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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/REDSOX/LCIDIMPROVE/AKBATH

SPECIFIC— ABCANDIOT is informed re "Two Ukrainians" who Discussed Hqm
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1. In the attached report ABCAPELIN tells about a discussion he had with ABCANDIOT, in the presence of Myropalav/STIRANKA, concerning information which ABCANDIOT received from an unidentified German about a meeting between two unidentified Ukrainians who were reported to have been discussing ABCANDIOT. The two Ukrainians were in fact ABCAPELIN and ABCAPELIN believes that ABCANDIOT's informant is an employee of DIA BRUSS.

2. This report illustrates the risk inherent in meetings held in the open, and we are now attempting to arrange all agent meetings in safehouses wherever possible.

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ATTACHMENT TO EGMA-15940

SUBJECT: AEGANDIOT is Informed re "Two Ukrainians" who Discussed AEGANDIOT

SOURCE: AEGAPLEIN from AEGANDIOT

Date of Report: 24 April 1955

1. On 23 April 1955, AEGANDIOT telephoned me and asked me to visit him that same evening at his residence. I consented and met him at 1900 hours. I found Myroslaw STIRANKA and AEGANDIOT drinking and, as I entered, STIRANKA stated, "Oh, why don't you ask the reverend (betyushka) --- he's been in Munich for a long time --- perhaps he knows who among the Banderaites wears a black beard." When I asked AEGANDIOT concerning the situation they were discussing, AEGANDIOT told me the following.

2. "About two weeks ago, there were two Ukrainians sitting in a tavern near the Botanical gardens who were engaged in a discussion concerning me (AEGANDIOT). One was tall and well-built, the other was of medium height and wore a black beard. The one with the beard must have been a Banderaiter because he abused me before the well-built man. I have a German friend who knows the Russian language very well and who told me that he heard these two men were discussing me and, as a result, the German decided to continue to eavesdrop. The man with the beard said the following: "The Americans suspect AEGANDIOT to be a Bolshevik agent. They even intercept his mail. Aside from this, the bearded man mentioned many other items but I was not able to understand him very well." I then showed the German pictures of Pyotr GABORIN, Konrad ROTUNOVICH, Lyubomir KORTINSKY and Tlayo [redacted] and asked him if the bearded man was any of these. The German could not identify any one of them. Now I wonder who this bearded man could have been -- he may have well been a Banderaiter because they always attempt to catch me unawares with such provocations."

3. Then, jokingly, AEGANDIOT stated, "Reverend, you also wear a beard perhaps you were the bearded man." Of course, I denied this and stated that I was at the Botanical gardens once this year and that was in the presence of Myroslaw STIRANKA and another Pole on 4 April 1955. I stated further that we spoke in Polish and not once did we mention AEGANDIOT's name, that we have returned home around 1700 hours and that I telephoned AEGANDIOT about that time. AEGANDIOT stated that he was only joking but that he was still interested in learning who in the SB or among the Banderaites wears a black beard and asked STIRANKA to continue being on the lookout for such a person.

AEGAPLEIN COMMENTS:

4. I believe that the German friend of AEGANDIOT is a member of the editorial staff of Die Ukraine which is located in the vicinity of the Botanical Gardens. There are certain members of Die Ukraine who understand the Russian language. The German stated clearly to AEGANDIOT that the bearded man spoke in Ukrainian and not in Russian. Actually, I had a meeting with [redacted] on that date and at the Gardens. It is very possible that this German did overhear our conversation because we did mention mail interception. I remember that there was a young

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man sitting with a brunette companion (female) several tables away from us. I even mentioned that he was sitting close enough to overhear our conversation; therefore, we concluded our meeting shortly thereafter. It is also possible that our waitress may have overheard our conversation.

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