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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Intelligence

SUBJECT: An Evaluation of the AERODYNAMIC Project

1. In 1948 a survey was conducted by CIA of the various Ukrainian Emigre organizations for the purpose of selecting from among these groups the most bona fide, best organized, most representative, legitimate, etc. group to be used in exploiting the Ukrainian Resistance Movement in the Ukraine in anti-Soviet activity. As a result of this survey, the ZPUHVR (the Foreign Representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council) was selected and an agreement was entered into between it and CIA whereby a joint effort would be made to develop operations into the Ukraine, the ZPUHVR to supply agent personnel, contact and other operational data, etc., and CIA to furnish the technical support, i.e., training facilities, supplies, air dispatch, communications equipment, etc. The

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action thus initiated was the origin of the current AERODYNAMIC Project.

2. Following this initial working agreement with the ZPUHVR, the Project was further developed,

a) To provide financial assistance to the ZPUHVR in order that it might carry out its role as the only authorized foreign representation of the Ukrainian Resistance Movement. This included the support of the Ukrainian language newspaper Suchasna Ukraina.

b) To provide support (supplies) through air drop to the Ukrainian Resistance to enable it to expand its organization and hot war potential.

c) To provide supplies and communication equipment for burial by the Ukrainian Resistance Forces for use in hot war.

d) To establish a "black" radio station outside the USSR for transmitting propaganda to the Ukraine.

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- e) To coordinate with the Ukrainian Resistance war plans for sabotage, escape and evasion and guerilla warfare.
- f) To establish a sound working liaison with the intelligence service of the OUN in the Ukraine and to obtain from it positive intelligence and counter-espionage information.
- g) To maintain adequate communications with the Ukrainian Resistance Forces via overland couriers, W/T and S/W.
- h) To train and infiltrate agents to the Ukraine for intelligence gathering purposes.
- i) To establish operational support facilities in the Ukraine, utilizing personnel of the Ukrainian Resistance Forces. This included the procurement of documentation, safehouse and transit facilities for agent

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operations directed to areas of the USSR beyond the borders of the Ukraine.

j) To assist in the exfiltration of key personnel from the Ukraine Resistance Forces.

k) To establish a Soviet Study Group in the United States staffed by prominent Ukrainian scholars in exile.

l) To initiate dropping of leaflets in the Ukraine by balloon.

3. To date, results of the above (para 2)- are as follows:

a) Financial support given to the ZPUHVR through

AERODYNAMIC Project enabled that organization to remain

a solidly organized body which, through its activity in

the emigration and in operations into the Ukraine, has

caused the Soviet regime much concern regarding underground

activity in the Ukraine and its potential in a hot war.

The CIA sponsored ZPUHVR newspaper too has been an effective

instrument in presenting anti-Communist views and in uniting,

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although not always politically, the Ukrainians in emigration in their anti-Communist, anti-Soviet attitudes.

b) A limited amount of supplies was dropped to the Resistance Forces but not in a quantity sufficient enough to expand their numbers to any great extent or to increase their operational potential.

c) No supplies or communications equipment were dropped for burial and subsequent use in a hot war.

d) All arrangements for implementing the "black" radio broadcasts have been made; however, no broadcasts have been initiated due to delayed approval of certain script material. It is anticipated that by the end of June 1955 several broadcast tapes, based on recently approved scripts, will be ready for transmission.

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e) A PM cadre was planned and organized (Landsberg Project) but failed to survive. No other war plans were carried out.

f) Some intelligence has been obtained from OUN sources in the Ukraine as contained in a pouch brought out by a

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courier in 1950.

g) Contacts with the Resistance Movement have been made as follows: i) Air drop of agent personnel into the Ukraine was made in 1949 but no contact with Ukrainian Resistance Forces was realized. ii) Air drop of agent personnel was made in 1950 with contact with Resistance Forces Headquarters established. iii) One successful overland courier mission from the Ukraine to the West was accomplished in 1950 which provided material from the Underground and which contained intelligence of value to CIA. iv) Air drop of agent personnel was made in 1951 resulting in successful contact with Resistance Headquarters and subsequent W/T communications which continued to the fall of 1953. v) Air drop of agent personnel was made in 1952 resulting in successful contact with Resistance Headquarters and subsequent W/T and S/W which have continued to the present time.

h) See under (g) above.

