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1. Transmitted herewith is an AECAPLIN report, dated 28 April 1954, on Subject. Since the reception of that report, AECAPLIN has reported these amendments and elaborations:

- a. KRUTII did not bring his wife from Vienna to Munich, thence to Berlin. He had lived alone near Vienna on his chicken farm (which he sold prior to moving to Munich), while his wife lived in Berlin, where the KRUTIIS had owned three pieces of property. Two of these pieces were destroyed during World War II, the third, in the Western Sector, surviving and serving as the wife's residence. This residence has a yard which branches into the Soviet Sector of the city. KRUTII frequently left Munich to visit his wife in Berlin.
- b. One set of rumors holds that KRUTII obtained enough money to buy three pieces of property in Berlin and one piece in Vienna by absconding in 1919 with part of the treasury of PETRUSHEVICH's erst Ukrainian government. Another set of rumors holds that KRUTII had been a member of a delegation appointed by PETRUSHEVICH to negotiate with the Soviet embassy in Berlin in regard to financial aid to Ukrainians, a part of this aid ending up in KRUTII's private pockets.
- c. On 29 April 1954 the central committee of the Ukrainian Socialist Party (USP) sent the emigre press an announcement, wherein it is stated that KRUTII's membership in that party ended in December 1953. Orally the USP is bruffing about that KRUTII was an intrigant specializing in setting one party against another and endeavoring to set up a new Ukrainian party, to be called the "Ukrainian Social-Democratic Party."

AECAPLIN and Ivan KASHKA state that KRUTII was in close contact with German BROUROVICH, Col. Petro SAMUTIN, Dr. Mykola NIUBAL, Spiridon BOVHAL and Mykhailo KALINA.

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2. In addition to the pseudonym Joseph Dreher, KRUTII used the names  
O. KRUT (see the enclosed original-language declaration of the USK,  
dated 2 March 1953) and (fnu) ~~XXXXXXXX~~. (use of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ was reported by  
AECASSINARY 6).

3. Summary of exigre opinion on Subject:

a. ~~XXXXXXXX~~. This informant believes KRUTII to be in fact an SIS  
agent. Informant revealed: KRUTII and ~~XXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
leader, are close friends coming from the same city or area in  
the Ukraine (Ieremysil); KRUTII and ~~XXXXXXXX~~ drank champagne to-  
gether the day before the former left Munich for Berlin; KRUTII  
massaged Michael ~~XXXXXXXX~~, American director of the OACB office in  
Munich, in consequence whereof KRUTII is distressed over the kid-  
napping of a genuine anti-Communist; that KRUTII always wore a  
hearing-aid, which he used to adjust in the direction of the  
speaker at lectures sponsored by the club of young Ukrainian  
journalists in Munich.

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b. AECASSINARY 6. Informant feels KRUTII in fact worked for the  
KIS and suspects KRUTII's hearing-aid was a camouflaged recorder (1).  
Informant stated KRUTII used alias (fnu) ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and had 30,000 DM  
in a Munich bank. Informant does not know under what name this  
account was held. This informant stated that KRUTII's brother in  
Brazil is a Greek-Catholic priest. This brother, the youngest of  
them and a member of the Basilian Order, emigrated to Brazil after  
World War II, where he uses the name (fnu) ~~XXXXXXXX~~. He changed  
his name, according to AECASSINARY 3, in order to rid himself of  
the stigma which naturally attaches to the name KRUTII, which de-  
rives from the verb krutyty, Ukrainian for "to trick", "to finagle."

c. AECALINA. Informant feels KRUTII worked for the KIS. Informant  
reiterated Subject's socialist connections, use of hearing-aid and  
friendship with ~~XXXXXXXX~~, the last item suggesting that KRUTII  
might be knowledgeable in regard to SMALIN's ~~XXXXXXXX~~ supported  
operations in Vienna and Regensburg.

4. Of note in the enclosed AECALIN report is AECARDIOT's relationship with  
KRUTII. The Munich Süddeutsche Zeitung (20 April 1954, page 2) stated  
that KRUTII had materials on the collaboration of Ukrainian nationalists  
with American intelligence. According to AECALIN, this press item  
was put in that paper by ~~XXXXXXXX~~, its foreign affairs editor,  
after he had been so advised by AECARDIOT. The night the story on  
KRUTII broke in Munich, AECARDIOT telephoned AECALIN. When AECALIN  
expressed unfamiliarity with KRUTII, AECARDIOT replied approximately:  
thus, "You know engineer KRUTII--the man seen in frequent company of Vol-  
odymyr STANIN's editor of Zuchasna Ukraina." These items suggest that  
AECARDIOT is trying to paint ~~XXXXXXXX~~ as an American intelligence vehicle,  
tying in KRUTII with nationalists rather than socialists. AECASSINARY 3  
expressed extreme displeasure over this ruse and suggested retaliation  
against AECARDIOT.

