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Chief of Station,
Attn: Howard M. Price
Chief, Munich Base

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REMOVAL/ICINPROVE/AMBATH/ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS

Proposed Transfer of ARCAPELIN/1 to Athens

REF: SGAA-33317, 19 August 1958

ACTION REQUIRED: None; for your information.

1. The following are replies to the queries posed in the references:

A. The ICINPROVE also appears since Project AMBATH at Munich Base is used in support of CE operations. ARCAPELIN/1, the principal and only agent in Project AMBATH, is utilized purely as a CE informant. More details regarding ARCAPELIN/1's biography and operational background are found in Attachments A and B which accompany this dispatch.

B. If ARCAPELIN/1 moves to Athens,

- 1) Athens would be expected to handle him.
- 2) The should not be in touch with him.
- 3) ARCAPELIN/1 would terminate his UPWIND relationship. However, there can be no guarantee that UPWIND would not resume relationship with ARCAPELIN/1 once he grounded himself in Athens. Should UPWIND recontact him, and, unless Headquarters advises to the contrary, Athens probably would instruct ARCAPELIN/1 to avoid contacts with UPWIND in Greece.

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ARCAPELIN/1 probably would be able to make his own cover and financial arrangements, with KURARK guidance if necessary (more comments follow below).

C. The following are some of ARCAPELIN/1's Greek Orthodox church contacts derived primarily from ARCAPELIN/1's association with the Greek Orthodox Church, Salvator Platz, Munich, where he participates on an irregular basis in Divine Liturgical services and where he substitutes in administrative affairs in the absence of the leadership:

- 1) Archbishop ATHENAGOORAS, Junior, Rearch of the Patriarchate

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for Western Europe; address: 8 Dawson Place, Bayswater, London W.2.

- 2) Bishop ~~HELENTY~~, Titular Bishop of Regia; address: 7 Rue Georges, Biot, Paris 16.
- 3) Bishop ~~CHRISOSTOMOS (TSITER)~~; address: Wien I, Fleischmarkt 13.
- 4) Bishop ~~JAKOBOS (VINROS)~~, Auxiliary bishop; address: Moscow Road, Bayswater, London W.2.
- 5) Archimandrite Methodios ~~FOULIAS~~; address: University at Thessaloniki.
- 6) Archimandrite Ambrosios ~~PLATIS~~; earlier in Munich, now in West Berlin.
- 7) George ~~TRIANDIFILIDIS~~, administrator of the Greek Orthodox Church in Munich, Salvator Platz.

D. The following are ARCAPELIN/1's chief governmental contacts, basically of a social nature, obtained through his association with the Greek Orthodox Church:

- 1) Dr. (Mrs) ~~STEFANO~~, Greek Ambassador at Bonn, Germany.
- 2) Prof. Dr. Stefan ~~KIRIAZZI~~, lives on Kiriazzi Street, Athens; father owns a large tobacco business.
- 3) Nikolaus ~~KONSTOS~~, Greek Consul-General in Frankfurt.
- 4) Dr. Angelos ~~ZEBAKAS~~, now in the United States (exact address unknown).

2. Cover: Most of the above mentioned individuals promised to assist ARCAPELIN/1 in the event he wanted to move to Greece for any extended period of time. Assistance would appear in the form of visa procurement, residence (in a monastery, student home, etc.), further studies in theology and possibly even a stipendium in the event he intended to remain for a long period in Greece. Other persons whose names ARCAPELIN-1 cannot recall off hand, include professors at Athens University, head of the supreme court in Athens, and others. With this in mind, ARCAPELIN/1 offered the following general plan:

A. He would obtain letters of reference from the above-listed persons to Greek Orthodox authorities in Athens, university and governmental circles in Athens.

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B. He would travel to Greece under the pretext of studying the new Greek language, entering into advanced theological studies or becoming active in the Greek Orthodox church community.

C. Having arrived in Athens, with the assistance of these personalities and letters of reference, he would obtain a residence permit, matriculate at the university, locate living quarters and eventually find employment with a church.

D. After having lived in Greece for a period, during which his language ability will have improved (he has a working knowledge of classical Greek and some New Greek), he would begin attempts to obtain permanent residence in Greece and formalize the changes necessary to transfer residence from the Federal Republic. He believes he can obtain a Greek passport for stateless foreigners.

