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2 October 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY/2 in Washington on
18 September 1968

1. A/2 was asked to come to Washington to be briefed on the procedure we wanted him to follow in establishing an AETENURE bank account in Switzerland. He was given the name of the bank [] (recommended by [] of the office of Finance). He was told that in discussing their need for the account with the Chemical Bank in New York, they could go along with Chemical's suggestion of another bank, if Chemical had a preference, but to clear the name of the bank with me before initiating any action because there were certain banks our organization did not want them to use. A/2 said he has been considering taking his vacation in Europe and could combine that with the business of establishing the Swiss account. (As it turned out the following day, however, when A/26 talked with the vice president of Chemical, he was told it would be simpler, and more customary, to establish the Swiss account via correspondence. In addition, A/29 learned that one of AETENURE's collaborators from the Ukrainian community in Presov was arriving in Frankfurt on 28 September. It was decided A/29 should go to Frankfurt to talk to him. A/2 will postpone his vacation until A/29's return.)

2. In a letter from Presov, the AECASSOWARIES were informed that they now could publish in the West the letter to Shelest and other Soviet Ukrainian authorities, which was signed by Lena Kostenko, Ivan Dzyuba, Ivan Svitlychnyy and his sister Nadiya. The letter condemned

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the method used by the court in the trial of Chornovil in November 1967 and appealed on Chornovil's behalf.

3. A/2 said he felt that they would now have to be doubly cautious in dealings with their collaborators in the Ukrainian community in Presov. Sufficient time has elapsed and enough activity conducted in the past year for the KGB to have examined the situation and to have coopted someone in the group. Those most vulnerable would be Dacey and Mushynka, who have done a lot of travelling between the Soviet Union and the CSSR.

4. It is A/2's opinion that POLYANYCHKO, the new head of the Ukrainian mission at the UN, had been instructed to drop the contact with [] and to establish a new access to the emigres in the New York area. The latter has not been contacted by any of the Soviets in the New York area for several weeks now. Ivan Sergeyeovich KHMIL ([]) was entertained in the home of Professor KOROPETSKY of Philadelphia, along with Vsevolod HOLUBNYCHIY and Ivan LYSHYAK-RUDNYTSKY. They talked, among other things, about the willingness of a group of Ukrainian emigre scholars to visit the Ukraine as guests of the Ukrainian writers union. KHMIL, who was going to the Soviet Union on home leave, promised to return with an official invitation from either the Writers Union or from the Academy of Sciences. HOLUBNYCHIY told A/2 following the evening at KOROPETSKY's home that LYSHYAK-RUDNYTSKY was not very discreet and that he was too set on displaying an independence from the group. HOLUBNYCHIY said he would not be very keen on having him a member of any group visiting the Soviet Union. For example, LYSHYAK-RUDNYTSKY told KHMIL that he would very much like to visit the Soviet Union but that he did not have the money and wondered if KHMIL could arrange to have his transportation paid by the Soviets.

5. AETENURE has received letters from Ukrainians in Czechoslovakia asking that "Munich" be eliminated from AETERRACE publications, because the word had an odious connotation insofar as the authorities are concerned. A/2 wanted to know whether AETERRACE publications could be

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printed in Canada or Switzerland or any other Western country, and carry the address of a collaborator in the country in which they are printed instead of the AETERRACE Munich address. The address of the printer also would be shown. I said I ~~was~~ no reason why AETERRACE could not have its publications printed wherever it wanted to but that I would check this out further and let him know.

6. Yaroslav BABJUK (Ph.D), is visiting in the United States with a group of professors from Czechoslovakia. He has indicated that if things in Czechoslovakia changed for the worse, he would want to try to obtain a visa for his wife to come to the United States. He has friends or relatives in Buffalo at 186 Eduard Street zip code 14201.

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