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20 February 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EUR/F

THROUGH : SB/RR

SUBJECT : Article Concerning Ukrainian Communists, by
George Andersen, which appeared in the
French-language Combat on 21 January 1970

REFERENCE : Attached Report 50a-1

1. It is suggested that the reply to the reference inquiry from the French be along the following lines:

We have seen the appeal from the "Communists of the Ukraine" published in the December 1969 issue of Suchasnist, and find it of great interest. We note in the introduction from the editorial board of Suchasnist that the appeal had been sent to various Communist parties in Europe. It would be interesting to know whether anyone in the French Communist Party received a copy. A reprint of the item from Suchasnist is enclosed for your information, in case you have not seen it.

2. The following is for the information of the Paris Station: The appeal, an English-translation of which is attached, was obtained by Headquarters and the AECASSOWARIES in 1965 through an American citizen of Ukrainian birth, who was in the Soviet Union in an official capacity for several months in 1965. The dissident Soviet Ukrainians asked the source to surface it and that a special effort be made to

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pass it to Italian Communists. Headquarters tried to surface the document through a special mailing to this target but there was no reaction, although it was learned sometime later that it was received by at least one party official. Since the AECASSOWARIES were reluctant to taint the document with emigre involvement, they held off publishing it themselves as long as possible. AECASSOWARY/29 reported that a collaborator recently informed him that as a result of the Suchasnist item, the document is being discussed in Italian Communist circles, with questions being raised as to why the document was not brought out into the open and who was responsible for suppressing it.

3. Please address any inquiries concerning this memorandum to of this office, room 4D30, ext. 5877.

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