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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, EE-4

VIA: EE-4/O, EE-4/P

FROM: []

SUBJECT: Report on Conference with Mr. LEBID and Dr. HRYNOCH.

1. A conference was held on 24 and 25 January 1951 in New York with subject individuals for purposes of resolving various outstanding issues pertaining to project PBCRUET-Aerodynamic and other matters of interest to OPC and OSO. The subjects covered mainly concerned OPC and are discussed below. OSO is preparing a detailed report to their field representative on the conference, and the report will be available to this office.

2. VOA. Mr. Lebid and Dr. Hrynoch maintain that the Ukrainian section of the VOA remains unsatisfactory from the standpoint of (a) content of material presented for broadcast, and (2) personnel and organizational structure of the VOA. Subject individuals expressed belief that the situation was not serving the Ukrainian element or the long-range interests of the U.S. Government. It is their contention that the Ukrainian section of VOA is under the control of the "little Kremlin" (Russian section), and the director, Mr. Barmine, has not permitted any broadcast even remotely favorable to Ukrainian nationalist aspirations. Mr. Lebid supported this view by citing the following specific deletions in VOA broadcasts which he claims is intentional:

a. A broadcast of a speech by Harold Stassen of 17 January 1951 was garbled in its entirety. The portion of the speech devoted to the support of an independent Ukraine and Byelorussia was completely omitted.

b. In reporting the death of General Chuprynka, it was stated that the deceased was a commander of an insignificant number of partisans in a remote area of Western Ukraine.

c. President Truman's speech on Soviet colonial policies with respect to China was deleted for broadcast. VOA purposely omitted this reference since Ukrainian nationalists contend that the Ukraine is similarly being exploited as a colony by the Soviet Union.

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It is recommended that [] determine whether the above omissions by the VOA were intentional.

Mr. Lebid and Dr. Hrynoch contest VOA's consideration of Arnold D. Margolin as highly unsuited for the job of director of the Ukrainian section. Margolin is over seventy years old and being Jewish, may be pressured by Jewish anti-Ukrainian groups in the U.S. Most important, however, is that Margolin's views on Ukrainian nationalism are similar to those currently held by Mr. Barmine. Under the circumstances, it is felt that Margolin will not alter the methods or content of material presently being broadcast by the VOA.

[] counteracted this gloomy portrayal of VOA by specifically referring to some of the features of VOA which have or are in the process of being improved. They are:

- a. a separate Ukrainian section is being initiated;
- b. favorable candidates are presently being considered for the Ukrainian section;
- c. VOA has definitely stated that efforts are being made to improve the Ukrainian material for broadcast; and
- d. a prearranged signal to the Ukrainian underground through the VOA has been made.

3. State Department Contact. Dr. Hrynoch reiterated his desire to contact a State Department official before his return to Germany. He must report to his organization that he has properly oriented the U.S. Government concerning Ukrainian nationalist aspirations and their present activities. The case officers repeated []'s suggestion of preparing an aide memoir which would summarize the issues the ZPUHVR wished to present to the U.S. Government. Dr. Hrynoch accepted this proposal and will allow the aide memoir to be examined and edited. Arrangements are being made to establish this contact with the State Department.

Dr. Hrynoch does not want a Ukrainian emigrant to be witness to the State Department interview or serve in any capacity. The inconclusive nature of the meeting may leave the individual with a poor impression insofar as the stature of ZPUHVR is concerned.

4. Dissemination of Books in the Ukraine. The ZPUHVR desires books on specific subjects requested by the Ukrainian underground which would serve the following purposes:

- a. material required to counteract Soviet propaganda.
- b. orientation of underground personnel.
 - (1) international situation.
 - (2) technical material on partisan warfare.

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It is preferable if the books were in the Ukrainian language, but German or Russian translations would be suitable.

C has recommended that a factual and chronological book be prepared in Ukrainian which would be instrumental in affecting Ukrainian public opinion and orient the underground on world history for the period 1945-1951. This book would include articles, statements, and speeches by leading statesmen bearing on Soviet policies and activities, and the American interest in the Ukrainian movement.

Printed on poor quality paper currently available to the Ukrainian underground, the books would be prepared in pocket-size editions. The publisher would be given as the Information Bureau of the UHVR located in LVOV or KIEV. This procedure would not only sterilize the source of the books but would be more effective on Ukrainian public opinion than the jammed VOA broadcasts.

5. Ukrainian DP Personnel in U.S. The availability of Ukrainian personnel with qualifications for future operations was discussed. Dr. Hrynoch reports that some seventy persons are available in the U.S. with possibly an equal number in Canada. He will present the names and the current status of these individuals before 2 February 1951.

6. Transfer of Funds. The publication of a Ukrainian Bulletin in New York remains a priority matter with Mr. Lebid and Dr. Hrynoch, who claim that Harold Stassen, James Burnham, the SATURDAY EVENING POST, and American newspapers are anxious to receive articles on the current situation on the Ukraine. Furthermore, Mr. Lebid is being questioned as to the status of the Bulletin by the staff specifically assembled by him to publish the Bulletin.

The initial transfer of funds for the publication of the Bulletin will be accomplished by either the OSO or OPC case officer. However, the question of establishing a bank account for the Bulletin and a suitable cover for the origin of its financial support remains unsettled. It has been suggested that the transfer of funds be made through the cover of advertisements to appear in Ukrainian language newspapers and radio programs. These advertisements, requesting subscriptions for the publication of a Ukrainian Bulletin, would be placed with several leading Ukrainian newspapers and radio programs where concentrations of the Ukrainian element exist.

This means of transferring funds would establish an excellent cover for the source of financial support for the Bulletin. Our contributions could be meted out to the Bulletin as subscriptions from anonymous American businessmen. Mr. Lebid and Dr. Hrynoch are very receptive to this arrangement and claim they have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the advertisements. Their organization presently has assets totalling approximately \$ [redacted] as of January 1951. [redacted] dollars of this sum represents the dollars brought from the Ukraine by Dr. Hrynoch and the remainder has been accrued from the sale of DO ZBROI and SUCHASNA

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UKRAINA in the U.S. Mr. Lebid is investigating the legal aspects of publishing the Bulletin and will shortly report his progress.

Agreement has been reached in having Mr. Lebid furnish a bi-weekly account of expenditures of our funds incurred in his operations.

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