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MEMORANDUM FOR : SR/6
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SUBJECT : Information on Ternopol Oblast

The following information was obtained by AECASSOWARY/15 (usually reliable source) from an elderly woman (untested source) who arrived in the United States on 25 May 1960 from the USSR, Ternopol Oblast, village of Beresovytain Velyka.

1. An oil base (naftobaza) was constructed after World War II in the fields between Beresovytain Velyka and Ternopol. The base employs approximately 60 people, the majority local Ukrainians.

2. An air field was built in the village of Hayi, Ternopol Oblast. Source stated that it was a large field from which airplanes took off for Kiev and Moscow.

3. There is a sugar plant in Beresovytain Velyka, Ternopol Oblast, which employs approximately 1,000 people. Only forty per cent of the employees are local people. Sixty per cent of the employees are newcomers to the area. The chief engineer is a Russian.

4. Clandestine Catholic Church Services. Masses are celebrated in private homes in the villages of Beresovytain. To avoid large gatherings which might draw the attention of the police, several Masses a day were celebrated starting about four a.m., to allow people to attend in smaller groups. There were instances where former Catholic priests, who accepted Russian Orthodoxy under pressure from the Communist regime, helped the Catholic priests in these activities.

5. Please telephone (Project AERODYNAMIC) on extension 4387 if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

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