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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-15, 19 May 1958

Contact with Subject was made in his home on 19 May at 1000 hours. Purpose of the contact was to pick up the PYREX tapes which he had brought from New York and to discuss the following:

1. AEBEEHIVE is preparing a questionnaire to be mailed to readers and subscribers of the DIGEST OF THE SOVIET UKRAINIAN PRESS, requesting suggestions on matters of particular interest to them; i.e., what would they like to have emphasized, deemphasized, editors comments, etc. Presently there are 26 subscribers to the DIGEST.

Complimentary copies of the last DIGEST were mailed to various religious sects presently under attack in the Soviet Press and radio. Subject stated he suggested that AEBEEHIVE mail notices, along with these copies of the DIGEST, calling to the attention of the religious leaders the pertinent articles. This was not done, however, due to other pressing matters which did not allow time for preparation of the notices.

2. ~~Mr.~~ Olesnicki has passed his bar examination in New York and it is quite possible that he may go into practice with ~~M.~~ Pizniak or someone else and leave his employ with AEBEEHIVE. This will place a heavier burden on all the other AEBEEHIVE employees until he can be replaced. Subject brought up the situation of the heavy workload at AEBEEHIVE. Everyone is so overworked that it is beginning to effect the health of several of the employees. He asked whether some allowance could be made to permit their hiring a clerk-typist to relieve the others of at least the minor details of typing, etc. The undersigned said this would be discussed and considered, but she doubted if any financial increase could be allowed at this time.

3. Forty students and members of the faculty from a Hartford college will visit AEBEEHIVE offices on Tuesday morning, 20 May, for a lecture on the premises and a question-answer session regarding their anti-communist activities. (In a telephone conversation the undersigned had with AECASSOWARY-4 on Tuesday morning, he stated that the session was very successful and that both AEBEEHIVE and the student group were well satisfied with the results of the visit.)

4. According to the 26 April 1958 issue of PRAVDA, starting 1 July 1958, the Soviets will publish (in the Ukrainian language), as the official organ of the Union of Soviet Writers of Ukraine, a monthly journal, VCE CVIT (The Universe), which will be devoted entirely to foreign countries regarding literary accomplishments there. It will feature novels, plays and poetry translated into Ukrainian for the first time. The journal will particularly emphasize the problems

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encountered in these fields by Ukrainian emigres abroad and the traitorous activities of these venal bourgeois nationalists.

5. According to correspondence received from UkSSR, interest there about Ukrainian emigres in the free world, especially those in the United States, is very great and growing.

6. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia was in Kiev recently in connection with the recent establishment of the Office of the Czechoslovakian Consulate General there. While there, he gave a speech which somewhat deviated from the run-of-the-mill talks given by visiting communist dignitaries. He referred in his talk to Kievan-Rus history, to the cultural ties of Ukrainians with Czechoslovakians, the "great Bohdan Khmelnitsky", etc.

7. Last month, in the No. 20 issue of the Soviet Ukrainian journal VITCHIZNA, there appeared an article vindicating Lesh Kurbas who was liquidated in the 1930's. During a subsequent meeting of Soviet writers in Kiev, the writer of the article was accused of revisionist tendencies and as a result, the editor of VITCHIZNA was replaced. He is, however, being retained on the editorial staff of VCE CVIT (mentioned above). Mention of this will appear in the next issue of the DIGEST.

8. Subject stated he was too late in applying for subscriptions to the Soviet publications starting 1 July of this year. Therefore, the postal box obtained for him will not be used for that purpose until January 1959. He will, however, utilize the letter drop for receiving NASHE SLOVO, the Ukrainian newspaper published by Ukrainians in Poland.

9. Subject gave the undersigned the correspondence which was prepared for the AEBEEHIVE official cover. The correspondence had been checked by AEBEEHIVE personnel and an additional attachment was supplied giving an outline of the purpose and activities of the organization. (The material has been checked with [] and presently is in the process of being typed on official stationery in final form. The undersigned hopes to have it ready for [] to take along to Boston on 29 May, so that appropriate signatures can be obtained from the lawyer.)

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