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SUBJ: Potential Sources of Information

1. Reference your letter AFOIC -CC-1, OIN 211B dated 28 September 1950, subject as above, the following is submitted for your information:

2. AEN - The Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations was created at a so-called conference of nations of Eastern Europe and Soviet Asia held on November 21-22, 1943, in German occupied territory. It was sponsored by groups which were collaborating with the Germans against the Soviet Union. Various national groups allegedly cooperated in the founding of the AEN - Czechs, Slovaks, Ukrainians, Belorussians, Lithuanians, Serbs, Croats, etc.

The AEN is considered to be under the influence of OUN/B (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists/Bandera). However it is still an active organization. It publishes monthly in German, French and English, a news bulletin called the "AEN Bulletin" the editor of which is an OUN/B member. The AEN appears to be mainly occupied in disseminating anti-Communist propaganda and occasionally arranging anti-Communist demonstrations. The Russian emigrants look upon AEN with great suspicion. While it claims to unite 24 nationalities in the fight against Bolshevism, no official representative of any emigre organization of any one of these nationalities has ever been delegated to AEN by any national grouping. The organization is, apparently, a fictitious one created to serve the purpose of OUN/B.

On September 27-28, 1949, the AEN held its first youth congress which was reported to have been attended by youth delegations from among Ukrainians, Belorussians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Georgians, Slovaks, Cossacks, Serbs, Bulgars, Turkestan groups, etc., as well as several representatives from UPA, the Ukrainian partisan army. All the represented nationalities agreed to fight Bolshevism and Russian imperialism with all means until final victory. The "Youth Front of the AEN" had as its aim the maintenance of contact with nations suppressed by communist governments and the organization of underground movements in the various countries.

3. Should additional information come to light regarding the AEN or the several individuals mentioned in your letter, be communicated to you promptly.

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