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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AECASSOWARY Contact with Soviet Official at the United Nations

1. AECASSOWARY-2 telephoned the undersigned about 1400 hours today, 28 October 1958, and stated he wanted to report officially the following incident:

a. Ivan KOSHELIVETS, associate editor of LITERATURNIA HAZENIA (supplement to the AECASSOWARY newspaper SUCHASNA UKRAINA), who is visiting in the United States, told AECASSOWARY-2 that he was going to try to contact Lubomyr DIMITSHEKO, presently with a Soviet Ukrainian mission at the United Nations, for the purpose of discussing and exchanging literary views. DIMITSHEKO is a well-known author in the Soviet Ukraine.

b. AECASSOWARY-2, desiring to be fully aware of exactly what would transpire, asked AECASSOWARY-27 to accompany KOSHELIVETS. A letter of introduction in which they presented their desire to meet with DIMITSHEKO was prepared and handed to FNU IVANOV at the United Nations who introduced himself as the Secretary of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs. IVANOV gave AECASSOWARY-27 and KOSHELIVETS a very cordial reception, promised to deliver the letter to DIMITSHEKO and assured them of a reply.

c. AECASSOWARY-27 told IVANOV that even though the Soviets refer to them as bourgeois nationalists, etc., they still hoped a meeting for the exchange of literary ideas would be possible. IVANOV replied that there is no reason why they cannot meet for a friendly chat.

2. AECASSOWARY-2 said he wanted this contact to be made a matter of official record, in the event the meeting was observed "by your people", so that no conspiratorial significance be attached to the contact at some later date.

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