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TO : Chief, IO

DATE: 24 January 1958

FROM : Chief, Munich Base **D**

INFO: Chief, EE  
COS, Germany

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/DTDORIC/QKACTIVE

SPECIFIC— Transmittal of CAM-104 on East-West Contacts

ACTION REQUIRED: None. For your information.

We are transmitting under separate cover CAM-104 on the subject of East-West contacts. This item is a memorandum for the record prepared in the PBAFFIRM office. Since it is quite interesting and it is not clear that it has been transmitted to BGACTRESS, we are forwarding it for your information.

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Approved: [ ]

Attachment: As stated.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**CAM-104**

**SUBJECT: East-West**

**DATE: 13 Jan 1958**

SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT — TO EGMA 31530

**DATE RECEIVED: 10 Jan 1958**

**SOURCE: Emigre Relations Office from Ike Patch, New York**

Attached for your information and per your request is a thermofax copy of the memorandum sent by Patch in New York to the Emigre Relations Office on the subject of East-West contacts. It is a memorandum for the record dated 26 November 1957.

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GA-20000

November 26, 1957

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO: Special Projects Officer

SUBJECT: East-West

INTRODUCTION

Over the past two years, Munich and New York have undertaken independent East-West operations. These efforts, although uncoordinated and lacking in overall Committee planning, have achieved some tangible results largely through the program of Max Ralis. We have found listener reaction. Information on attitudes of Soviet people and on trends in Soviet policy have been obtained. This experience indicates further possibilities in this field provided we coordinate and plan our efforts well. It has been learned however that only in specific cases can we expect results.

The East-West program we envisage is a limited one and covers primarily the interests of Radio Liberation, the Institute and the Office of Emigre Relations.

Both Nika Thayer and I recommend that Max Ralis prepare a basic questionnaire comprising a list of pertinent questions for overall Committee exploitation. This questionnaire could be useful for both New York and Munich in our questioning of visitors to the USSR and would help us to organize our material better. Of course, this does not mean our explorations would be limited to the questionnaire.

At present writing, talks are being carried on between Soviet and American officials in Washington on East-West exchanges. Generally speaking, the Soviet regime is interested in a broad exchange of technical delegations and in tourism as well as in student and cultural exchanges. The U.S. proposal is broad in scope with less emphasis on technical exchanges. There is often great disparity between Soviet proposals and their fulfillment, and it is still somewhat early to tell to what extent the Soviet regime will follow through. Nevertheless, there is evidence to indicate that the exchange program will be at least as extensive as during the past year with a possible increase in cultural exchanges and tourism plus a limited exchange of students.

OBJECTIVES

Our primary objective is to gain background information for various American Committee divisions. We are interested in radio listening, the psychology, mood, and attitudes of the Soviet peoples, and factual material on Soviet life. We will stress on topics of particular interest such as youth and reactions to radio broadcasts for the radio, religion for the Institute, the question of atheism, and information pertaining to the non-Russian peoples for the Emigre Relations Office.

The Emigre Relations Office is interested in establishing direct contact with the kind of Western visitors who might be effective as speakers and first-hand witnesses, at meetings, forums, and demonstrations, etc.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Travelers to the USSR During the spring and summer of 1957, several hundreds western citizens visited the USSR. A number of technical delegations

to the USSR. Western scholars and students as well as tourists visited in the cultural field, the Boston Symphony Orchestra played concerts in Moscow and Leningrad. I believe these visits will develop further in 1958.

The Radio Institute is interested in audience research which covers background information on the USSR as well as listener reaction. The Institute is interested primarily in establishing contacts with free-world intellectuals who are in contact with the Soviet Union. Both the Radio and the Institute are interested in contacting those who are planning to make a trip to the USSR whenever it can be accomplished in the natural conduct of business. Such persons would be briefed on questions which interest the American Committee, and supplied with background information whenever possible.

The following criteria are suggested for use in selecting individuals to contact:

- A. That all visitors fulfill at least one of the following criteria:
1. Has Russian language ability.
  2. Is well-known to someone on AnComLib staff.
  3. Is travelling to some remote area; particularly Central Asia and the Caucasus.
  4. Is from one of the groups listed below.

The length of the visit should also be taken into consideration. If any person were to remain in the USSR for a period of several months or longer, he would be of interest. Also, a given area in the Soviet Union or one of the satellite countries may be, at the time of the traveller's departure, of particular interest to one or more of AnComLib's divisions.

B. That they be from among the following groups:

1. Soviet area experts.
2. Communications experts.
3. Journalists commentators and certain professional men such as doctors.
4. People working in a field of special interest to some division at the time of the trip.

In New York I consider that over a period of a year we should try to contact approximately 25 visitors to the USSR. This limited program would be highly selective.

We would on occasions ask travellers to carry a copy of a timely book to show to and discuss with suitable contacts in the USSR.

Soviet Visitors to the West: It is expected that there will be Soviet delegations to the West in 1958, probably more than in 1957. We plan to inaugurate a highly selective program whereby a few such groups will be contacted. In Europe, this would supplement Max Ralis' program. The number to be contacted by Munich and New York would probably not exceed ten. We would meet with members of Soviet delegations under open and normal circumstances when possible in fulfilling our objectives as stated above.

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MEMORIALS OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

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In implementing this program, it is requested that representatives of the Division of New York be in the central coordinating office. It may have to travel to the USSR or on visiting Soviet territory. The procedure will be used in London.

EIA and SPO will have the responsibility for setting up contact with Soviet legates, supplementing the work of Max Ralis.

Flow of Information: All information derived from East-West contacts will be forwarded to SPO in 6 copies for New York distribution. SPO will report to March:

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A major exception will be the routine Listener Reaction and Message Reports (LRMR), which will be disseminated directly to his current list of the Director, Intelligence Research and Evaluation Department. However, he is advised to provide copies for EIA and SPO, who will be responsible for determining which reports would be of interest to other divisions and for obtaining such additional copies as may be necessary.

Regarding security, some of these contacts may be completely confidential. However, many of them will probably be more or less sensitive for other reasons than most visitors like to feel that they are leaving confidential information behind. Therefore, it is recommended that all contact reports be classified as Confidential as a standard practice. Confidential measures, such as ~~NSA Report No. 1~~, may be unclassified.

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