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1. Judging solely by correspondence from AEAFFIRM to AECHORD, this office is increasingly concerned about what appears to be recent and newly developing AEAFFIRM policies in the political and radio fields, and especially in the apparent readiness to drag the radio - which thus far has remained remarkably unscathed throughout the depressing political developments of the past half year - into the political fray.

2. In addition to the questions raised in the reference, we would invite attention especially to AEAFFIRM's AIRGRAM No. 117 dated October 8, 1953, and Telex Message SC2 of the same date. The former is so confused and confusing of interpretation that it is baffling and confounding personnel here. How does one determine which is an "organization antagonistic to formation of united political center"? Taken together with other recent AEAFFIRM instructions tending to spank CAPABLE 1 for misbehaving in August (note especially AEAFFIRM 's Telex 3256 (?) of 10 October which refused to authorize the hiring of a highly qualified and badly needed editor for the apparent reason that he has been associated with CAPABLE 1 in a professional capacity), it is obvious that AMAFFIRM considers CAPABLE 1 and the other members of the Russian rump "antagonistic to ... etc." However, as pointed out in the reference, we have seen nothing published or done by any member of the rump quite so directly opposed to the basic concept of a unified emigration working harmoniously toward a single objective as the demand of Livitsky that the Ukrainian broadcasts speak not in the name of any such center but of a separate Ukrainian committee or organization.

3. Although he is naturally reluctant to express himself fully in reply to the above-mentioned airgram signed by Prist, Mathemet is most upset at this new threat of turning the radio - which is now operating relatively smoothly and, as _____ reported in his progress report for September, is now generally conceded to have reached a high level of effectiveness - into a political football. We share his alarm.

4. The latter message, directing the payment of a salary of 200. per month to an emigre as a reward for not barking too loudly or harshly at



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AEAFFIRM during the recent months of turbulence (parallel to the Livitsky reward), seems to be establishing a policy which we can only deplore. As of the end of August, AEAFFIRM ceased all <u>open</u> subsidies to <u>groups</u>, -but it is now establishing a series of <u>secret</u>, surreptitious subsidies to <u>individuals</u>. In return for the subsidies to groups, at least we were getting the publication of a number of anti-Soviet publications of varying value, some extremely effective. In return for the subsidy to Livitsky we received the useless paper commented on briefly in the reference and taken apart in detail by Mathenet's itemized analysis.

5. In connection with the cutting off of subsidies, we must emphasize that as the reserve funds available to the groups are exhausted and their publications disappear from the scene, there will be a mounting wave of criticism throughout the entire emigration which will be directed not only against AEAFFIRM but against the nation as a whole.



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