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1. Contact Operations

A. Contact in Poland was established by an AECASSOWARY representative (Oliynyk) who traveled to Poland and the USSR following his attendance at the Vienna Youth Festival with a Polish citizen of Ukrainian extraction who recently was released from a Soviet prison camp. The AECASSOWARY contact carried five letters out from the man in Poland. One of the letters concerned personal family matters and was for the attention of the man's sister in Buffalo. The other four letters contained information obtained by the man during his imprisonment. The latter four letters have been made available to AECASSOWARY 2 by the man's family and the information contained in the letters was passed on to the undersigned. Details will be coordinated with SR/Reports.

B. A full written report is being prepared by Oliynyk regarding his private conversations with approximately six Soviet Ukrainians and a number of Ukrainians in Poland. A portion of his written report already has been received and is being translated. One of the Soviet Ukrainians whom Subject met is a dancer with the Verivka chorus which is expected to be in West Germany in October at which time it is planned to try to reestablish contact with the man.

Oliynyk met in Lvov and had lengthy conversations with a Soviet pilot, veteran of the Korean War; a member of the Literary Institute of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kiev; Chief of the branch of protocol and consular affairs in The Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kiev; and a radio technician. All these individuals expressed nationalist tendencies and willingly talked about Subjects introduced by Oliynyk. They expressed their disappointment in VOA, Radio Liberation and Voice of Canada broadcasts, told about unrest in Western Ukrainian areas during the Hungarian Revolution, demands by organized Ukrainian writers for relief from Russification, amnesty and resettling of prisoners, reactions to Captive Nations Week announcement and "exportation" of Ukrainian Youth to the Virgin areas.

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C. A trip to Poland after his attendance at the Vienna Youth Festival was made by Evhen STAKHIV who submitted a report on his conversations with Ukrainians in Poland. His report reveals public opinion among Ukrainians in Poland and their Ukrainian contacts in the USSR regarding the Soviet regime and contains information regarding activities of Ukrainians in Poland and FP suggestions for Ukrainian emigres in the West.

D. A message was received by AECASSOWARY 2 concealed in the frame of a painting mailed from the USSR. The letter gives details on how to get AECASSOWARY 2's father to Poland from the Ukraine using documents "produced" by contacts of the writer of the letter. No action has been taken regarding this matter but AECASSOWARY 2 will try to obtain further details regarding the contemplated document source.

E. During the Vienna Festival the AECASSOWARIES handed to Iron Curtain personnel 30 pieces of literature and distributed via other means (leaving the literature at places of residence of Soviet personnel, placing in buildings frequented by the Soviets and distribution by hand via German Catholic Youth, etc.) approximately 6,000 pieces. There were 800 pieces of literature mailed from Vienna to addresses in the Soviet Union and 60 pieces were mailed to Ukrainians in Poland. The fact that at least a percentage of the 6,000 pieces distributed got into Soviet hands was evidenced by a display of open destruction of the literature staged by Soviet leaders one day during the Festival.

F. Besides the contacts made with other Soviet Ukrainians (approximately 22), contacts were established and conversations held by AECASSOWARY representatives in Vienna with the following "higher level" Soviet Ukrainians:

(1) \*V. P. SHEVCHENKO, employee of the Visa and Protocol Section, Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(2) \*I. D. SEMENEC, Chief Editor of MOLOD UKRAINY

(3) \*V. W. KHLYK, a highschool teacher from Lvov

(4) \*Fra BESUHLY, staff member of the newspaper PRYKARASKA PRAVDA in Stanislav

(5) \*V. L. ZABODIY, staff member of the newspaper PITERKULURA I SPORT

(6) \*Mytro PAVLYCHKO, Ukrainian writer from Lvov

The AECASSOWARY newspapers SUCHASHA UKRAINIA and LITERATURNHA HAZETA and other specially prepared literature were passed on to the above-named individuals and contents discussed in some cases where recontact was made after the individual had opportunity to read the literature. Addresses and limited biographical information on the individuals contacted are submitted as attachment E in AECASSOWARY 27's report on the Vienna Festival. Details of the conversations are also given in the report.

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G. A contact made in Paris in early spring 1959 with a member (M. TANKINA) of the National Ballet Ensemble of the USSR was renewed via a letter received by an ABCASSOWARY representative, Ivan KOSHELIVETS, in which informing him that she (TANKINA) was sending him via a man named DUBOVENKO a copy of the Ukrainian journal MYSTETSIVO containing an article written by her and her autograph. She also requested a copy of the ABCASSOWARY Ukrainian language LITERATURNHA HAZETA. The contact with DUBOVENKO was effected by KOSHELIVETS and the literature exchanged. A second meeting was scheduled between DUBOVENKO and KOSHELIVETS but was not effected because on his way to meet with DUBOVENKO KOSHELIVETS was accidentally met by another Soviet Ukrainian who detained him in a conversation which lasted four hours.

H. Eleven German language books published in the West which he asked for during his first contact with one of the ABCASSOWARY representatives were handed over to FAVLYCHKO the Ukrainian writer from Lvov.

I. Addresses were exchanged with certain of the above contacted Soviet Ukrainians and it is expected that some correspondence may ensue.

2. Significant Developments and Changes

Two issues of the INFORMATION BULLETIN and the September issue of the DIGEST OF THE SOVIET UKRAINIAN PRESS were prepared and printing completed during the reporting period.

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