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Comments:

1. *Seymour* MWH-7159, para 4, provided Headquarters with our initial comments on the disappearance of KRUTII. In elaborating on those comments we should like to review herein the chronology of the Soviet approach to DUVHAL and the appearance of KRUTII in Munich subsequent to that approach.
2. MWH-1319, dated 4 December 1952, reported that DUVHAL had been approached at the end of November 1952 for recruitment by the Soviets. As far as we know, the recruitment pitch to DUVHAL failed, although we intend to interrogate DUVHAL both on the Soviet approach to him and on the disappearance of KRUTII. (Action U. Tabery is scheduled to interrogate DUVHAL on 3 June 1953).
3. The attachment to this dispatch gives the background of KRUTII as it is known to ABECAZELIN from three of his sources mentioned in the attachment. Para 7 of attachment to this dispatch states that KRUTII arrived in Munich late in 1952 or early 1953, that is, very shortly after the Soviet approach to DUVHAL had been made without success. It appears to us that if ABECAZELIN's information is correct, KRUTII's mission to Munich was to become closely connected with DUVHAL and to exert influence over him, which is precisely what KRUTII succeeded in doing.
4. Whether and to what extent KRUTII contributed to the innumerable fights within the Ukrainian emigration is as yet undetermined with any degree of exactness. However, it may reasonably be assumed that if KRUTII was in fact a Soviet agent, his primary objective was to prevent the unification of Ukrainian groups and to upset the plans of the UN RADA. Indications of this kind of provocation are provided in para 7 of the attachment. Since DUVHAL is well aware of the fact that KRUTII was one of his greatest confidants and knew every detail of DUVHAL's activities and of the UN RADA's activities and of the UN RADA's negotiations with AmComLib, DUVHAL, apparently taken very much aback by KRUTII's disappearance, now claims that KRUTII was not very knowledgeable on the UN RADA or the USSR.
5. If KRUTII was a Soviet agent, and in our opinion he was, he was recalled to Soviet territory in April 1953 in order to lend support to the Soviet contention that emigres do in fact voluntarily return to Soviet control and also for the purpose of providing the kind of propaganda forwarded to Headquarters in MWH-7331.
6. Our investigation of the KRUTII case is continuing and any further information that is brought to light will be forwarded to Headquarters.

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Attachment to EGMA-11345

Date of Report: 28 April 1954

Subject: Osip KRUTIIY

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Source: AECAPELIN from

1. AECANDIOT
2. Fedir YUREVICH, ZPUHVR man in Munich
3. Volodymyr STAKHIV, editor Suchasna Ukraina, Munich

1. On 26 April 1954 the East Zone German radio in Berlin reported that the Ukrainian politician, Josef KRUTIIY, a member of Ukrainian Socialist Party (USP) in Munich, had gone to the Eastern Zone of Germany and put himself at the disposition of East German security organs. The report stated that he took with him valuable materials on "the reactionary activity of the Ukrainian emigration and materials on espionage activities of the Americans".

2. Who is KRUTIIY? He is known to have used the German pseudonym Josef DREHER. KRUTIIY stems from a well known Ukrainian socialist family from PEREMYSHL, Western Ukraine. He had four brothers, all of whom finished university studies and who in the years 1914-18 played an active role in Ukrainian politics. All were known to be of extreme leftist sympathies, despite the fact that their parents were relatively wealthy. Subject occupied a high position in the West Ukrainian government of Ivan PETRUSHEVICH during World War I. His eldest brother was the director of a bank in CHERNIIVTSI (Chernowitz, Bukovina, formerly in Austria-Hungary, now in the USSR). Once when LENIN made a trip abroad from Russia, before the Bolshevik Revolution, he was a guest at this elder brother's house, hiding there illegally from Habsburg authorities. In 1926 this banker, along with two other brothers, were so enthusiastic about Communism and its successes in the Soviet Union that they emigrated to the Ukrainian Soviet Republic. What happened to them afterwards is not known. Another of the Subject's brothers emigrated to Brazil, where he apparently still lives.

