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1. Although the CAPELIN Project was discontinued sometime ago, CAPELIN has remained the only active Ukrainian source on emigration politics outside the CARTELS. This being so, the case officer has visited CAPELIN on an average of once a month for an informal talk on the current situation. It goes without saying that CAPELIN serves as an unconscious security checker on our friends the CARTELS: He is a classmate of one of CARTEL I's key subordinates whom he visits often (see Para 3, MOGA-882). Although CARTELS 1 and 3 are aware that the case officer occasionally talks with CAPELIN, the latter is not aware that the case officer has had any contact with the CARTELS since the IGOV conversations of late 1948. Originally it was on CAPELIN's recommendation that the case officer spoke with CARTEL 1 for the purposes of IGOV. In December 1948 it was explained to CAPELIN that CARTELS 1 and 2 were impossible people to deal with because they insisted on American political support, which the case officer could not procure for them, as the sine qua non of any long range collaboration. CAPELIN has never shown any signs of disbelieving this explanation because he too, as an intelligence enthusiast, is of the opinion that the CARTELS have been foolish to put initial emphasis on political aspirations rather than purely intelligence operations. Since CAPELIN is at present without any sort of private income and continues to be of value to us as a casual source, the case officer intends to reactivate him for purposes described below. It is not felt, however, that this reactivation requires replacing him on project status until we see whether or not his value to us merits a project. His monthly salary will be, retroactive to 1 January 1950, 8 cartons of cigarettes a month. We will charge these expenditures to []

2. CAPELIN has rendered many services over and above that of an unconscious security checker. Although he resigned from the SB of OUN/B at the time of the ZPUHVR split, he occasionally speaks with members of the SB who have remained faithful to the BANDERA crowd. Since the latter are under the impression that CAPELIN has no work besides his overt job as secretary to Bishop PALLADIUS, they tend to talk rather openly with him. Hence CAPELIN has interesting peripheral information to offer on the wheelings and dealings of the few SB

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personalities remaining in Germany. Were it not for the fact that the CARTELS have faith in CAPELIN's discretion and loyalty to them, an argument could be made for suspecting that CAPELIN is also informing the BANDERA people about internal goings on of his ZFUHR friends. The CARTELS believe in CAPELIN's good security, therefore the case officer to date has no reason for believing otherwise. Aside from giving information on both groups, CAPELIN turned out in November 1949 to be the only suitable man to act as the case officer's interpreter when the latter wanted to interview the three BANDERA "couriers" who returned to Germany from Poland on 7 November 1949. In the beginning the case officer wanted to use CARTEL 3 for this job, but when Mihailo FEDAK & SMIRNII, the leader of the trio, refused to talk to CARTEL 3 out of fanatic allegiance to the BANDERA crowd, it became apparent that no one known to be associated with the CARTELS was suitable as an interpreter. The case officer therefore dressed CAPELIN as an American army sergeant, adding a pair of glasses for safe measure, and used him to help interview the trio in the municipal jails of Amberg and Regensburg. Playing safe, CAPELIN spoke to the couriers only in Polish. CAPELIN's usefulness in this instance diminished as soon as the BANDERA people discovered where the couriers were being held and intensified efforts to get their emissaries into the jails to interview FEDAK and his two companions. When the case officer contacted Maj. Bogdan PIDHAINY, the dispatcher of the couriers, the need for dropping CAPELIN out of the picture became quite clear-cut. CAPELIN has known PIDHAINY since the late thirtys. For his services as interpreter in late November 1949 CAPELIN was given 5 cartons of cigarettes as well as expenses.

3. Prior to interviewing Col. (fau) BOBOVETS & Taras BULBA it was CAPELIN who furnished the case officer with such pertinent detail biographical and background data that the latter was able to label BULBA in two interviews as a liar of no interest to our organization. The information on BULBA supplied by CAPELIN came out of an old SB file still in CAPELIN's possession. The source of the information was BULBA's deputy commander in 1942 and 1943. For this service CAPELIN received no remuneration.

4. When BOB requested information on the Polish Minister of Justice, SWIATKOWSKI, the case officer sent CAPELIN to see Bishop PALLADIUS in Regensburg because it was the latter who had furnished us with the original information on SWIATKOWSKI. The results of CAPELIN's findings are contained in MUNI-1026. No remuneration was given for this errand.

5. At the present time we plan to give CAPELIN the following assignments:

a. To read, analyze, and report on all overt publications of the Ukrainian emigration in Western Europe, particularly with an eye to information purporting to be fresh from the Ukraine.

b. To write up file cards giving aliases, biographical data, political affiliations, etc., on all UPA, OUN, UHVR, and other organizational personalities of the Ukrainian emigration.

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c. To listen to and analyze, solely from the point of view of their psychological impact on dissident elements in the Ukraine, the Voice of America programs in Ukrainian.

d. To report on any significant developments in the Ukrainian emigration.

e. The only servicing that CAPELLIN requires will be, as in the past, the renewal of his permit of residence (zuzugsgenehmigung) which we can arrange through local liaison.

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