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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 on 21 November 1958

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Contact with Subject was made in his room at the Roger Smith Hotel by [] and the undersigned ([]) at 1030 hours on 21 November 1958. The following subjects were discussed.

1. ~~CYMBALIST~~ Bohdan. Cymbalistry who has been planning to come to the United States in December, because of his work with the Ukrainian program on Radio Madrid, has postponed his trip and he now plans to be here sometime in January or February. He still is desirous of obtaining employment with the USIA in Madrid unless he can get on the staff in one of the hospitals in the United States (psychiatry). However, AECASSOWARY-2 is very anxious to keep Cymbalistry on the Ukrainian program in Madrid because it will be very difficult to have him replaced. He feels if Cymbalistry could be paid a full-time salary, equivalent to that received by USIA employees he thinks Cymbalistry would stay on in Madrid. According to Subject, Cymbalistry lives in a very small and narrow room on the 5th floor in a rooming house. Although there is an elevator, the landlady does not permit him to use it because she wants to conserve electricity. Subject gave the undersigned c/o some biographical information (extremely limited) which he received from Cymbalistry.

2. UUARC European Representative (United Ukrainian-American Relief Committee). Subject was asked whether he was aware that the UUARC was seeking a "top European representative". He said that Dr. Walter Gallan had discussed this with him and asked him to suggest someone to fill the post. Subject feels this would afford a chance for one of his representatives to be in Europe and have the opportunity to travel frequently. However, he said it would be difficult to get anyone to accept this position as Gallan, in an effort to insure himself complete control over the incumbent, offers the contract only on a month-to-month basis. No one is very anxious to accept the assignment on such terms.

3. Igor SEREDIUK and George SHEVCHENKO. Ivan KOSHELIVETS received a letter, dated 29 October 1958, at his Munich address from George SCHVCHENKO whom he met with Igor SEREDIUK at the Brussels Fair. The letter contained two snapshots which Igro SEREDIUK took at the Fair. One photograph is of SHEVCHENKO and KOSHELIVETS and the other is of KOSHELIVETS, SHEVCHENKO, AECASSOWARY-27 and SEREDIUK. SHEVCHENKO, in his letter, apologizes for the delay in replying to KOSHELIVETS' letter, stating that he was away on an assignment (komandirka) in Melitopil when the letter arrived. He also states that

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he was waiting until SEREDIUK could send him the two snapshots before he answered KOSHELIVETS' letter. SCHEVCHENKO asked about AECASSOWARY-27 whom he met at the Fair. SHEVCHENKO told about his trip home from the Fair, requested KOSHELIVETS to write again and sent his best regards to KOSHELIVETS and AECASSOWARY-27. Subject stated that KOSHELIVETS has some snapshots which he took with the two boys at the Fair and promised to let the undersigned have prints made of them. He left the two photographs received from SHEVCHENKO with the undersigned and asked that they be returned after duplicate prints are made.

4. Ukrainian Boy Scouts (Plastuny) Correspond with The Ministry of Culture of the UkSSR. A group of Canadian "Plastuny" wrote a letter to the Ministry of Culture of the UkSSR in which they told about their study and interest in the Ukraine and requested current photographs of the Ukraine. A letter was received in reply to the effect that their wishes were being made known to all the oblasts. They are now receiving photographs and literature from the various oblasts.

5. Letters to Canada from Ukrainian Catholic Priest Released From Siberia. A Ukrainian Catholic priest, Father X, (name not supplied by Subject) who was released from Siberia during the past year has written several letters to a Catholic priest friend of his in Canada. Father X had been imprisoned in Siberia for about 10 years because he refused to be converted to Orthodoxy. Because of his refusal to renounce Catholicism, he is not permitted a "passport" for residence in anyone area. He, therefore, travels from place to place in the USSR and the satellites. The last letter was posted in Lithuania. Father X deplors the lack of greater demands from the Western church for release of imprisoned clergy and for greater concessions to the Eastern church to be made by the Soviets. He talks about Metropolitan Joseph Shlipey and stated that if demands were made for his release, or if the Western church elevated him to a higher rank, the Soviets would be compelled to make some concessions and he would suffer less.

