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SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY 2 and AECASSOWARY 4.

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1. AECARTHAGE 20 Letter. Incoming Message Nr. 8 was discussed with AECASSOWARY 2. He agreed that the reply from us should be business-like, indicate AECARTHAGE 19 could not return at this time, and asked for time overnight to think the letter over and to provide his considered comments. Because of other commitments the undersigned could not stay in New York one more day; instead he phoned AECASSOWARY 2, asking him to deliver his comments to us via AECASSOWARY 15, whom he plans to see over the weekend--May 25-27, 1956.

2. GROTT-SPASOVSKI. W/S has a letter intended for this person, allegedly active in the Ukrainian community in the United States. The letter was written by a German formerly in a Soviet camp in Siberia. The German met GROTT-SPASOVSKI's son in that camp, and the son asked the German to write a letter to his father in the United States. We are unable to locate such a person in this country, and asked AECASSOWARY 2 to attempt to do so. We are still holding the letter pending the possible receipt of information from AECASSOWARY 2. The undersigned was under the impression that the request for data was given to AECASSOWARY 2 several months ago, but AECASSOWARY 2 stated that was not so.

3. [] AECASSOWARY 2 stated that Fedir YUREVICH, ZP number formerly in Munich and who recently emigrated to Denver, Colorado, told him that the Americans have a former OUN/M courier in their possession in Germany, which courier is a native of Kremenets and who went on OUN/M missions from Munich to Kremenets in the years 1945-49. His superior was Yaroslav HAYVAS, who is now in New York City. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that the courier disappeared in 1949, but that there was reason to believe that even before that date he was doubled by the BIS. He based his reasoning in HAYVAS' testimony, who sometime in the past told AECASSOWARY 2 he was suspicious of this courier because he (the courier) while on one mission dallied unexplainably in the Stanislaviv area, when he should have gone direct to Kremenets. On one of his return missions the courier brought documents allegedly showing that fnu KUTS, an underground member with MELNYK ties, was murdered by AECASSOWARY 1 adherents in the underground, probably by AECASSOWARY 2 himself. This charge, AECASSOWARY 2 stated, was taken seriously by the MELNYKITES and contributed to ZU-OUN/M hostility. We have sent a cable to the Field asking them to interrogate [] on this matter and also plan to have AECASSOWARY 2 attempt to get more data from HAYVAS.

4. Yaroslav HAYVAS. Subject stated that HAYVAS wants to go to Europe in order to investigate the OUN/M courier recently arrived in Munich--ISKRA, who is now involved in the AEPOLKA operation and is being interrogated by UPSWING. HAYVAS is also having trouble getting his citizenship papers--in that no action is being taken by the authorities to give him his citizenship. Why, HAYVAS does not know, although the authorities allegedly told HAYVAS that he was a "mouse in a cat and mouse game," giving no further elucidation. Since

SR7 seems to have an operational interest in HAYVAS for hot-war plans purposes, it may be a good idea for SR/7 to take an interest in this problem. SR/9 would prefer to have HAYVAS head GUNYM operations rather than Stepan ~~SULYATITSKY~~, who is now in Munich and who has proved to be a bad man to deal with in both the former [] operation and in the [] case.

5. ~~Fru SEMININA~~. SEMININA is an American citizen of Ukrainian birth who returned to the United States in February 1956 after several decades of residence in Drohobych, Ukraine, where he was a Baptist missionary. He now lives with relatives somewhere in New Jersey. AECASSOWARY 2 talked with persons who have talked with SEMININA. It appears that SEMININA is an old man, but that he may be a useful source of knowledge on post-war Drohobych--its town-plan, population, the Boryslav ~~atx~~ oil fields, etc. SEMININA allegedly stated that the MVD ordered all residents in his area to write to their relatives abroad. He also stated that recently the Soviets assigned a large sum of rubles for the building of a Roman Catholic Church in Drohobych. It seems that he should be contacted by OO, Ext State, or even someone from the SR Division in order to see how knowledgeable he is in matters of interest to the Division.

6. ~~AECASSOWARY 4's Trip~~. AECASSOWARY 4 asked that the undersigned pass on to ROMANKIW, SR/7, the word that he, AECASSOWARY 4, is about to "depart on the trip ~~Blax~~ Blond Jehn wants me to take."

7. ~~Volodimir KEROD and Eugene PRIEVA~~. AECASSOWARY 2 asked whether anything had been done toward easing the emigration of these two men to the United States. Undersigned stated that their emigration does not fall within his province and that his other AIS contacts might more justifiably concern themselves with this matter, since PRIEVA works for the PP side of the AERODYNAMIC Project and KEROD is involved most directly with the Bohdan ~~BERNARD~~ PIDHAYNY agent recruitment deal, a matter under the jurisdiction of SR/7. For the undersigned, it is tiring to have to hear the same requests over and over.

8. ~~The HILL Documents~~. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that private Ukrainian groups are now trying to arrange a PP play in an effort to exploit these documents. He stated that they have unearthed some data on EBERHARDT, the German ~~Commandant~~ of Kiev during WW 2; that efforts were being made by the Ukrainian Congress Committee to contact American journalists as well as some representatives in the United Nations. AECASSOWARY 2 was told that he should discuss the details of such matters with [] .

9. ~~Clearances~~. AECASSOWARY 2 wanted to know whether clearances were obtained for ~~BLIYNYK~~ and another person (female?) for use in the PP part of the project. The undersigned was unable to be ~~helpful~~ helpful in this regard.

J.B.