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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT : Assessment of AECASSOWARY-2

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1. I have met with Subject on two occasions; on 7 - 8 October 1959 in New York and on 24 November 1959 in Washington. The October meeting concerned a lengthy discussion concerning FI exploitation of the AECASSOWARY project which was covered in detail in a separate report. The 24 November meeting covered, specifically, AECASSOWARY-2's contact in Stockholm, Bohdan SKOBOVYCH, the details of which have been reported separately. Provisional Operational Approval on the latter contact has been initiated and I hope to be able to use this contact operationally during my forthcoming trip in Stockholm.

2. Subject is a middle-aged, ^{skinny, odd-shaped} ~~robust, stocky~~ person who speaks English fairly well in a soft-toned manner. He is a meditating, pipe smoking, attentive listener and shows a rather positive and strong minded judgment when he comments on his organization which he seems to run fairly autocratically. Subject's present primary interest with regards to his organization is of a propaganda nature and most of his activities are geared to that end. I had the feeling that this propaganda activity is, to a large extent, aimed at his own Western membership in an effort to unify the Western immigration under the roof of his organization. In discussing operational methods, particularly with regards to the possible future utilization of his organization for FI operational developments, Subject indicated a conspicuous lack of understanding of clandestine operational procedures and even failed to recognize the merits of good leads, while on other occasions saw operational potential in activities which have no direct bearing on positive intelligence collection. (Note: I make specific reference to the contact in Stockholm who was visited by a Ukrainian dentist last year and, secondly, contact operations against Ukrainian choir representatives). This aspect of Subject's lack of operational know-how is not to be interpreted as criticizing Subject, but he simply has had no occasion to cumulating experiences in that area of endeavor. As a former underground leader, his experiences have been more along military and paramilitary lines and Subject would, undoubtedly, be a strong asset in any kind of executive-type activities. However, his present thinking is not geared to the painstaking detailed type of reporting for development required in clandestine FI operations in the REDSKIN field. Subject has numerous contacts in the Ukrainian immigration which need a rather careful analysis to determine their operational potential. I made up a questionnaire together with [] who gave Subject some copies with the instruction to fill this out on all his contacts.

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3. I believe Subject can be very useful in the development of FI operations since he is very cooperative and personally interested in this field. I have asked his cooperation in establishing contact with his Stockholm representative which he did readily and efficiently. I believe that after Subject has filled out a number of these questionnaires and those of his contacts which have an FI potential, this should be reviewed and taken into consideration in his planned trip to Europe for the purpose of collecting the current status ^{data} of these contacts, and in arranging a mechanism whereby these contacts could be utilized operationally. Detailed suggestions have been reported separately in my report of 21 October 1959. If Subject comes to Europe this spring, he should have a case officer contact in Germany and I would be happy to be his contact in Scandinavia for on-the-spot consultation and coordination. In summary, I believe Subject is a very capable, well motivated, and useful type who, with proper guidance, could be developed into a positive asset in the FI field.

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