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1. On 17 January 1955, AECAPELIN informed us that, during several visits toward the end of 1954, Willi RICHTER was extremely interested in obtaining information concerning church affairs and asked AECAPELIN to report on the following:

- a. The views of the Moscow Patriarchate re the 2nd Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois.
- b. If the Moscow Patriarchate is negatively oriented toward a. (above), what are the reasons?
- c. Names of the delegates from the satellite countries who attended the WCC Assembly.
- d. Reaction of the satellite delegates to the Assembly.

To satisfy RICHTER's request, AECAPELIN selected the following articles from the German publications, Ecumenical Press Service, Union Presse-Dienst and Junge Kirche:

Attachment A: "Moscow Patriarchate's Position"

Attachment B: "The Position of the Hungarian Bishop, VETA"

Attachment C: "Reaction of the Eastern Delegates re Evanston Assembly"

2. In response to RICHTER's interest in the activity of the "Ökumenisches Institut" at Bossey bei Caligny, Switzerland, AECAPELIN gave him a photocopy of that Institute's program for 1954 (see Attachment D).

3. RICHTER asked AECAPELIN to prepare a detailed review of all Orthodox churches in Western Germany as a finger-tip reference in connection with the German Evangelical Church subsidy program to Orthodox churches which will begin in April 1955. Attachment E is a copy of AECAPELIN's thorough coverage of this subject which he passed to RICHTER on 14 December 1954.

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4. Attachment F contains the statutes and a list of the members of the executive committee of the "Deutsch-Ukrainische Herder-gesellschaft" which AECAPÉLIN passed to RICHTER. AECAPÉLIN notes that RICHTER asked AECAPÉLIN to indicate which of the executive members were from the Eastern Ukraine and the Western Ukraine.

5. RICHTER gave AECAPÉLIN a copy of the emigre newspaper, Nova Ukrayina, and asked him to translate an article entitled, "Declaration of the LAONSS" (Deklyaratsiya LAONSS). A copy of AECAPÉLIN's translation, which was given to RICHTER, is enclosed as Attachment G. AECAPÉLIN was unable to fulfill RICHTER's request to obtain a copy of the "International of Freedom" publication, Ukrayina, edited by Vasyly FEDORONCHUK of Rome, Italy.

6. RICHTER also displayed interest in the Czech Desk of Radio Free Europe, stating that it often beams its broadcasts to the Carpatho-Ukraine or, as the Czechs call it, the Carpatho-Russ. According to RICHTER, these broadcasts are of a completely religious nature, i.e., the Divine Liturgy in the old Slavonic language and, from time to time, sermons by "Musophiles" from America. RICHTER was interested whether or not the "Carpathian Russophiles" have any influence in Germany and how the Ukrainian emigration has reacted to these broadcasts. AECAPÉLIN informed RICHTER that in the U.S. there are two Carpatho-Ukrainian organizations, "Obyedinyeniye" (Unity) and "Sobraniye" (Assembly), which enjoy the protection of the Greek Catholic Bishop IVANCHO (COMMENT: IVANCHO has since been replaced as bishop by Monsignor ELKO), who collaborated with the Czechs in organizing these broadcasts in Germany.

7. According to AECAPÉLIN, RICHTER mentioned that in April 1955 he plans to leave Germany for a destination somewhere overseas, perhaps to British Columbia, with his wife and three sons. He gave no further information.

8. It is requested that FOB forward the aforementioned attachments to Headquarters for retention. MOB regrets that, due to limited facilities, we are unable to reproduce the attachments.

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Attachments: a/s above

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