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i) Some support facilities were arranged by one agent in the fall of 1953 but never used.

j) Although a request for aid in exfiltrating key personnel was received, no key personnel have been exfiltrated.

k) A Soviet Study Group has been established in the United States, staffed by prominent Ukrainian scholars and several learned studies on the Ukraine have been produced. This study group has also prepared scripts for the "black" radio broadcasts and leaflets to be dropped by balloon.

l) Several leaflets and woodcuts have been prepared by the above mentioned Study Group and will be dropped during the summer of 1955.

4. Current status of AERODYNAMIC (FI) is as follows:

a) Agent personnel dispatched into the Ukraine by the Project have not been in contact with the Resistance Headquarters since late summer of 1953.

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b) Although it can be assumed that many members of the Ukrainian Underground still exist throughout parts of the Ukraine, it is not definitely known whether they are organized, whether there is an operating Headquarters with key personnel who are continuing their work and can be contacted eventually.

c) The principle ^{pl}ZPUHVR representative dispatched to the Ukraine and who had been the Project's chief contact with Resistance Headquarters has been reported captured and liquidated in the spring of 1954.

d) The W/T operator attached to the above mentioned ZPUHVR representative and indirectly to Headquarters, although alive and still in communication with us, has been under Soviet control since spring 1954.

e) The only other W/T operator in the area lost his W/T set in the fall of 1953 ^{put} and has remained in S/W contact with us to now. This agent has been asked to exfiltrate but has refused to do so and has stated

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that he intends to legalize and move to the Eastern regions of the USSR.

f) There are no agents in training now who might be used to renew the lost link with the Ukrainian Resistance Headquarters.

g) Recruitment of agent personnel in the emigration through ZPUHVR channels appears to be impossible.

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h) Through a concentrated effort the MVD *Soviet Security organ* apparently has dealt a serious blow to the Ukrainian Resistance Movement and especially to our operations, and is now engaged in attempting to penetrate the ZPUHVR via its agents (AECARTHAGE 19 and 20) for the purpose of building up a notional underground which it would control.

5. In view of the current status of the FI portion of the AERODYNAMIC Project as listed in Para 4 above, it is apparent that REDSOX type operations into the Ukraine as planned in the Project have reached a point where it is questionable whether or not it

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is considered advisable to continue in force the FI Portion of AERODYNAMIC. Although there is still much activity involving the Ukrainian complex stemming from the original FI Project, this activity has become almost entirely a CE action as can be noted from the controlled status of AECARTHAGE 5, the AECARTHAGE 19 and 20 case and the overall Soviet effort at penetrating the Ukrainian underground and emigration. Because of this state of affairs in the AERODYNAMIC Project, it is recommended that:

a) The FI portion of the Project not be renewed on the date of renewal in November 1955.

b) The currently approved FI Project remain in force until the expiration date in November 1955 with existing funds to be expended in CE activity.

c) A CE Project be submitted for approval in November 1955 to handle all ~~Ukrainian~~ CE cases ^{pertaining to the Ukrainian Resistance,} some of which were originally initiated as AERODYNAMIC FI/REDSOX operations and have since developed into CE Cases.

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d) **AERODYNAMIC PP remain in force as a separate Project continuing such activity as currently called for in the project.**

e) **In the event REDSOX type operations again become feasible a request for approval be submitted as required.**

f) **All AERODYNAMIC personnel to be consolidated under AERODYNAMIC PP (AECASSOWARY 4 and 15 are now under FI) and be exploited simultaneously in both PP and CE and in FI if this again becomes necessary.**

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