3. Finances: During at least the first year of his residence in Greece, AKAPLIM/1 feels he will have to be subsidized unless he happens to obtain employment sooner than expected. Arrangements can be made for him to have enough capital on hand to sustain himself during his unemployment period or to have funds forwarded to him periodically from West Germany or elsewhere. His immediate thought is that he may make arrangements through KOMES (a Ukrainian emigre student group which has branches scattered throughout the Western hemisphere) or UPU (Ukrainian Free University) in Munich.

4. Legends: A legend which AKAPLIM/1 concocted, using the above factors as support or back-stopping, would read that he came to Greece to study the Greek language and enter advanced theological studies. To support this, he would have letters of reference from Greek citizens who appear to have been convinced that he went to Greece only for such reasons. After approximately a year, during which he will have had an opportunity to survey the situation, he would be ready to step into an employment status which would lend itself to his basic tasks with KUBARK. (He points out that his name is well known in the Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church and with the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs which in effect governs the Greek Orthodox Church in Munich and for which he has signed his name on numerous financial statements and letters as assistant to the Greek archimandrite in Munich.)

5. Estimate of Initial Progress: AKAPLIM/1 feels he will not be able to throw his full weight into his KUBARK role in Greece until he has obtained a better working knowledge of the Greek language. Therefore, language study will be his first step (once given the word, he will resume Greek language studies in Munich). During this period, he will be able to establish his contacts and study the situation. Later, if necessary, he could matriculate at Athens University.

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6. The following is the situation in Greece as AECAPLIN/1 pictures it from the operational point of view: There are large Russian and smaller Ukrainian colonies which have existed in Greece since the Russian Revolution. In Athens and generally in Greece, there are a great number of mixed Ukrainian-Greek couples who moved from the Ukraine to Greece during World War II. (There were many Greeks who lived near the Black Sea and also in the Kherson, Mykolayiv and specifically in Odessa who married Ukrainian women. These couples moved to Greece when the Germans occupied the Ukraine.) He feels the RIS and its front organization, the Mikhailev Committee for the Return to the Homeland, have not left these people in peace and probably has carried out an effective program of recruitment among these folk. Therefore, his primary initial task will be to study the modus operandi of the RIS. He also will have to take into account the Greeks who during World War II went or returned to Greece after having been inculcated with Slavonic culture and languages and who, as a result, may have become disenchanting one way or another with their Greek homeland. He feels this is the type of individual on which most attention should be placed since they will be most vulnerable to RIS approaches for purposes of recruitment.

A. Mount Athos: He feels one of the primary targets for the RIS, and therefore should also be targeted by Western IS's, is Mount Athos (or Afon, as he otherwise identifies it). It maintains Russian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Serbian and other national monasteries. At this time, the Soviet Union and the Peoples Republics have taken an interest in the monasteries of their nationalities on Mount Athos, not only sending monks to study or work there but also financing the "monastery republic". AECAPLIN/1 feels his aim should be: determine the nature of the RIS interest in Mount Athos. This would mean his task would be to identify the work methods and tactics of the RIS among the various emigre groups, mixed marriages and even among Greek citizenry in Greece. It would also mean he would have to determine how the Soviets are attempting to obtain control of individual Eastern Patriarchates, many of which are administrated by Greek bishops and clergy.

8. The above are AECAPLIN/1's thoughts, albeit very loose and general, regarding the queries set out by Athens and his thoughts regarding the task which he sees ahead of him. It is proposed that, if and when Headquarters decides to transfer AECAPLIN/1 to Athens, he should make a two-three week visit to Athens to make a preliminary survey for his own enlightenment. During this visit, he will renew and make new acquaintances and obtain an orientation regarding problems he will be facing in terms of transferring to, and working or studying in, Greece.

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ARCAPHELIN/1

1. Subject, born 11 November 1912, in Zakomaria, Western Ukraine, became a member of the Ukrainian Military Organization (OVO) in 1928, and upon reorganization of the latter group, entered into the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) in 1929. He became an instructor of an illegal underground youth section of the OUN in January 1934, and upon arrest of many of the leaders of the OUN homeland executive committee in November 1934, Subject was given duties as Organization Referent. In 1935, Subject became publisher of a nationalistic, anti-Bolshevik newspaper of the OUN and was arrested by the Polish government in September 1935 and imprisoned for three months. He was again arrested in July 1937 by the Polish government and was released in September 1939 upon outbreak of the German-Polish war.

2. Upon direction of OUN officials, Subject agreed, in November 1939, to become a member of the German counterintelligence service. Until April 1945, Subject served, on a regular and part time basis, with various sections of the German intelligence service and was awarded several decorations for his successes in counterintelligence operations directed against the USSR.

