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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Yuriy KOSSACH

1. Previous correspondence from your Bureau concerning Subject has carried the file No. 105-16481. Subject met with Mykola LEBED and George LOPATYNSKY in the latter's home in New York on 1 May 1963. The latter two are Secretary and member of the ZP/UHVR (Foreign Representation/Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council) respectively. Mr. LEBED also is President of the Prolog Research and Publishing Association, Inc., 375 West End Avenue, New York 25, New York. The meeting was requested by Subject through a mutual friend, V. KHANULA (AKA: CHANULA) who also was present at the meeting. In view of Subject's known involvement with Ukrainian Communist activities, Mr. LEBED suspected Subject had been instructed to effect the meeting with him, possibly in an effort to determine Mr. LEBED's political anti-Communist strategy for the future. Although the meeting was being held at his request, Subject was nervous and apprehensive in the beginning, but he relaxed somewhat as the conversation progressed. Mr. LEBED was of the impression Subject was carrying out this particular task against his will and that he was under some outside pressures.

2. Following is a short biographical sketch on Subject taken from the No. 3, March 1963 issue of the Soviet Ukrainian journal, Vitchyzna in which one of Subject's short plays also appears. Subject was born into a literary family on 5 December 1909 in Kiev, UkSSR. His Great Grandfather, Yakiv DRAHOMANOV; Grandmother, Olena PCHILKA; Grandfather, Mykhailo DRAHOMANOV; and Paternal Aunt, LESYA UKRAINA, all were Ukrainians

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3. The conversation between Subject and Mr. LEBED largely concerned present activities in the Ukrainian literary and political fields, both in the UkSSR and the emigration. Subject praised the literature being published by Mr. LEBED's group and said that it is being closely followed by Soviet Ukrainian representatives. He implied great interest by the Soviets in Mr. LEBED's group and, among other suggestions allegedly coming from the Soviet Ukrainian Delegation, he stated the following:

a. That it was time to negotiate with Soviet Ukrainians. He said he knew that top representatives of the Ukrainian Delegation at the United Nations with whom

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b. That Mr. LEBED's group lend its support to Za Sinen Okesnon in the form of literary contributions and also by supplying an editor for the publication to replace Subject. (Subject said he was anxious to return to the Soviet Union to live as soon as possible but that the Soviets would not permit him to return until a replacement for him is found. On the other hand, a contact of Mr. LEBED's in Chicago reported that the Subject had approached him asking for help in locating employment for himself in the Chicago area.)

c. That clubs of "Friends of the Ukraine" be established in the United States through which cultural contacts with Soviet Ukrainians could be developed and via which contact with the Soviet Ukrainian Delegation at the United Nations could be maintained.

4. Subject's direct approach to Mr. LEBED appears to be a new Soviet strategy against the one remaining really effective anti-Soviet Ukrainian emigre organization. It certainly is a new and unusual development in the history of the anti-Communist activities of Mr. LEBED's group. In addition to the approach through Subject, there have been intensified pressures by the Soviets on members of Mr. LEBED's group abroad and increased attacks in the Soviet press on the Ukrainian emigration in general and Mr. LEBED's group in particular. It would appear the Soviets are waging a renewed campaign to counter the effectiveness of the anti-Soviet activities of Mr. LEBED's group either by personal threats on individual members or by eventually compromising the group in the eyes of the whole emigration.

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FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS):

Signed: James Angleton
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