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SUBJECT	REDWOOD/AERODYNAMIC Recruitment of Subject of Ref		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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REFERENCE(S)	<p>A. DIR-16153</p> <p>B. []</p> <p>1. <u>Meeting Arrangements</u> - This meeting was pre-arranged according to the procedure outlined in [] dated 20 January 1960. I called Subject on 22 July, introduced myself as [] on a temporary visit in Sweden wishing to meet with Subject to discuss matters of mutual concern. Subject immediately remembered the name and was very friendly and invited me to visit him at his home in Vaesteras. We met at the hospital and Subject then drove me to his apartment where we conversed for about 3 hours. We then went to join his family who are staying about 10 miles from Vaesteras in a summer cottage. We spent another 3 hours there. The next meeting with Subject was tentatively arranged for about 2 August at which time I will introduce Subject to another case officer, most likely [] who will maintain contact with Subject.</p> <p>2. <u>Immigration of Subject's Mother to Sweden</u> - Foremost in Subject's mind is the likely authorization by the Soviet authorities to permit his mother to join him in Sweden. For three years Subject has tried to obtain this authorization but it has been turned down three times. He now has tried a fourth time, has written a personal letter to the Soviet Premier as well as persuaded the Swedish authorities to take an interest in his case. Both Subject and his mother feel that there is a distinct possibility that she will be permitted to emigrate. Subject has been given an affidavit which has been endorsed by the Swedish Aliens Commission and the Swedish Foreign Office granting permission for her to emigrate to Sweden to join her son. Subject believes that he will receive a definite answer concerning this matter within the next two months. In case Subject's mother is permitted to emigrate to Sweden, Subject will be happy to let us debrief her. Subject's mother is a 62 year old woman who is still very energetic and employed as a secretary to a [] in Lvov, Ukraine. Subject maintains a regular correspondence with his mother.</p> <p>3. <u>Contact with Ukrainian Dentist in 1958</u> - Subject stated that in the summer of 1958 he was visited here in Stockholm by an old acquaintance whom Subject remembered as a fellow resistance fighter. His name is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ivan* LESZCZUK (also LESTCHUK), dob about 1920, a dentist practicing in Lvov.</p> <p>Dr. Leszczuk received permission to go on a trip to the West as a result of having distinguished himself through hard work and achievements in the dental profession. Dr. Leszczuk was referred to Subject's mother who gave to Leszczuk Subject's address in Stockholm. A group of 30 Soviet tourists were in Dr. Leszczuk's group which visited Sweden in the summer of 1958. They were chaperoned by an Informant guide and a Politruk. Before going on this trip to the West they received a week's indoctrination, the purpose of which was to train them how one acts and conducts oneself in a Western society. Dr. Leszczuk met Subject after having obtained permission from the Politruk. The Politruk authorized this visit only if another member of the group would also be present during this meeting. As it turned out the other member was also of Ukrainian origin and permitted Subject and Dr. Leszczuk to meet privately. They met on two occasions for a total of about 5 hours. Dr. Leszczuk is still a member of the Ukrainian resistance. However, they no longer wage this resistance with arms but attempt to penetrate important governmental positions with their people and thus hope to exert influence on official policy in their favor. Their motivation is primarily based on Ukrainian nationalism. Subject stated that this resistance</p>		
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group of which Dr. Lassont is a member is no longer organized the way it was during war time. They now do not have regular meetings nor do they maintain membership files or have any compensating material anywhere. They still know one another and keep a quiet and loose relationship handling all their anti-Communist activities on a person to person basis. These anti-Communist activities are not identical with what we consider to be anti-Communist activities but are in essence an ideological struggle toward national independence, even if this is under a Communist regime. Subject first met with Dr. Lassont in 1940 when they were in Turkuville, Umeå. Subject does not expect Dr. Lassont to come out to the West again in the near future, possibly not for a couple of years. However, Subject stays in contact with him via his mother and will undoubtedly hear more about him from his mother if she is permitted to emigrate to Sweden.