3. Subject, who had earlier studied at a theological school, was ordained during the latter part of 1944. From September 1945 to April 1957, he was employed as an instructor in a private Ukrainian gymnasium at Salzburg, teaching courses in the Bible and in Latin, and also served as representative of the Anti-Bolshevik Block of Nations (ABN) in Salzburg, and the Tyrol. Since April 1947, Subject has been residing in Munich, where he has held the post of Chancellor of the Holy Autocephalic Church of Poland in Germany. He was chief of the Security Service (SB) of the Foreign Section of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists led by Stefan BARBERA (ACH/OUN or OUN/B) until August 1948 when he left this organization and concentrated his intelligence efforts for KUBARK.

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AECAPELIN/1's OPERATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Background - General: AECAPELIN/1, now under Munich Operations Base control, is a qualified, capable, professional CE informant who has been used by KUBARK in Austria and Germany since 1947, and who has previously indicated willingness to leave Germany for personal reasons and because of an increasingly tight operational situation. For these reasons and due to his having circulated among the same unwitting informants for a long period of time, Headquarters was also interested in investigating his transfer, but negotiations were deferred.

2. Background - Intelligence: AECAPELIN/1 is a Ukrainian of middle age who has been employed by KUBARK as an informant since 1947. He has been active in intelligence since the 1920's and is extremely capable in discreetly obtaining information from a wide variety of sources. As a non-party man, he has earned the confidence and confidences of a variety of Ukrainian political leaders. He has also supplied KUBARK with counterintelligence/counterespionage information, as well as positive intelligence on overt and covert activities of Ukrainian, Polish, Soviet and German political, social, welfare and para-military emigre groups in Germany and in other countries of Western Europe. He has also provided name traces, character studies, etc., concerning certain former Iron Curtain personalities who are now in Western Europe. It has often been said of AECAPELIN/1 that he possesses the requirements of the natural, "ideal agent". In view of his experiences, natural inclinations and pro-American orientation, working for the Americans is the logical course for him to follow. He is willing to report on the emigration in the belief that he can help to uncover Soviet penetrations and to bring about a unification of the various emigre political camps.

3. Motivation: Subject is anti-Soviet and against Russian imperialism, and he also opposes the Soviet regime on religious grounds. He would like to see a free, independent Ukraine.

4. Security:

a. AECAPELIN/1 is by inclination very security conscious, a fact which has been demonstrated on many occasions.

b. Notwithstanding the above, we feel that the following incidents might have some bearing on Subject's security:

1) In April 1957, a Munich pouch was inadvertently routed to UPSWING. Assuming that UPSWING would have copied the documents, they should have had no trouble in deducing that AECAPELIN/1 was our agent in view of the comments contained in the dispatch and the nature of AECAPELIN/1's reporting even though his true name was not mentioned.

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2) On one occasion, a Soviet Staffer (RIS) stated to one of our double agents that ABCAPELIN/1 was in the employ of the American Intelligence Service, only that and nothing more. The Staffer did not elaborate.

5. Productions: In view of ABCAPELIN/1's intelligence background and his keen grasp of political, religious and economic situations, he has proved himself extremely helpful in his ability to predict Soviet intentions and interpret and constructively criticize Soviet policy. This has been especially true in our efforts to combat the machinations in West Germany of the East Berlin Committee for the Return to the Home/land. Numerous counterespionage and operational leads have been supplied by Subject. The reliability and value of his reports are firmly established.

6. Salary: The salary paid Subject locally is \$200.00 per month in local currency. An additional \$200.00 per month is placed in his escrow account. A contingency fund totaling \$300.00 has been set aside for an eventual transfer of ABCAPELIN/1 and effects, and he will be provided with \$150.00 for key money for living quarters.

7. Miscellaneous: Subject stems from a good, solid-middle class Ukrainian family. He has no permanent mistresses, he is not addicted to drugs and his gambling is nil. He is a light smoker and an occasional drinker of wine or beer. He is an intelligent "operator" who knows how to "keep his nose clean", can be glib when necessary and has great presence of mind - quite capable of playing the alleged role. Incidentally, Subject previously delayed his emigration (via IRO sponsorship) to the United States at our request. As a result, we have guaranteed passage for him (and his wife - should he marry) to the United States under provisions of P.L.110. Should his emigration to the United States materialize, he would like to continue working with AIS. Subject's language qualifications include Ukrainian, Polish, Russian, Latin and German (all good). Because of his academic and linguistic background it is felt that he can learn the French language within a reasonable period of time.

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