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The following information was collected by PATROCLUS, who is a present in Falzburg, and forwarded to KILKENNY. NOTE:

1. During 1946, the three Ukrainian organizations OUM, UHVR, and ABN made a brave attempt to coordinate fully the activities of their members in exile. Through this collaboration, OUM hoped to become the leader and representative of all organized Ukrainian emigres. Full coeperation never developed, however, because of a failure to agree on the extent of contact to be permitted with the Americans. Differences of opinion on this issue not only separated the ABN, the UNVR, and the OUN, but threatened a split within the latter organization. The question is fundamentally connected with the character of the group membership and concerns Ukrainian long-range and short-term plans.

- 2. UHVR, as a secret but not primarily conspiratorial organization composed of older, better educated, and more diplomatic members, taking a more devel-headed view of its situation, is for cooperation with American interests on almost any terms. It views the fight for the independence of the Ukraine and against Soviet domination as a long-range struggle. It is therefore willing to assist the Americans and any anti-Soviet circles in order to create a future credit it can utilize when the question of Ukrainian independence comes up for international discussion. On this basis, it tries also to include all anti-Communist Ukrainians, regardless of the organization to which they belong.
- 3. OUN, on the other hand, a highly conspiratorial, active group composed of younger and more impulsive members, is willing to cooperate with the American soily if it is guaranteed definite American assistance. As a conspiracy, it strives to keep its members alert and tightly bound to the organization, and thus it requires immediate results and immediate ate aid from groups with which it collaborates.
- 4. ABN sides with UHVR on the unification of all anti-Communist Ukrainians for a common front. On the question of immediate returns,

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however, it follows OUE, since it needs short-range present assistance in order to survive and to be able to spread its propagends for maintaining the Ukrainian anti-Soviet spirit, both in the Ukraine and in foreign countries.

- 5. Within the combined organizations of UHURA SUM ARE, the following leaders, support the UHUR viewpoint: CADMUS (UHUR); ERRICHS (UHUR); CHAIKOVEKY (UHUR and OUM) DF, DERICH (ARE); and FATROCLES, SUM &B); the OUM fection is supported by AROLIS (OUM); (Professor LEAKA VSKI (UHUR); Sikolas LIMISHIM (OUR and UHUR); THERSITES (ARE); and UMEDALES (EB, OUS)
- 6. The controversial issues are to be discussed during the next general meeting of ARN-OUE-UHVR, which is scheduled in Emnich some time

Pield Comment: For reactions of individual Ukrainians to complete cooperation with American interests, see MEC/OPS/026 (MGH-900) and MEC/RIR/436 (MGH-916). The discussion as here presented is entirely from the Ukrainian viewpeint and has no connection with our decision to terminate all relations with Ukrainian organizations as such.

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