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OPERATIONS INTO UKRAINE

In May 1950 a Ukrainian courier team was dropped into the Ukrainian SSR by OSO in cooperation with the Foreign Representation (EPUNVR) of the underground. The mission of this team was (1) to contact the Ukrainian resistance movement, (2) to determine the extent and type of its activities, and (3) to appraise its potential in terms of OSO and OPC activities.

During October 1950 the leader of this courier team was ex-filtrated. Both the courier and the pouch material which he brought with him were subjected to a full GR investigation which established the authenticity of the material and the bona fides of the courier. Interrogations of the courier and the pouch material have revealed that:

a. A well established and secure underground movement is active today in the Ukrainian SSR under the direction of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (UNVR).

b. The UNVR's Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) is still capable of ensuring the physical security of the underground's headquarters and centers of political and propaganda activity. In addition, it carries out retaliation raids on MVD/MGB and Communist Party installations for morale, harassment, and propaganda purposes.

c. Anti-Soviet activities conducted by the civilian elements of the movement include the distribution of a wide variety of printed propaganda material, and the expansion of resistance cells throughout the Western and Eastern Ukraine. The underground's present activities and their continuing expansion are made possible by the support, either active or passive, of the majority of the Ukrainian population.

As a result of this information, the support, development and exploitation of the Ukrainian underground movement for resistance and intelligence purposes will be increased on a priority basis. OPC and OSO are jointly developing an enlarged project to accomplish this purpose.

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