

Chief, PDW

19 September 1951

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Bandera and JAYHAWK

[ ] has passed to us for transmittal to Headquarters the note quoted below. In reply to our query regarding the "latest Directive" in the last sentence of his letter, [ ] has stated that this Directive, opposing and criticizing the program for enlistment by U. S. authorities of Ukrainian volunteers, was published in the newspaper controlled in Germany by Bandera. [ ] has not received a copy of the issue containing this criticism but when he does, he will pass it to us for transmittal to Headquarters.

"At the end of August we received a request from BANDERA asking permission to use the existing W/T link with our group operating in Western Ukraine for the transmission of a long message to the field containing adverse views on the recent amalgamation of Great Russian emigre organizations and a Directive to his followers in which he expressed criticism of the scheme whereby U. S. authorities are allegedly enlisting Ukrainians in Germany for volunteer service in the U. S. Armed Forces.

"BANDERA's request was refused because of the objectional and controversial nature of the suggested message, to say nothing of its length, which would have seriously jeopardized the safety of our communications had it been transmitted through the W/T link.

"Our refusal has been followed up by a written reprimand to BANDERA in which we have told him that he must moderate his utterances if he wishes our collaboration to continue. We also point out that we consider it most unfortunate that he should have decided to issue his latest Directive without awaiting the reaction of the field to the joint Anglo-American letter sent in with the parties you and ourselves infiltrated last May."

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