

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARY/2 on 17 December 1956 at The Woodner.

Present: [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted], and A CASSOWARY/2 accompanied by AECASSOWARY/15.

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed trip of AECASSOWARY/2 to Germany.

2. At the outset of the meeting, [redacted] outlined the apprehensions that were entertained concerning the political implications that might arise from this trip if he should contact Bandera and his group.

3. In the ensuing discussion, the following became clear:

a. CASS/2 is completely aware of the political and operational dangers that would result from close operational unity with the Bandera group.

b. Because of personal characteristics of Bandera and his right-hand man, Stetsko, any real unity and agreement would be a practical impossibility and therefore the aims pursued by CASS/2 would not direct it at such a cooperation but instead would provide for the possibility of engaging some of the members in his group on an individual basis.

c. The Bandera group commands a manpower reserve of approximately 200 people all over the world, and by tactical moves it might be possible to obtain some of this manpower in support of the activities of CASS/2 and his group.

d. In addition to the political aspect of CASS/2's trip to Germany, he will have to consult with the representatives of the group abroad concerning the new administrative plan and the new arrangement of the entire Project, in so far as the funding, accounting and operational unity is concerned.

4. The meeting resulted in a complete understanding between the Staff members and CASS/2, and it has been decided that his trip would be sponsored and arranged as early as possible, probably by the middle of January.

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