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CASE OFFICERS : [ ] and [ ]

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1. Contact Operations

a. A letter dated 25 November 1959 was received by AECASSOWARY/29 from Oleksandr ADAMENKO, an engineer from Kiev with whom he had contact at the Trade Fair in Marseilles and to whom he later mailed some literature. In his letter ADAMENKO offered to mail books to AECASSOWARY/29 and invited him to visit. The exchange of correspondence will be continued and studied for any operations potential.

b. Lev BILAS, the AECASSOWARY contact in Istanbul, Turkey, has reconciled his enrollment problems and now is a fully qualified student at the University of Istanbul. AECASSOWARY/2 hopes to utilize him for whatever contact operations may develop in the area.

c. Three letters were received from the Ukraine by an AECASSOWARY contact in England in response to an item he placed in a Ukrainian language newspaper in Poland requesting correspondence with a Ukrainian girl. None of the replies displayed immediate operational potential.

d. Two letters from the Ukraine have been received by Ivan KOSHELIVETS from Valeriy P. Shevchenko (employee of Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) with whom he had contact in Vienna. AECASSOWARY/2 has requested the letters from KOSHELIVETS so that their contents can be studied.

e. Ivan CHORNEY, an AECASSOWARY contact in Germany, had contact with Olesh DORICHENKO, the dancer with the Verlovka choir with whom Steven Olynik had contact in Vienna and again in Kiev. DORICHENKO freely discussed his anti-communist and anti-Russian sentiments and accepted a copy of the AECASSOWARY newspaper during a visit to the editorial office.

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f. Several months ago via a repatriate from Canada, AECASSOWARY/2 sent Mikhail OLYNYK, an acquaintance of his in the Ukraine, a message concealed in a razor case which was included with other objects in a trunk. He recently was notified indirectly by OLYNYK that the trunk had been received. To determine whether the message was found, a letter has been sent by AECASSOWARY/2 asking OLYNYK whether he liked the razors. AECASSOWARY/2 reports that there exist similar opportunities to have trunks sent back with repatriates from Argentina. His objectives are to re-establish contact with former OUN and UPA members. The message sent to OLYNYK was typewritten on pieces of kleenex and contained general information regarding the Ukrainian emigre situation in the West.

g. The Eleventh International Congress of Historical Sciences, Stockholm, 21-28 August 1960: This Congress is expected to attract 2900 participants and will be preceded by special meetings beginning on 16 August. Professors Aleksandr OHLOBLYN and Mykola CHUBATY, sympathizers of AECASSOWARY/1 and prominent in their field, are available to serve as front men for AECASSOWARY/1 contact operations. Both have registered and have had their papers accepted for presentation at the Congress. Professor CHUBATY is trying to organize a committee to conduct a drive among the Ukrainian emigres to pay the expenses of Ukrainian emigre historians at the Congress. They hope to collect \$10,000. (If this drive is even partly successful it could significantly lift the financial burden of sponsoring AECASSOWARY/1 collaborators to the Congress from the shoulders of the AERODYNAMIC Project.) AECASSOWARY/2 feels that both OHLOBLYN and CHUBATY would collaborate closely with AECASSOWARY/29 at the Congress and would be useful to make contact with Soviet Ukrainians who will attend. CHUBATY attended the preceding Congress in Rome and met prominent figures from the Ukrainian literary and academic world. There is no reason to believe that the next Congress will attract fewer or less inviting targets. CHUBATY has already identified at least one Ukrainian participant by reputation. AECASSOWARY/2 considers OHLOBLYN and CHUBATY a complementary pair, both potentially excellent contact men and both willing to serve AECASSOWARY/1.

h. Constantin ZELENKO (of AMTRUANT fame) will complete his doctorate this year in London. It now appears probable that he can be recruited by AECASSOWARY/2. He has performed exceptionally well for the group in their contact operations. He recently met in London and spoke for three hours with Aleksandr KORNEICHUK (Ukrainian writer, member of the Central Committee of the CPSU, member of the Central Committee of the Ukrainian CP, full member of the USSR and Ukrainian SSR Academy of Sciences) and is sending a report on this conversation to AECASSOWARY/2. KORNEICHUK, like Khrushchev, is always on the right side. He was prominent in the Ukraine during Stalin's time but after the death of Stalin he wrote a book entitled WINGS which was anti-Stalin and pro-Khrushchev. According to AECASSOWARY/2, people in the Ukraine look up to KORNEICHUK because of his unique personality and because,

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unlike other Ukrainian writers, he has good backing in Moscow and is not afraid to talk. AECASSOWARY/2 believes that KORNEICHUK might have invited ZELENKO to visit him in the Ukraine.

## 2. MAILING OPERATIONS

Two more letters were received from the Ukraine during the month of January in response to the INFORMATION BULLETIN. Although the letters are critical in content, they serve as further evidence that AECASSOWARY/1 literature is getting through to the USSR.

## 3. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES

a. AECASSOWARY/15 was brought back into the AECASSOWARY/1 fold on a full-time basis effective 15 February. Meetings were held with him and with AECASSOWARY/2 to firm up our agreement for his use as AECASSOWARY/1 operations chief. The meetings were also used to restate the basis for KUBARK-AECASSOWARY collaboration and to discuss new objectives and the expanded operational set-up.

b. AECASSOWARY/29 was brought to Washington and given a full assessment, including medical examination and polygraph. He will be used as AECASSOWARY/1 operations chief in Europe and will report to AECASSOWARY/15. Details regarding his assignment were discussed with him and AECASSOWARY/2 in New York on 25 February.

c. The time table of coming events is as follows: AECASSOWARY/15 and 29 started their KUBARK training on 7 March and will complete it on or about 3 June. We would like to get AECASSOWARY/29 to Europe by 1 July in order to begin preparations for the international meetings described in "Contact Operations" above. Furthermore, we hope that AECASSOWARY/2 will be able, between the middle of June and the middle of July, to accompany AECASSOWARY/29 on a quick organizing trip in the European area, the purpose of which will be to introduce AECASSOWARY/29 to AECASSOWARY/2's many personal contacts so that AECASSOWARY/29 has the authority of AECASSOWARY/2 for calling on these contacts for support. Only through such a trip can AECASSOWARY/29 hope to organize solidly the Ukrainian communities in Europe for operational purposes. If events move fast this summer in Europe it might even be necessary to send over AECASSOWARY/15 on an emergency basis, perhaps for example, to run the Olympics operation. AECASSOWARY/15, of course, has his work cut out for him in the United States and Canada.

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