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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 in New York on 1-2 August 1959

1. Contact with Subject was made in New York at 2330 hours on Saturday, 1 August, and lasted until 0200 hours, Sunday, 2 August. Several telephone calls back and forth between AECASSOWARY-4 and the undersigned took place before AECASSOWARY-4 was able to contact Subject who was fishing out on a lake at Heins Falls near Hunter, New York. The contact was made necessary by a cable from Vienna requesting instructions from Subject for AECASSOWARY-27 regarding two contacts made by Soviet personnel with the AECASSOWARIES in Vienna. Subject's recommendations and comments, summarized below, were telephoned, by the undersigned, from a public telephone booth at 0130 hours to [] at his home.

2. VIEN 5716 (IN 48257) stated that Ivan KOSHELIVETS received a letter on 27 July from Miss or Mrs. M. P. TANKINA, ul. Shchekavitska 36, Kvartina 23, Kiev, who was in Paris as a journalist with Virsky's National Ballet Ensemble of the UkSSR in April 1959 and with whom KOSHELIVETS had contact at that time. TANKINA's letter stated that she was sending an autographed copy of the Ukrainian language bulletin MISTETSTIVO to KOSHELIVETS via a courier, Vladimir Mikhailovich DUBOVENKO (born 25 April 1930, Cherkaska Oblast, Kiev, journalist). According to the cable, no contact had as yet been effected with DUBOVENKO, although he was known to be in Vienna.

Subject's comments were as follows: Contact should be made with DUBOVENKO to determine what message or material he has brought from TANKINA. If he presents a wrapped parcel, he should be requested to open the parcel or the parcel should be opened by the AECASSOWARIES in his presence. Since DUBOVENKO lists himself as a journalist, KOSHELIVETS (if he is the individual effecting the contact and it is assumed he would be) could say to him something to the effect that, "As a Ukrainian journalist from the homeland, do you have anything you would like to discuss with me - a Ukrainian journalist in the west. We may have our political differences but after all, we are both Ukrainians and should have something in common to discuss." Subject stated that AECASSOWARY-27 and KOSHELIVETS would have to play it by ear from there on as they will have to base their decision on what DUBOVENKO has, what he has to say and their own assessment of him. Subject stated that both AECASSOWARY-27 and KOSHELIVETS are qualified to handle the situation.

3. According to the cable, five Soviets came to the AECASSOWARY book display, talked with STAKHIV and requested another meeting the following day for the purpose of discussing emigre matters. One Soviet Ukrainian, approximately 45, gave his name as Vitaliy Pavlovich SHEVCHENKO and represented himself as an official from the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kiev, presently living at the Soviet Embassy in Vienna. Also present was Valentine Leontyevich ZABRODNY, born

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7 December 1930, Dnepropetrovsk, Soviet Ukrainian journalist and an unidentified Soviet female who said she has brought a package for Osip TYUSHKO from his brother in the Ukraine.

So far as SHEVCHENKO is concerned, Subject stated that if he is identical with fnu SHEVCHENKO the writer whom KOSHELIVETS met in Poland about two years ago, then KOSHELIVETS should recognize him. However, if not identical and he is, as he states, an official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kiev, then AECASSOWARY-27 is extremely well qualified to discuss any political topic with him concerning Soviet or emigre Ukrainians. Maistrenko, one time oblast secretary in the Ukraine, is available to AECASSOWARY-27 in Vienna to effect any contact where politics are the theme.

AECASSOWARY-27 as a journalist should know how to handle any discussion with ZABRODNY.

~~3~~A To determine Soviet interest regarding possibilities of discussions between Palamarchuk or other top Soviet Ukrainians and a top Ukrainian emigre leader, Subject suggested that a hint be dropped in Bandera circles that he (Subject) may be at the bookstore in Vienna to autograph AECASSOWARY literature. Subject also suggested that KOSHELIVETS or STAKHIV ask the Soviets who visited the bookstore whether they feel it would be a good idea for their chief (Palamarchuk) to meet with the AECASSOWARY chief, giving the impression that Subject is in Vienna.

* 4. Subject recommended that if the AECASSOWARIES had not as yet notified Osip TYUSHKO about the parcel the Soviet female said she brought for him from his brother in the Ukraine, that they should refrain from so doing. He said the following action should be taken: STAKHIV, or whoever else might be in charge at the bookshop when the Soviets arrive again, should tell them that he does know TYUSHKO and that he will be happy to do one of the following:

(a) Try to find him and deliver the message that a parcel has been brought from his brother, that contact with him is being sought and that if the Soviets will come back in a day or two they will let them know what arrangements have been made for meeting with TYUSHKO. Subject stated, however, that no effort to find or contact TYUSHKO should really be made because TYUSHKO (OUN/B) would actually not consider this a favor and might consider it a provocation on the part of the AECASSOWARIES. One of the objectives of Soviet operations against Soviet emigres is to sow distrust among individuals and groups in the Ukrainian emigration and therefore all opportunities to help them accomplish this should be avoided.

(b) The parcel for TYUSHKO can be left for him with the AECASSOWARIES. However, in this case, the Soviets should be asked to open the parcel and account for the contents or else the parcel should be opened by the AECASSOWARIES in the presence of the Soviets. This Subject feels is important because the AECASSOWARIES should know exactly what they are turning over to TYUSHKO.

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5. Subject feels it is important that:


(a) No contact with Soviets in Vienna be made by a singleton, that in every case there should be two individuals (AECASSOWARIES) present in any contact with Soviets. When it is impossible to have two individuals make the contact then someone of the AECASSOWARIES should always know with whom their man is meeting, at what time, where and the expected approximate duration of the meeting.

(b) Soviets might have advantage over Volodymyr STAKHIV if they could get him under the influence of too much drink.

Subject said he had discussed the foregoing points with AECASSOWARY-27 before his departure to Vienna.

6. Subject is of the opinion that U.S./Soviet cultural exchanges and contacts should be terminated as soon as they become one-sided, in favor of the Soviets. He feels that because the Soviets are so strongly centralized in their foreign policy objectives, the U.S. will soon be on the losing side.

7. The undersigned obtained a verbal promise from Subject that he would not make contact with AECASSOWARY-27 in Vienna by telephone or telegraph during the festival. He was told that the Austrians have all the lines tapped and that it is not impossible that the Soviets have also succeeded in tapping in on some of the lines. He also was told to keep himself available by telephone at all times until the closing of the festival.


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