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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact in Washington with AECASSOWARY/2 on 21-22 March 1961

Subject meeting was attended by AECASSOWARY/2 and /15,
The following was discussed:

- 1. Reverend KUPRANEC in Vienna informed A/27 by letter that he had been contacted by Peter BARANOWSKI (using true name), whom A/27 supposedly knew. Reverend KUPRANEC wanted to know whether Peter was really a good American or a Russian. A/27 untaballat fette is "all right."
- 2. A/2 promised to have A/27 write a letter of introduction with which A/29 could approach SAPRUN, in event the Vienna Station requested A/29 make contact with him.
- 3. Myroslav BOLUCH of Australia informed A/2 that one of his men who lives near Sydney (former underground member) wrote a letter to Soviet Professor KOSTIUK (presently doing research at the Australian National University) in which he asked KOSTIUK whether he was a Ukrainian and, if so, whether they could get together to talk about Ukrainian matters. A reply was received from KOSTIUK stating that he would be happy to meet. KOSTIUK wrote that since he was expecting to be in Sydney in a couple of months, they could meet and talk at that time, but that if in the meantime the man was planning to be in Canberra on business, he would be pleased to have him call on him. He gave his address as follows: P. H. KOSTIUK, In care of Australian National University, Department of Physiology, Box 4, G. P. O., Canberra. It was suggested to A/2 that no steps be taken at present other than to have the man try to develop a friendly relationship with KOSTIUK and to keep us informed.
- 4. A/2 spoke with Mykola Stepanovich MOTA about three or four hours during his visit in Canada last week. MOTA told A/2 he had spoken with four tourists from the Ukraine during a trip on the Black Sea when he was in the USSR last year. One of the Ukrainians, Dr. HORYN of Lvov, told MOTA about three divisions of the NKVD Beria had organized, composed only of Ukrainians, underground members who had surrendered during the amnesty. The training of these three divisions took place near



Chelyabinsk. The members of these divisions were told they would be the cadre of a future Ukrainian army. Following Beria's death, the three divisions were demobilized. MOTA spent eleven days in Lvov during which time he met another Ukrainian who spoke of these divisions and claimed to have been a sergeant in one of them.

- 5. A/2 mentioned that the AEBEEHIVE Board of Directors had voted to have life insurance purchased for members of the organization at the expense of AEBEEHIVE. The insurance is a Metropolitan life term insurance in the amount of \$5,000, double indemnity. Concern was expressed by the case officers present as to the legality (insofar as the Project Admin Plan was concerned) of having AEBEEHIVE pay for a personal life insurance for its members. The matter was taken up with Mr. Gaines the following morning before meeting with A/2. It was decided during the meeting with — that this insurance was permissible under the existing Admin Plan and Memorandum of Oral Agreement made with A/2. It was decided that the existing Blue Cross hospitalization plan carried by AEBEEHIVE for its employees also was permissible, as is the retirement plan presently under consideration.
- 6. The operational plan outlined by A/15 for V. ROHOVSKY's trip to the Ukraine this spring was discussed in detail. A/2 drafted a letter for delivery to Mrs. V. S. by ROHOVSKY which A/15 promised to translate and present for discussion with the case officers.
- 7. The idea of sending a Ukrainian choral group to the Ukraine from the United States this summer to pay respects of the Ukrainian emigration at the grave of Taras Shevchenko was discussed. A/2 felt he could interest certain individuals such as John Flis and S. Jarema to approach proper State Department officials for the sponsorship of such a group under the cultural exchange program without involving Agency interests.