3. It appears that in 1919 or in 1920 Subject went to Vienna to live. He obtained Austrian citizenship. Throughout he kept in contact with Ukrainian socialist circles, the Ukrainian Social-Democrats, later the Ukrainian Socialist Party. When the Soviets occupied Vienna in the closing years of World War II, KRUTIIY remained there. His small farm near Vienna was in the Soviet occupational zone. As might be expected, Soviet security organs became interested in him and in the years 1945-50 he was called for interrogation, in his own words, "at least 50 times". In my opinion (AECAPELIN's) at that time he was recruited by the MOB.

4. I first heard about KRUTIIY on 20 May 1952 from AECANDIOT. As I reported long ago, on 15 May 1952 AECANDIOT, having obtained through the intercession of the Austrian Socialist party an Austrian kennkarte, went to Vienna, where he met various people, including KRUTIIY. That AECANDIOT had been in Vienna I learned from him after his return, on 20 May 1952, a few days after he had already returned to Munich. AECANDIOT at that time explained his Vienna trip as follows: He had learned from Spiridon DOVHAL that in Vienna, as well as in other parts of the Soviet Zone of Austria, there exists a strong underground group of Ukrainian socialists headed by an old emigre from PEREMYSHL named Engineer Osip KRUTIIY. This illegal group is in correspondence with the Ukrainian Socialist Party and with Spiridon DOVHAL, one of its leaders. The group expressed a desire to work closely with DOVHAL's USP and the UN RADA. However, thus far, neither had made any direct contact with that illegal socialist group. Therefore, AECANDIOT decided to go to

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Vienna to talk with the illegal party in the name of the URDP/Left, AECANDIOT's party. Having KRUTII's address, AECANDIOT called on him. From KRUTII AECANDIOT learned that the underground socialist group numbered around 40 persons, including old emigrants with Austrian citizenship as well as some new Soviet refugees who had occupied posts in the Soviet administration in Austria. KRUTII introduced AECANDIOT to several members of his underground party and proposed to take AECANDIOT to Lower Austria to meet other members of that party. AECANDIOT stated that he was afraid to go to Lower Austria (Soviet Zone) and therefore did not go.

5. Since that Vienna trip, AECANDIOT used to send the URDP/Left publication ~~VERRED~~ to KRUTII's Vienna address and to correspond with him. KRUTII in turn informed AECANDIOT about Ukrainian emigre affairs in Vienna. Among other things, KRUTII told about Rev. (Om) HORNKEVICH, vicar-general of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in Vienna, who had been interrogated by the MGB at least thirty times. KRUTII revealed that the MGB permitted him to read HORNKEVICH's statements, asking him (KRUTII) whether HORNKEVICH's data were truthful.

6. When I (AECAPLIN) mentioned to AECANDIOT that the fact that the MGB let KRUTII read the HORNKEVICH protocols suggests that the MGB has a species of confidence in KRUTII, and that perhaps KRUTII worked for the MGB, AECANDIOT took a strong contrary view, stating that it is a most normal practice of the MGB to ask one person about another. AECANDIOT told me that KRUTII, moreover, is a very old man, around 70, and cannot be a Soviet agent because he is too old. Because he is so old and because he has Austrian citizenship, AECANDIOT held, KRUTII was released by the MGB. This exhausts my talk with AECANDIOT about KRUTII.

7. If my memory does not fail me, late in 1952, or perhaps early in 1953, KRUTII made a sudden appearance in Munich as a man close to the UN RADA. He told Ukrainian emigres that he had had enough of life in the Soviet Zone of Austria and so he decided to go further West. He stated he had sold his house in Vienna, as well as other property, for which he received around 6,000.00 dollars. All this money he brought to Germany. Along with him came his wife, who however did not wish to stay in Munich, going instead to live in West Zone of Berlin. KRUTII remained in Munich, working for the USP and the UN RADA. The first job the USP gave KRUTII was to take over the USP archives and study them thoroughly in order "to become acquainted with the party's past activities". The entire archives were turned over to KRUTII by DOVHAL. Moreover, DOVHAL obtained permission for KRUTII to read all UN RADA records, briefed him on UN RADA external and internal policies, finances, contacts with other nationalities, negotiations with the American Committee, everything of interest to KRUTII. Since early 1953 KRUTII took part in all UN RADA meetings and conferences as an USP representative. His comfortable financial status (he always had more than enough money) made it possible for him to meet lots of people in Munich restaurants and to make friends. The USP valued him as the spokesman of a socialist group existing in an area under Soviet occupation. He was never under suspicion as a Soviet agent, for he himself, DOVHAL and AECANDIOT emphasized at every opportunity that the Soviets do not recruit old people, tending to concentrate young, aggressive, and highly qualified persons instead. Thus KRUTII became one of the most influential men in the USP, giving it its tone, and having great influence over DOVHAL in particular. The USP, for example, used to take part in many multi-party conferences at which non-UN RADA members (such as the ZCHOUN, ZPUHVR, the Hetmanitas) were also present. Upon the advice of KRUTII, the USP refused to attend such conferences, holding that the RADA was the sole body entitled to speak for all the Ukrainian emigration and that it was of no use to confer with non-RADA members. The USP document showing that stand is enclosed. The document is important in that it shows KRUTII's influence in the USP, and it also confirms

