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To: SR/WC

From: SR/W 2

Subject: Contact Report with CASSOWARY 15 on 2 May 1952

1. QKACTIVE

a. CASSOWARY 15, as a representative of CASSOWARY 1, felt extremely unhappy that when Admiral Kirk had his first official speech as the head of the American Committee he did not show any evidence of understanding the complexity of the ethnic make-up of the Soviet Union. Allegedly, throughout his speech he used the expression "Russian people", not even conceding to the unpopular expression "Peoples of Russia". In the minds of the Ukrainians there is absolutely no question that American foreign policy is oriented on a "One and Indivisible Russia". Before Admiral Kirk's appointment they felt certain that the American Committee was to some extent backed by the U. S. Government; after the Admiral's appointment, no one has any question that the American Committee is an extension of U. S. foreign policy. This is only one of many blows to Ukrainian national aspirations.

b. According to CASSOWARY 15, on 23 April, Admiral Kirk had a cocktail party in New York to which were invited representatives of the ethnic groups in the USSR. The Ukrainians who were invited were representatives of the UNRada and the Ukrainian Congress Committee, but representatives of CASSOWARY 1 were not asked to attend. This, says CASSOWARY 15, was just as well since CASSOWARY 2 would have been quite embarrassed to meet, face to face, another gentleman who had been invited to the party, namely Peter YABLON-YAROVY. CASSOWARY 15 was very very bitter about this, saying that the Ukrainians are bitterly disillusioned with the American government if the government deals with such people as YABLON.

2. ~~Osyp~~ BOYDUNIK, a member of the OUN/MELNYK Provid has been touring Canada for the last few months and intended to come to the United States but he was refused a visa on the ground that he would "endanger" public safety; that, at least, is the story which is circulating in the Ukrainian emigration. It is also rumored that STETSKO was refused a visa on the same grounds.

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3. Some time last week, Roman ~~SMAL-STOCKI~~, Professor at Marquette University, and one of the former members of the Ukrainian National Republic, government-in-exile in Poland, allegedly came to Washington to attend a meeting of the "Green International", an international peasant party union composed of peasant parties of Eastern Europe. He addressed this conference and allegedly his speech was greeted with rounds of applause, but he says that the State Department and Radio Free Europe representatives glared at him with a jaundiced eye. This is taken by the Ukrainians as another manifestation of U. S. foreign policy and its pro-Russian orientation.

4. It is rumored about, that ~~STETSKO~~ will be one of the main speakers at the forthcoming ABN Conference in New York City (4 May 1952). CASSOWARY 15 says that the ABN people have passed out leaflets which list STETSKO as a speaker. This is in contradiction to the rumor that STETSKO has been refused a visa. It is quite possible that our memo to the State Department about stopping STETSKO's visa had not reached them in time and that he might be in the United States.

5. CASSOWARY 15 has hit the abysmal depths of complete despondency. He pointed out that everything that we have undertaken to date has failed. If CASSOWARY 15's attitude is prevalent in CASSOWARY 1, it is within the realm of possibility that CASSOWARY 1 may seriously reconsider and carefully scrutinize its relations with the U. S. Government. Were this to happen, there is a good possibility that we might lose our ZPUHVR assets to the British. By the same token, we would lose the support of UHVR-UPA in the event of an armed struggle with the Soviet Union.

6. The undersigned feels that CASSOWARY 15 is assuming his almost belligerent attitude in order to provoke the undersigned into some such statement as "why, then, don't you break with us". The undersigned cannot give substantiating evidence that this is actually so but that possibility must not be overlooked. This attitude may be put-on at the direction of CASSOWARY 2 and it must be suspected that the CASSOWARY disillusionment with us may have reached such an extent that they are seriously considering a break. The atmosphere may clear to some extent after CASSOWARY 2 is given freedom of movement. It seems, therefore, essential that some political concessions should be made in the very near future. The following are some suggestions:

a. Create a direct liaison for ZPUHVR with the State Department. This is something that is in the process of doing right now.

b. After CASSOWARY 2 is cleared for travel he should be sent on a tour to Germany, and perhaps other countries, after which arrangements should be made that his permanent residence be transferred to Washington where he will be in closer contact with us and other government agencies.

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c. Efforts should be made to salvage the Guard Company project.

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