4. REDACTED Redacted - Subject stated he recently met with an acquaintance of his in Oslo, one V. L. Samoson, dob 1925, Eke, now residing Midtunsten 9, Bekkalingshaugen, Oslo. Samoson is a Norwegian citizen who visited for three weeks with his mother and brother (name unknown) in June 1960 in Coerwiche. He is a wealthy art dealer who came to Norway in 1931 where he married a Norwegian. They have a two-age son studying in London. Samoson told Subject that while visiting with his family in the Umeå this summer, he also contacted some business in art, and scientific literature which involved the exchange of books in these fields to and from the Umeå and Norway. Samoson speaks fluent English as well as several other languages and Subject believes one could contact and debrief him on matters of our concern. If Subject would either introduce the American representative by letter to Mr. Samoson, or if one used Subject's name as a reference. However, Subject does not wish this to be done until his mother is safely in Sweden. Inasmuch as Samoson is an intelligent person who speaks and understands Ukrainian and who has had opportunities to talk in private with his relatives there, he may have some interesting information for us. Subject did not elaborate on this any further. I advised Subject that I will check this gentleman but would not take any action which would involve Subject unless we would backstop this with Subject. Traces on Samoson have been requested in reference B.

5. Background of Subject - After a couple of hours of conversation about general and specific problems I advised Subject that we would be interested in maintaining contact with him so that he could advise us on Ukrainians in Sweden and other possible contacts with Ukrainians in the Soviet Union. Subject asked if this would be an overt or a conspiratorial type contact and I indicated to him that I represented U. S. Intelligence and that we would prefer a clandestine relationship. Subject was relieved that he was in contact with a clandestine service indicating that inasmuch as he is a reserve First Lieutenant in the Swedish military corps he would have to be very careful about foreign contacts. However, he readily agreed to maintain a clandestine relationship with us and also agreed to meet another colleague of mine to assure continuity of this contact. Subject stated that unfortunately future meetings will have to be in Vancouver since he is now acting chief of the Orthopedic Clinic there and cannot get away from his work. Subject is an ideological anti-Communist and his future cooperation with us is based strictly on his ideological motivation and not wholly as influenced in our favor by the AWASSONER/I recommendation. No more questions were discussed with Subject.

6. International Historical Congress in Stockholm - Subject stated that he expects to be in contact with some of the delegates of Ukrainian origin who will participate in this congress at the end of August 1960. Subject knows that several former Zionists who presently live in New York will participate. He will keep us advised of anything they might report to him concerning their discussions with Soviet delegates to this Congress.

7. Assessment - Subject speaks good German, fluent Swedish, native Ukrainian and understands Russian. He is an intelligent and rather indiano person who has suffered a great deal during his life both during and after the war but who has managed to achieve a position of respect and prestige by his own efforts and labor. Subject worked his way through the medical school in Sweden by working in a factory and now at the age of 39 is acting chief of the Orthopedic Clinic in a modern Swedish hospital. He earns about 4,000 Swedish Crowns per month.

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both from private practice and salary from the hospital. He lives in an attractive 5-room apartment for which he pays 690 Swedish Crowns per month. Subject has a Swedish wife who is intelligent and appears to be a good housekeeper and mother. Subject is a Ukrainian patriot at heart and can always be depended on to do whatever is within his capabilities to fight Communism. He is not a rebel rousing revolutionary but understands and appreciates that a dream of a national Ukraine in this generation is almost impossible to achieve. Subject is very grateful and loyal to the Swedes for the opportunities which have been offered to him and he will, in my opinion, not do anything which he feels is against Swedish interest. Subject apparently has a good standing in the Ukrainian community in Sweden which consists of about 200 members in all of Sweden. Twenty of these Ukrainians live in Stockholm. Subject is not likely to produce startling results for us. However, he is likely to turn out to be a worthwhile contact inasmuch as he has access to all the contacts of other Ukrainians living in Sweden as well as his own operational leads, i.e. the dentist mentioned above and the Norwegian art dealer. If we had been in contact with Subject in the summer of 1958 we could have recruited this dentist. If another opportunity presents itself for the dentist to come to the West Subject will undoubtedly hear about it and advise us.

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