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the fact that KRUTIIY had been a member of the USP central committee. The USP has now taken the position that KRUTIIY was not a member of its central committee. This denial was recently made by DOVHAL to Volodymyr STAKHIV, editor of Suchasna Ukraina.

8. In my opinion, KRUTIIY has worked for the MGB since 1945, first working on the Ukrainian emigration in Vienna, and having won the confidence there of the MGB, he was sent on a mission to Germany. He started his work in Munich very cautiously. In 1950-51 he began to correspond with the Munich Ukrainian publishing house Molode Zhyttya, using the pseudonym Joseph DREHER. I may be able to obtain this correspondence in a few days. Further, it appears that the MGB suggested that he organize an "illegal group of Ukrainian socialists in Austria" and that he try to tie this illegal group to the UN RADA. He succeeded in so doing, partly with the aid of AECANDIOT, who spoke well of KRUTIIY in Ukrainian socialist circles in Germany. When KRUTIIY arrived, his way had already been paved by AECANDIOT. In my opinion, KRUTIIY performed his assignment well. He had first-rate data on all the work of the UN RADA, and it is not excluded that he provided the MGB with photocopies of RADA and USP documents. An important item must be explained: If KRUTIIY had been an MGB agent since 1945, then the MGB knew that AECANDIOT was to come to Vienna to meet KRUTIIY. It is even possible that the people KRUTIIY presented to AECANDIOT as members of his illegal socialist party may in fact have been MGB members. Question - Was not AECANDIOT recruited by the MGB at the same time? Perhaps the MGB left him in peace in order to permit him to prepare the way for KRUTIIY in Munich.

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Висновок: Цей документ є копією листа Голови Президії зборів представників українських політичних організацій у справі консолідації, що відбувся 2.3.53 в Києві.

Висновок: Цей документ є копією листа Голови Президії зборів представників українських політичних організацій у справі консолідації, що відбувся 2.3.53 в Києві.

Центральний Комітет Української Соціалістичної Партії гасить Вас довести до відома Вп. Навів представників українських політичних організацій наступне:

1. УСП стоїть на засаді консолідації і в своїй політичній діяльності намагається перебудувати повну консолідацію українських політичних сил у межах Української Національної Ради, як складника Державного Центру Української Народньої Республіки, на основі її демократичного статуту.

2. Разом із тим УСП констатує, що політичні організації, які входять до УНР, зокрема Союз Гетьманців-Державників, Закарпатські Частини Організації Українських Націоналістів та Українська Головна Визвольна Рада в своїх пресових органах та у своїх виступах чільних представників відкрито відкидають засаду консолідації всіх українських політичних організацій у межах УНР, як органу Державного Центру УНР.

3. УСП готова кожноразово проводити переговори з представниками ЗЧ ОУН, СГД і УГВР в справі здійснення консолідації на згаданих /у 1-й і 2-й частках цього листа/ засадах.

Іншої консолідація не може бути, вона не буде справжньою і не дасть позитивних наслідків для визвольної боротьби українського народу. Консолідація українських політичних сил на основі визнання єдиного Державного Центру УНР і включення до УНР політичних організацій, які досі до неї не належать, - це єдина форма доцільної консолідації політичних сил в інтересах успішної визвольної боротьби за відновлення Української Народньої Республіки.

Доки СГД, ЗЧ ОУН та УГВР наведених засад не визнають, УСП вважає розмови на теми консолідації передчасними, бо вони призводять прихильників справжньої консолідації до зневіри.

3 наведених причин УСП не бере участі в нараді 3.3.53 і своїх представників не висилає.

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Київ, 2.3.53

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