

27 March 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Report of contact between AECAMBISTA 4, AEPRIMER 1 and the undersigned at the Gov. Clinton Hotel, Gov. Clinton Restaurant, New York City, at 1800-2000 hours on 14 March 1958.

1. The following topics of operational interest were discussed:
  - a. Newspaper and budget.
  - b. Students of Byelorussian descent as a recruiting potential.
  - c. Training for AEPRIMER I.
  - d. Recruitment of AEREADY and/or REDSKIN/REDSOX candidates.
  - e. FI operations possibilities.
  - f. Payment to AEPRIMER 1.
  - g. Travel.

2. AECAMBISTA 4 brought up the subject of the subsidy of the Byelorussian newspaper, BATAUSCHINA. His questions were - When will we take over the subsidy and what will be the amount involved. The undersigned said he had no answer to either question since the decision was coming from a higher level. We had made our recommendations but the sum allocated would be, as are all things governmental, controlled by budget allowances. AECAMBISTA 4 said that it would be a great aid to his planning for the coming year if he knew the sum that would be allotted. The undersigned said that he was cognizant of AECAMBISTA 4's position in this, but that he, in all honesty, could not and would not guess at the amount of the subsidy. AECAMBISTA 4 and [ ] both voiced the great amount to be done in the publication field, not only via their newspaper but also in the publication of books and pamphlets. AECAMBISTA 4 reiterated much that was said during the contact on 12 March when he was present with AECAMBISTA 16. That is, he spoke again of the letters from Byelorussia praising the newspaper (photo copies of these letters are in the files of this unit).

3. AECAMBISTA 4 spoke again of the recruiting potential which exists among students of Byelorussian descent. He recalled his talks with the students at a midwestern university and how eager

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they were to talk to him about the homeland and its hoped-for independence. AECAMBISTA 4 discussed the use of these students in the student exchange program that is possible between the U.S. and Poland, Ukraine or Byelorussia. He feels that we should select several bright students and subsidize their travel and expenses. They could be witting or unwitting depending on our assessment of them. After one or two years of actually living in Byelorussia, these students would be knowledgeable on many subjects of interest to us, the AECAMBISTA organization and the Byelorussian movement. If such an operation meets with the approval of our chiefs, then the AECAMBISTA organization will make the recruitments through AEPRIEMER 1. AEPRIEMER 1 will do all the contact work and the recruitment and relay the results to us.

4. AEPRIEMER 1 was asked by the undersigned for the date when he would be available for a one week course of training in clandestine activities. He replied that the period 6 to 11 July, one week earlier or one week later would be acceptable. He could tell his co/workers and friends that he is taking his vacation at Chesapeake Bay, Ocean City, Md., etc. AEPRIEMER 1 requested our assistance in acquiring accommodations for his wife at some local beach or resort area. Having his wife accompany him on his vacation would be of great aid in building his cover with his friends, relatives, etc. The undersigned said he would do what he could and would discuss it again at a subsequent meeting.

5. AEPRIEMER 1 spoke again of his spotting and recruiting activities and mentioned that he has new candidates for us. He will transmit all necessary data at our next meeting which is scheduled for 24 March in Washington, D.C.

AEPRIEMER 1 has been instructed by AECAMBISTA 4 to increase efforts on spotting and recruiting for REDSKIN and REDSOX candidates (in addition to those for AEREADY). The undersigned spelled out the criteria for REDSKIN candidates to wit: they be U.S. citizens if possible, be in good health with common sense and intelligence and with some legitimate reason for making the trip; i.e., to see relatives, etc. Age was of no consequence nor was the sex of the candidate. The candidate, however, should be a person having an income. This income need not be large. In other words, we would not want as a candidate a person who is well known to the community as a hanger-on at the local bar or pool hall. The reasons being many, not the least of which is the difficulty of securely funding such a person into a REDSKIN traveler. AEPRIEMER 1 has further been instructed by AECAMBISTA 4 that we (the Uke/Byelorussian unit) have carte blanche in operational matters. AEPRIEMER 1 is not to question our requests or decisions but to accept them as though they had originated from AECAMBISTA 4 himself.

6. AECAMBISTA 4 called attention to the relaxation of controls and travel restrictions that is now in existence in Poland and how such a situation favors an increase in our efforts to penetrate into the Soviet bloc. AECAMBISTA 4 said we should run as many

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people as possible into Poland. The undersigned replied that running into Poland was child's play, like Kinder Mat in chess. That running into Poland was fine but primarily it should be for the purpose of using Poland as a base. AECAMBISTA 4 and AEPHIMER 1 agreed that all possible effort should be expended to flood Poland before the gates closed. AECAMBISTA 4 said that with the easing of controls we could run reverse operations also; i.e., have people come out of Byelorussia into Poland for contact with our representatives sent from the U.S. In this manner we could spot recruit, debrief and return Byelorussian to his homeland as a defection in place operation. The optimum choice would be a person able to make the trip many times per month or year - a business man, lecturer, professor, etc. The undersigned agreed completely and requested both AECAMBISTA 4 and AEPHIMER 1 to produce names of old friends now resident in BSSR who would be most likely to travel to Poland and with whom we could make contact.

7. AEPHIMER 1 received \$150 as payment for his spotting and recruiting services for the month of February and signed a receipt for this amount.

8. AEPHIMER 1 informed the undersigned that he will be in Washington, D.C., on 24 March 1958 in connection with other matters and that we could make contact on that date. At that time AEPHIMER 1 will submit his spotting and recruiting activities report.

9. The contact terminated at 2000 hours after arrangements were made for the 24 March contact in Washington, D.C.

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