

23 November 1953

TO: Chief, SR/3
FROM: SR 3/W2
SUBJECT: Recruitment

1. As reported in that portion of the contact report dated 9 November 1953 wherein recruitment was discussed with CASSOWARY 2, it was agreed that it is necessary to recruit at least two people for the AERODYNAMIC operation in anticipation of the request from CAWNPORE for additional w/t operators in 1954. On the basis of this agreement, and considering the rejection of the establishment of a cadre for agent recruitment, CASSOWARY 2 indicated that he would make a wholehearted effort to recruit, either by himself or through CASSOWARY 4, any two potential agents now residing in the United States of whom he has learned through his sources to have expressed their desire to do something for the Ukraine or who, because of past activity or connection with the Ukrainian movement, might be recruitable and suitable for what we have in mind.

2. In this respect, it was agreed that once likely candidates have been reported, CASSOWARY 4 would go to wherever these candidates are located in the United States, i.e., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, etc. for the purpose of establishing contact with these people, and if possible, recruit them. Travel by CASSOWARY 4 to the various cities for recruitment purposes would only be recommended and considered if strong indications exist that those reported on present a better than average possibility to be recruited and to meet the standards for training, carrying out the mission, etc.

3. In conjunction with recruitment in the United States, limitations existing in recruitment here were outlined to CASSOWARY 4. These are:

- a) Candidates cannot be citizens of the United States.
- b) Candidates must not have any dependents or relatives in the United States.
- c) Candidates must not have lived in the United States more than four years but preferably less than three years.

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4. Regarding leads to where candidates might be sought, CASSOWARY 2 pointed out that through his various contacts in Ukrainian circles unwitting information has reached him regarding discussions by various youth groups in which certain young people expressed their opinion on such topics as life in the Ukrainian SSR, Communism and its affect on Ukrainians at home, etc. At some of these meetings several young Ukrainians were heard expressing their desire and willingness to do something to help fight the Soviet oppressor. It is through this medium, then, that CASSOWARY 2 hopes to discover the location of agent candidates in the United States.

5. As another means of handling the recruitment problem, CASSOWARY 2 indicated that once CAVATINA 16 (Matla) arrives in Munich and solidifies the rôle of the triumvirate in running the ZChOUN, tapping this organization for agent candidates will become feasible in that it, the triumvirate, and many more present members of the ZChOUN who have expressed sympathy with the creation of this body, has definitely accepted the confirmation of the ZPUHVR mandate to the ZPUHVR in which the ZPUHVR has been given the responsibility for the training of recruits and of maintaining contact with the CAWNPORE.

6. It should be repeated here that the case officers have on numerous occasions stressed to CASSOWARIES 2 and 15 the urgent need for agent recruits if adequate support is to be given CAWNPORE in the future and if a proper w/t operators' reserve is to be maintained at a safe level. The fact that only one w/t operator is presently attached to the Homeland headquarters was repeatedly brought to the attention of the CASSOWARY 2 with the point being made that the loss of this operator is constantly present and which could result in a situation tantamount to starting from scratch again as far as contacting Headquarters is concerned. To further impress CASSOWARY 2 with the urgency inherent in the recruitment of candidates, it was politely mentioned to him that his failure to provide adequate support for the Homeland w/t-wise might influence the Homeland leadership to conclude that the support anticipated via ZP has been inadequate and therefore a re-evaluation of its, the Homeland's, foreign representatives and their functions is in order.

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