during AECASSOWARY 2's questioning. Others present were a secretary; ~~Enu~~ VARVARIV, Ukrainian emigre living in Washington who works at the Library of Congress who acted as interpreter; ~~and~~ Dr. Lev DOBRIANSKY.

2. AECASSOWARY 2 was asked to take an oath to the effect that he swears to the accuracy of statements made at the hearing. Following are examples of the statements made and accredited to him:

A. Khrushchev personally murdered (given number of) people. AECASSOWARY 2 said he would not swear to the statement as made because he could not accuse Khrushchev of personally murdering the individuals.

B. H. Salisbury's New York Times articles were brought to the attention of the Congressman who confessed to not having read them. The Congressman then asked AECASSOWARY 2 to testify as to the complete inaccuracy of certain statements made by Salisbury; to wit: That Salisbury is 100 percent in error when he says there is a complete absence of fear in Soviets at present, that in effect there is "great fear." AECASSOWARY 2 replied that although he did not agree with Salisbury's statement, neither did he agree with the Congressman's statement. AECASSOWARY 2 said that although a certain amount of fear is present in many individuals, there has been a great relaxation since Stalin's death and one could not truthfully say there is "great fear." The Congressman became angry and said he could not put this qualified statement into his records.

C. The subject of absence of the freedom of religion was brought up and AECASSOWARY 2 mentioned that he had a very recent snapshot of ~~Metropolitan~~ Metropolitan Yosif Slipey and news that he had been sentenced to an additional seven years of forced labor. The Congressman looked at the photograph and said, "This is not good enough." He wanted to know if AECASSOWARY 2 could describe exactly how Khrushchev had put to death other bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and whether AECASSOWARY 2 had any photographs to substantiate this. AECASSOWARY 2 said he was not able to comply with the Congressman's request.

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D. AECASSOWARY 2 was asked for a statement regarding the effect he thinks Khrushchey's visit will have in the Soviet Union. AECASSOWARY 2 said his only reply to this was that Khrushchey's prestige will be greatly increased because the Soviets will believe he is such a great man that even the greatest power in the world felt it was necessary to invite him and roll out the red carpet for him in order to establish closer rapport with him and gain him as an ally.

3. AECASSOWARY 2 said because other individuals were being questioned in separate rooms, he was not able to get details about who all was being called to testify nor a general over-all picture of what was trying to be accomplished. He was told by the Congressman that on 9 September an "underground leader of another nationality group was questioned and gave some very important testimony."

4. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that the entire session (about one and a half hours) impressed him as being very ridiculous. He told Dr. DOBRIANSKY to tell the Congressman that he disagrees with the Committee if it is planning to supply U.S. newspapers with sensational headlines branding Khrushchey during his visit as the greatest and cruelest bandit. He stated that since the leader of our country invited Khrushchey here as a guest, if he is not treated as a guest by members and representatives of the U.S. Government, the only thing which will be accomplished is that the Soviets will retaliate in like manner when Mr. Eisenhower visits the USSR.

5. During one part of the session the Congressman deliberated on how reference should be made to Khrushchey in their published statements; i.e., Premier or just plain Nikita Khrushchey. The latter was decided to be more appropriate for their purposes and he immediately picked up his telephone and told the party on the other end of the line, "Tell Mr. Lyons to drop the title and refer to him as Nikita Khrushchey."

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