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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2, 21 February 1958

1. Contact was made with Subject in the home of AECASSOWARY-15 approximately 1600 hours on 21 February 1958. The following were present:

2. The main purpose of contact with Subject was to try to obtain final clarification from him of his intentions in the spotting effort for the REDSOX and AEREADY progress, and to determine the extent to which the AECASSOWARY organization expected control of candidates recommended by them.

3. No final decision was reached at the meeting. However, it became more apparent that cooperation from Subject at present would be very limited in the AEREADY program unless he was given control over the candidates' final utilization.

4. It would appear, from the discussion with Subject, and since there is no evidence in Agency records to the contrary, that AECASSOWART REDSOX potential does exist. However, according to Subject, this potential can be realised only on a long-range basis, after a developmental period of at least 6 months to a year and longer. Subject feels that the Ukrainian REDSOX spotting activity should be assigned to one individual (AECASSOWARY organisation member) on a full-time basis. The spotter should be given authority to travel extensively, both in the United States and abroad, chiefly in Australia and South America, for purposes of contacting AECASSOWARY representatives in those areas and personally contacting agent candidates. Subject stated that it is necessary for a member of the AECASSOWARY organization (preferably AECASSOWARY-1, or Subject) to personally contact their representatives abroad to discuss with them in complete detail the requirements and the candidate potential in their respective areas. He is not in favor of AECASSOWARY foreign representatives working directly with staff case officers, to the exclusion of Subject, and stated he would notify these representatives not to deal directly with the case officers unless specifically instructed to do so by him. Subject understandably feels very strongly about his being personally responsible for the fate of any individual the AECASSOWART organisation recommends as a REDSOX agent candidate. He, therefore, feels that if he is to accept the responsibility for these people, he should have control over the method of their utilization and constant contact with the agent trainee. Subject stated that, basing his opinion on past experiences with the Agency, he has little faith in Agency "clearences" with regard to action agents. He stated that he would not entrust information regarding AECASSOWARY contacts in the Ukraine to any agent of whom he personally did not approve.

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5. Subject was told by _____ that all the points brought up by him would be discussed and considered, and that another meeting would be held with him at a later date to summarise planning for the future.

6. In general, it was evident from the conversation that Subject either does not wish to reveal his contacts at present or he has no immediate resources on which to draw. The planning of REDSOX operations, based on AECASSOWARY resources, could be continued only on a long-range basis. It, therefore, is the concensus of the members of this staff that efforts to develop Ukrainian REDSOX operations should not be concentrated exclusively with the AECASSOWART organisation, but that other independent contacts or contacts with another Ukrainian organisation should be developed for the spotting of candidates. However, because of the future potential that is believed to exist with the AECASSOWART organisation, it is recommended that contacts with the AECASSOWART organisation, it is recommended that contacts with the AECASSOWART organisation that they be maintained by SR/3 (PP 4 CE) until such time as an immediate and definite HEDSOX possibility developes. SR/DOB then would wish to reestablish direct contact with Subject or his representatives.

7. Subject brought up a complaint about the handling of the AEREADY candidate M. ROGUSH. He claimed that runors persist in ROGUSH's neighborheed that he has completely "disappeared", and that some bad fate has befallen him. According to Subject, even the family with whom ROGISH lived has never heard any word from or about him. AECASSOWARX-4, who interested ROGUSH in the program and who recommended him for the training. has not been able to get in touch with ROGISH. Subject claims that they have not continued to spot another candidate for the program because of the rumors that candidates are being sought for and that later they just "disappear". Subject was told that it was expected he would know better than to believe that the U.S. Government would wilfully allow its citizens to simply vanish from the face of the earth. He was informed that ROCUSH was free to keep in contact with his friends, with AECASSOWART-h and with anyone else he desired. He is restricted only from revealing to anyone his activity, the location of the training site and the details of the training program. It was expected that he had a plausible cover story to tell his friends, family and acquaintences, to preclude revealing his whereaboute, his present activity and his absence from the neighborhood for the duration of the program. Subject was told that if the above-cited rumors were true, he should have reported them rather than hold a grudge. He also was told that a meeting would be held with ROCUSH to determine his reason for completely severing his relationship with AECASSOWARI-4 and to clarify his cover story.

8. To complete the accounting under Program AEGUPBOARD, Subject was given a copy of a chart kept on the packages and was asked to supply the missing details regarding the latest packages mailed. He promised to have the information and accounting available for the next meeting.

9. The meeting was terminated about 1800 hours. No time or place was specified for the next meeting.

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