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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2, 10 February 1958

1. Telephone contact was made with Subject in New York about 1340 hours on 10 February, and arrangements made for him to meet with the undersigned at the Governor Clinton Hotel at 1500 hours the same day. Subject appeared for the meeting 15 minutes late.

2. The undersigned gave Subject the sum of \$76.78, representing reimbursal for travelling expenses incurred during 2 trips to Washington, D. C. (20-21 November 1957 and 24 January 1958). The receipt signed by Subject was turned over to DOB/Finance on 12 February 1958.

3. ~~Professor~~ Professor Zahaykevych is being dropped by Subject as a candidate for legal travel. He has told Subject he fears taking a long trip because of a weakened heart condition. Subject now will look for another candidate.

4. ~~Dr.~~ Dr. Walter Gallan of the United American-Ukrainian Relief Committee has informed Subject that the CARE people have asked him to recommend a Ukrainian-speaking individual to fill a vacancy they have in Warsaw. Subject has spoken to several men about the post but has encountered little interest in the assignment. He feels this post would afford good opportunities for wide contacts in Poland and the freedom of travel. He is trying to find a candidate to apply through Dr. Gallan without Dr. Gallan being aware that the candidate has any connection with the AECASSOWARY organization.

5. Subject stated he has received word via correspondence from the region of KOLOMEYA that the Soviets are beginning to clamp down on mail, both parcels and letters.

6. The SVOBODA (Ukrainian daily published by the Ukrainian National Association in Jersey City) reported to Subject that the editor has received a letter from a man now living in Israel, offering to write a daily column regarding his experiences in the Ukraine and articles of interest to Ukrainian emigres. He is of Jewish background but reportedly speaks only Ukrainian and Russian. He was educated in the University of Kiev and only recently arrived in Israel.

7. Subject suggested that a program be set up by the Agency to finance (via the AECASSOWARY organization) the travel of several people from Poland or the USSR TO THE FAIR in Brussels where they could be contacted for interview. The undersigned stated she would discuss this matter with "John". The AECASSOWARY organization has obtained from Canadian Communist publications the names of

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Ukrainians who will accompany exhibits from the UkSSR to the fair. They have the name of the woman who will be in charge of the Lesya Ukrainka exhibit of ceramics and embroidery from Lviv.

8. Subject stated that they are running into difficulties collecting letters from the post office box set up for correspondence in connection with the package program for Ukrainians in Poland. This is being financed under Project AERODYNAMIC. The mail comes addressed to a fictitious name set up for the project. When the mail is registered, the postal authorities are reluctant to release the mail to anyone without proper identification. The undersigned suggested that Subject discuss this with [ ] to see if it might be possible to obtain suitable documentation for identification purposes. The undersigned discussed this via telephone with [ ] on 13 February.

9. Subject made available data concerning the expenditure of an additional \$310.75 under the package program. There is left to be accounted for a balance of \$262.70 of the total amount advanced to Subject for the packages.

10. The meeting was terminated at 1700 hours. No time was specified for the next meeting.

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