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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Contact with AECASSOWARY-2, 15, and 27 on 21 and 22 October 1958

Subject contact was arranged to permit headquarters debriefing of AECASSOWARY-27 regarding his activities at the Brussels Fair and to discuss the following business topics with AECASSOWARY-2.

1. [ ] and the undersigned [ ] met AECASSOWARY-2 and 27 in their room at the Hotel Ambassador at approximately 1100 hours on 21 October. AECASSOWARY-15 arrived about 1130 hours. After welcoming AECASSOWARY-27 back from Brussels and an exchange of amenities, the CASSOWARIES were told that [ ] would join us about 1400 hours. It was explained that [ ] is concerned with possible Soviet defections and he was interested in hearing about AECASSOWARY's experiences with Soviet Ukrainians at the Brussels Fair. AECASSOWARY-2 was given a copy of the report (in Ukrainian) written by AECASSOWARY-27 while he was in Munich regarding his meetings with [ ]

2. After luncheon in the hotel's dining room, the party took a taxi to an SR/10 safe apartment where the meeting continued.

3. [ ] arrived about 1400 hours. After the necessary introductions were made and greetings exchanged, the conversation turned to the Brussels Fair and the [ ] operations. The AETRUIANT phase will be discussed in a separate report.

#### 4. Brussels Fair

A. AECASSOWARY-27 revealed his numerous other contacts with Soviet Ukrainians at the fair. He said these contacts were discussed in written reports he left with [ ] (These reports were received by SR/3/PP on 22 October in OBBA-10915 dated 10 October 1958.)

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B. ~~Shortly~~ after his arrival in Brussels, AECASSOWARY 27 called on Messrs. ~~MARLO~~ and ~~OROZDOSKY~~ (Phonetic) in the Polish book store at 41, Rue Capouillet, and reached an agreement with them to have Ukrainian-language literature for sale displayed on their shelves. They also displayed on their counters cards containing information regarding the location of the Ukrainian book display in Brussels.

C. Contact was made by AECASSOWARY-27 with ~~Genadij~~ KOTOROWYCZ, an old acquaintance of his, who promised to give him information regarding any Ukrainians who may arrive on Polish ships. KOTOROWYCZ was covering Polish tourists for R.F.E.

D. AECASSOWARY-27 stated that the Belgium authorities did not know the exact expected time of arrival of the Ukrainian State Chorus. even as late as one hour previous to their arrival. For some reason it was being kept secret. AECASSOWARY-27 and some of his colleagues, when they learned of the Chorus' arrival, went to the airport to meet them but found the group so closely guarded that it was impossible to get near them. Later contacts made with the group are reviewed in AECASSOWARY's written reports, attachment B to OBBA-10915 dated 10 October 1958.

E. ~~Constantine~~ ZELENKO cooperated with AECASSOWARY-27 in making the various contacts with Soviet Ukrainians at the Fair and was instrumental in making the original contact with AETRUANT. ZELENKO is a lieutenant in the Canadian Army, Military Intelligence. He presently is working on his Ph.D. in history in London. AECASSOWARY-2 first met him during his visit in London in June 1958 through A. KAMINSKY. ZELENKO's home is in Regina, Alberta, Canada. AECASSOWARY-27 said that ones first impression of ZELENKO is that he is a native Canadian. However, he is an emigre who came to Canada in 1947. According to AECASSOWARY-27, ZELENKO is very handsome ("a beautiful man") and has a winning personality. He has a great repertoire of anecdotes and jokes with which he kept his Soviet contacts amused.

5. [ ] suggested that AECASSOWARY-27 come to Washington for a period of about one week for purposes of writing a complete detailed report on his operational activities at the Brussels Fair and also to permit various staff members to meet with him for discussions. [ ] departed from the meeting ~~sight~~ <sup>Te</sup> about 1645 hours, and the rest of the group left about 1715 hours. The undersigned had dinner with AECASSOWARY-2, 15, and 27 at Hogates after which time AECASSOWARY-27 departed by airplane for New York. The meeting with AECASSOWARY-2 was resumed by the undersigned at 1015 hours the following day, 22 October, in his room at the Ambassador Hotel. [ ] joined them at 1140 hours.

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## 6. Vienna Youth Festival

AECASSOWARY-2 outlined generally some of the activities they have planned for the Vienna Youth Festival next summer. They hope to have Ukrainian-language book displays in several local book stores and perhaps a Ukrainian kiosk. They also are thinking about renting a coffee house and setting up a Ukrainian cabaret featuring music for dancing and refreshments. They have several students in mind in England, Germany, and the United States whom they would like to send to the festival to participate in activities concerning contacts with Soviet Ukrainians. In this connection, they want to strengthen the students bona-fides by having them write articles for publication in certain newspapers under their true name or the name to be used for <sup>1958</sup>contacts at the festival. This type of bona-fides they found holds up even better than a passport which "can be falsified". AECASSOWARY-2 would like to have the books and other literature used at the Ukrainian display in Brussels kept intact and transferred to Vienna.

7. In addition to the \$1,000.00 allowed for AECASSOWARY-27's trip to Brussels and the \$800.00 later made available to him for operational expenses through   AECASSOWARY-2 stated he advanced \$500.00 from the AEBEEHIVE treasury to AECASSOWARY-27 at the time of his departure.

8. AECASSOWARY-2 again brought up the subject of distributing the INFORMATION BULLETIN and other PP leaflets via balloon. He has in mind sealing these leaflets in plastic so that they can withstand any weather conditions if they are not picked up for a while. AECASSOWARY-2 feels quite strongly about this method of propaganda distribution.

9. The subject of a new headquarters for AEBEEHIVE personnel was again brought up by AECASSOWARY-2. He said that the apartment building in which they presently are located is slowly being evacuated of present tenants who are being replaced by Puerto Ricans. The idea of transferring their headquarters to Jersey City or other points outside of New York was discussed, but AECASSOWARY-2 feels this would be impractical for them. They would like to find perhaps a two-family house so that one of the members could maintain a permanent residence in the building, and the other portion of it would be utilized for AEBEEHIVE purposes. He said they need a minimum of seven rooms to house their present activities. This matter is being looked into at headquarters.

10. The meeting terminated at about 1300 hours. AECASSOWARY-2 said he was meeting with   to pick up a book (or books) which he

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had loaned to E [ ] some time ago. There was no specific time or  
place set for the next meeting.

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