6. Wasył MARKUS. Subject stated that when MARKUS comes to the United States, he would like to have him work with the panel because he is very capable and a good worker. Subject expressed certain reservations about MARKUS and stated he is not 100 percent sure of the man. HAVRYLYUK in Paris does not speak well of MARKUS but Subject said he considers this to be a personality clash rather than anything serious. However, Subject stated that in thinking back over the Walko contact and Walko's subsequent redefection, he wondered whether the fact that the original contact was made through MARKUS presented reasons for suspecting MARKUS of having RIS connections.

7. Vienna Youth Festival. Subject submitted an outline of activities planned for the Vienna youth festival and an estimate of the funds that will be needed for this activity. This information is being coordinated with Tom Mills.

8. The following is a breakdown of literature mailed to Poland between May and November 1958.

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2 Volumes of Hrushevsky's HISTORY OF THE UKRAINE to
BIBLIOTEKA UNIWERSYTECKA
Katolickiego Uniwersytetu Lubelskiego
Lubin 1, ul Szopena 27
Skr. poczt. 99

Receipt acknowledgment dated 22 September 1958

2 Volumes of Hrushevsky's HISTORY OF THE UKRAINE to
BIBLIOTEKA NARODAWA
Warszawa 12
Ul. Rakowiecka 6

Acknowledgment dated 20 May 1958

2 Volumes of Ukrainian Encyclopedia taken to
Mykola Siwickyj in Warsaw by SERECH

17 Technical and history books mailed from the United States
to individual addressees

25 Technical and history books mailed from Australia

9. [] arrived at the meeting at
approximately 1540 hours. After an exchange of amenities, the meeting continued.

10. Subject mentioned his desire to have ~~Lev~~ BILAS go to Turkey (Ankara)
to study (Discussed in report of contact with Subject on 30 September 1958.)
Subject would like BILAS in Turkey for the following reasons:

a. To act as AECASSOWARY representative for distribution of the
INFORMATION BULLETIN and other matters.

b. Check on Ukrainians living in that area.

c. Contact Soviet tourists in Turkey.

d. Contact with Soviet Ukrainians who come in from the USSR
on Soviet ships to Istanbul.

11. [] [] [] briefed Subject on his meeting with [] []
Subject was told by Steve that [] [] reiterated the suggestions he had
made to AECASSOWARY-27 about what the Ukrainian emigres should do to make
their struggle against the Communists more effective. Steve told Subject that
he had offered an address to [] [] for future contact purposes but that
[] [] refused to accept the address, stating that if he came out to the
West it would be easy enough for Steve to learn about it and that contact
could easily be made with him at that time.

Subject stated that he was not particularly interested in the details
of what was discussed with [] [] He stated that his concern is that since
the KGB has no proof positive that the emigres are working as agents of the

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capitalists, it would be a good idea not to pinpoint the contacts to them. If he ([]) reappears in the West, they (the AECASSOWARIES) should like to discuss with him certain problems more clearly. If he then requests contacts with Americans, they would ask him what specifically he was looking for and then tell him that although they have no special connections with any of the Americans, they could introduce him to somebody they know who might be interested. Subject feels that if they are cut out at this time, it will indicate to the Soviets that they are merely tools of American intelligence.

Subject asked [] whether he told [] that he was an agent of the U. S. Government. Steve's answer was that he did not tell [] he was a representative of the U. S. Government and that [] did not question him further in this regard. (Note: [] in fact, did tell [] he represented the U. S. Government. He told the undersigned that he does not think he told this to AECASSOWARY-27 on their trip from Brussels to Munich. Although he is not absolutley positive about this, he said they both were exhausted and talked very little during the train trip to Munich and he feels quite sure this point was not discussed at that time.)

Subject stated that, if we so desired, he could endeavor to find out more about [] by talking to former residents of Kiev and Ukrainians who were formerly connected with the Ukrainian theater. [] asked him not to do anything in this connection, that since [] was such an interesting contact we feel it necessary to protect him in every possible way and that it would be best not to indicate to anyone any interest in him. Subject stated it was not his intention to pinpoint in any way our interest in [] but that he could include his name with the names of other theater people. However, Mr. Gould asked him to refrain from any discussions about [] at the present time.

The conversation was changed at this point and the meeting was terminated shortly thereafter. No date was specified for the next contact.

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