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Meeting with GAMBISTA 4

The attachment is the verbatim contact report submitted by [ ] following his meeting with GAMBISTA 4 in New York on 14 January 1952. Subsequent events, additional information received at headquarters and a more recent meeting with GAMBISTA 4 necessarily have altered certain of the conclusions within the attachment and such things as GAMBISTA 2's NIA in the United States. The report of the last meeting with GAMBISTA 4 will be pushed in the near future, but the present attachment is forwarded for your files and information.

Attachment 1

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Subject: Contact Report on CAMBISTA 4

1. On 16 January the undersigned and [ ] [ ] conferred with CAMBISTA 4, who had requested [ ] [ ] to arrange a meeting with the undersigned.

2. CAMBISTA 4's first question was relative to any news of [ ] [ ] who was dispatched last fall. When told that nothing had been heard from him, he stated that he held high hopes for his return this spring.

3. The next portion of the conference was devoted to the discussion of possible establishment of Byelorussian military units.

a. CAMBISTA 4 stated that about 15 Byelorussians in Ottawa, Canada, are "training themselves" for intelligence and para-military missions in their homeland under the leadership of BRICUB (Polish spelling).

b. CAMBISTA 4 asked whether any progress had been made in organizing a Byelorussian military unit. He was told that the matter was still under consideration but that as yet no decision had been reached. While on this subject, CAMBISTA 4 mentioned that one young Byelorussian who had recently been drafted into the U. S. Army had succeeded in getting himself placed in a paratroop outfit. The young man hopes that the training he is about to receive will prepare him for service in the Byelorussian unit when it is eventually organized.

4. CAMBISTA 4 submitted a list of Byelorussian newspapers and magazines he would like to receive through our channels since they are not normally available outside the Soviet Union. CAMBISTA 1 wishes to prepare for us interpretations of the articles appearing in these periodicals in order to give us a clearer picture of present-day life in the Byelorussian SSR. He was told that we would see what could be done but not to expect anything definite for about six months.

5. The main point to which CAMBISTA 4 was building up was the fact that he and his organization need money to carry on their activities. It was quite clearly for this reason that CAMBISTA 4 asked to have a meeting with us. His request was countered with the proposal that he submit to our representatives [ ] [ ] an estimate of how he intended to use the \$1000 a month for which he had asked. It was realized by the undersigned that action will in all likelihood never be taken on this request because, if CAMBISTA 1 is to receive a subsidy, the subsidy will come through QRACTIVE channels. CAMBISTA 4 is at this moment negotiating for QRACTIVE support, but if these negotiations fall through, he no doubt wants to cover himself by requesting funds from us.

6. After it became apparent to CAMBISTA 4 that there was no immediate prospect of receiving funds from us, he asked how he was to go about financing

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the collection of clothing (books) will be discussed to undertake. He was informed that this will present no problem since the clothing has been collected and is ready for delivery. Money will be made available to him through our representatives [redacted]. The collection of clothing will be handled in the following manner: In every U. S. city where there is a concentration of recent Byelorussian immigrants, one of GABRIELA 4's trusted followers will be placed in charge of collecting clothing allegedly for an ethnological museum in Paris. As collection is completed the clothing will be forwarded to New York. [redacted] will be informed about the forthcoming collection of clothing. Arrangements will be made so that we will get word without delay when the clothing is ready to be turned over.

7. GABRIELA 4 concluded that he expected to remain in the U. S. another month or until GABRIELA 2 arrived.

8. It is the underground's opinion that GABRIELA 4 has been completely in the dark re our operational activities in Germany since he arrived in the U. S. No field operational activities were discussed. No political statements were injected into the discussions although GABRIELA 4 did mention that his talks with the Kennedy group were not going along too well in New York. In keeping with the policy of not discussing political questions with him, an elaboration on this statement was not requested by the underground.

9. GABRIELA 4 departed with the statement that he expected to get in touch with the underground again prior to his departure for Europe.

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