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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOMAN/2 in Washington Safe Office on  
6 September 1963.

1. The main purpose for this meeting with A/2 was to have him proof-read the final copy of the letter, prepared by A/2 and typed and authenticated by TSD, which was going to be mailed from Poland (ostensibly) to Ivan Kossach. Except for several typographical errors which A/2 recommended be corrected in ink, the letter was all ready for release. (TSD said it would be inserted into the mails on the afternoon of September 9.)
2. A/2 gave the undersigned a general rundown of some of the highlights obtained from Leonard Manko and C. Smishkevich about their visits in the Soviet Union. Smishkevich was a guide with the U. S. Technical Books Exhibit. Reports are being submitted separately.
3. According to A/2, both of the above-named had information about the Soviet Ukrainian writer, Dziuba. They conveyed requests for aid to be sent him and A/2 wanted to know whether rubles could be mailed internally to an address in Moscow for Dziuba who needs medical and financial aid. The Moscow address was given to Smishkevich by members of the Creative Youth Club in Kiev. The undersigned told A/2 she doubted the wisdom of mailing rubles, even internally, and recommended that it would be better to send a parcel containing woolen materials and other things which would be sold in the Soviet Union. The undersigned promised, however, to discuss the matter with others and let him know the following day whether it was considered safe to mail rubles. (He was informed today that this was not recommended. He said he was now considering other means of sending aid.)
4. A/2 said Smishkevich was going to be in contact with another girl, fnu Shiparovich, who was supposed to leave for the Soviet Union as a guide with the U. S. Graphics Exhibit in the next few days. Smishkevich was planning to advise Shiparovich regarding some of her experiences and suggest that she carry along with her some Ukrainian-language books for the young people she would probably be contacted by in the Ukraine. A/2 knew almost nothing about Shiparovich. He promised to get all the information he could about her and her contact with Smishkevich.

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