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19 April 62

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with Catherine and Eugene Haluszczak, Pittsburgh, 16-17 April 62

1. [] (as []) met Subjects in the lobby of the Pittsburgh Hilton (in accordance with earlier arrangements made by phone), and escorted them to the room where [] ([]) was staying. After introductions and a brief exchange of amenities, Catherine was asked to sign a Secrecy Agreement. She later also filled out a PRQ Part I. Eugene had signed a Secrecy Agreement during his first meeting with Paul. For Catherine's benefit, Paul reviewed the conversation he had several months ago with her brother. We discussed in generalities our interest in Subjects and questioned them on their knowledge of the Ukrainian question. Paul informed Subjects that I would be contacting them in the future. He explained that changes were frequently made in our assignments and that they should not be alarmed about this change. He told them I was completely knowledgeable about all discussions held with Eugene to date.

2. Catherine impressed the undersigned as being a very simple, sincere individual. She seems to judge other people and all situations on the basis of her own, rather limited experiences. Her whole life, especially the past 15 or years when she has been working on a 3 to 11 p.m. shift, centers around her home her elderly parents and her job. She works as a forelady for the National Biscuit Company where she has been employed since 1923. This has been her only job. Her Ukrainian nationalist sympathies stem from things she has heard from her parents and family friends and is based on customs, habits, folklore, etc. . . something Mom and Dad always did or talked about . . . rather than from an intellectual conviction based on the knowledge of historical facts and the present political situation. She appears to have an understanding of Ukrainians in the emigration, especially the old emigration, but it is questionable whether she would understand a Soviet Ukrainian.

3. Cathrine is the oldest of eight children. She was born in Poland and brought to the U. S. by her parents as a child of age three. Her education was limited to grade school, immediately after which she started to work for the National Biscuit Company, later being promoted to forelady. She has done little reading and her social activities have centered around her church and her family. She has obviously worked hard all her life and, because of her limited social life, has undoubtedly built up her savings. She is the owner of the home in which her parents and she and her brother now live.

4. The biggest experience of Catherine's life probably was the trip she took to France in the summer of 1961 to visit family relatives. She stated she would

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never again want to travel by herself because she felt so lost being alone in a strange country where she did not know the language. Her appearance is very neat, and she is very pleasant and friendly individual who would seem to get along well with people. She is rather ordinary, middle aged woman who would not attract attention. She speaks a fairly good Ukrainian with a Lemko accent. She did say that she had trouble understanding her relatives in France (Ukrainians who settled there after the war) because of the "intellectual Ukrainian" language they spoke.

5. We all had lunch together in the hotel coffee shop before [] left for Washington. Catherine was asked to return the following morning for some tests. Eugene took the Wechsler-Bellevue test after lunch, administered by me, and was asked not to discuss it with his sister until she had a chance to take it the following morning. After the Wechsler-Bellevue, Eugene asked that they be informed at the earliest possible date whether or not we would be using them this summer because vacation schedules were being made and both he and his sister would like to make their plans accordingly. I promised to notify Subjects just as soon as we were able to determine whether or not we had a requirement which we felt they could fulfill for us. Eugene has the sterile number [] which he can use for contact with me.

6. I met Catherine in the hotel lobby the following morning and we returned to my room where the Wechsler-Bellevue was administered. We talked shortly about her job, her correspondence with and parcel mailings to her uncle and about her acquaintances in the Ukrainian community in Pittsburgh. Catherine expressed excitement over her possible travel to the Soviet Union with her brother and asked me to notify them as soon as possible whether or not we would be interested in having them do something for us. She said she was very anxious to go to the Ukraine but that she would not go alone. I promised to telephone as soon as it was determined whether or not there was something we felt they could do for us.

7. I believe that as a team, Catherine and Eugene could be used to make contact with and preliminarily assess the particular target personality we have in mind. He is a simple factory worker and not a member of the intelligentsia. (See Paul's 17 August 1961 report of contact with Eugene). I should not want to rely on a report of Catherine's assessment of a target personality alone. She might have difficulty conveying to us her real impressions.

8. The results of Subjects' Wechsler-Bellevue have been sent to TSD for evaluation.

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