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AECAMBISTA 4 Contact Report

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REFERENCES: A. DIR 43901 C. EGFA 15717 E. DIR 07484
 B. EGFA 17626 D. DIR 36514 F. EGFA 17641

HEADQUARTERS ACTION REQUIRED:

1. On 15 and 17 November 1957 the undersigned case officer met with AECAMBISTA 4 in Munich upon the latter's request. The following items of business were covered with AECAMBISTA 4:

a) AEQUOR KUFIRE Funds: AECAMBISTA 4 had requested the meeting with the case officer primarily in order to discuss further the disposition of the circa \$33,500.00 owed him by KUBARK under the former AEQUOR/KUFIRE Project (see Reference A). In reply to his inquiry in this regard, AECAMBISTA 4 was apprised of Headquarters approval in principle of the idea which had been proposed by him for the utilization of these funds (see Reference B). The idea forwarded by Headquarters concerning incorporation was discussed fully with AECAMBISTA 4. (NOTE: According to the Frankfurt Station legal officer, this would involve the creation of a foundation which, one year after its incorporation, would receive federal tax exemption from the Federal BIR.) After the merits of such a foundation were explained to him, AECAMBISTA 4 fully agreed with the suggestion and indicated that he was willing to proceed with its implementation. However, since according to the Frankfurt Station legal officer the foundation could not begin to receive funds until a year after its incorporation and since this was not spelled out by Headquarters, the case officer could not provide AECAMBISTA 4 with any definite answers as to when the funds would actually be paid by KUBARK, i.e. whether KUBARK would deposit the funds to the AECAMBISTA 1 NYC bank account as had been done with the AECAMPOSANTO 4 insurance payment, whether the funds would continue to be held by KUBARK for the one year until after the incorporation of the foundation and the receipt of tax-exempt status or just what other arrangement would be made in this regard.

Despite the fears repeatedly expressed by Headquarters in this regard, AECAMBISTA 4 has made no attempt to gain personal possession of the aforementioned funds. He is allegedly extremely desirous of putting the funds to work in PEPRIME in such a manner that the two aims described in paragraph 2 of Reference B might be achieved, to wit, the establishment of a Byelorussian memorial (to AECAMPOSANTOs 1, 4, 6, 8, 9 and others) and the acquisition of some source of funds for AECAMBISTA 1 activities. The impoverishment of the AECAMBISTA 1 organization and the absence of

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any benefactors, AECAMBISTA 4 feels, needs to be overcome if the AECAMBISTA 1 organization is to survive. Hence his proposal for the purchase of the NYC apartment building. The case officer, based on his observations and assessment of AECAMBISTA 4, feels relatively certain that there is no desire on AECAMBISTA 4's part to gain personal possession of these funds. In fact, AECAMBISTA 4 is just as anxious as is KUBARK to avoid at any cost any charge from any direction that he, or any other member of the AECAMBISTA-1 organization, might make or has made inappropriate use of "bleed money".

Particularly since upon the Reference B proposal depends the future of AECAMBISTA 1 and its declared activities in its avowed struggle against Communism, AECAMBISTA 4 fully declined to digress an iota from the proposed plan when the item of using these funds for the AECAMBISTA 1 newspaper was broached. Although it was inadvertently omitted from the Reference B dispatch, the case officer had discussed with AECAMBISTA 4 on 4 August 1957 the idea of using the AEQUOR/KUFIKE funds for financing the Radio Madrid broadcasts which were then under discussion. AECAMBISTA 4 had categorically rejected this suggestion for the reason mentioned above. Despite the various arguments mustered by the case officer relative to the desirability of maintaining the continuity of the newspaper (see also paragraph 1b below), AECAMBISTA 4 remained adamant in his wishes to utilize the funds for the purpose already outlined by him. (NOTE: AECAMBISTA 4 is painfully cognizant of the fact that this payment will probably represent the last major source of income to AECAMBISTA 1 from KUBARK, therefore, because of the impoverished status of AECAMBISTA 1 he is obliged as its chairman to make an attempt to preserve the continuity of its activities for the future by developing a source of funds.)

Relative to the establishment of the foundation, AECAMBISTA 4 had a whole series of questions, the answers to which the case officer could not provide to him. Among these were the following: To what extent would and could KUBARK intervene and assist in the incorporation? Would and could KUBARK assist in negotiating with the Federal BIR for receipt of tax-exempt status? To what extent might KUBARK wish to cover the incorporation fees (particularly since the foundation could be used by KUBARK in the future to fund KUBARK sponsored activities, e.g. AECAMBISTA 1 newspaper, AEPRIMER activities, etc.)?

AECAMBISTA 4 wishes to visit FBPRIME at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the aforementioned, to assume personal responsibility for the incorporation of the foundation and to establish the cover for receipt of funds by the foundation. Despite his trust of AEPRIMER 1, AECAMBISTA 4 feels that the selection of individuals needed to sponsor the foundation, from among whom would be selected the officers for the foundation, cannot be relegated to AEPRIMER 1. AECAMBISTA 4 would be obliged, understandably, to select for this task those individuals whose loyalty to AECAMBISTA 1 and simultaneously toward him, would be unquestionable since the future of AECAMBISTA 1 would then be governed by these officers. This, he feels, he cannot relegate to AEPRIMER 1 who, nonetheless, could be used to render valuable assistance but only after AECAMBISTA 4 will have concluded the organizing. AECAMBISTA 4, incidentally, feels that there would be no difficulty in establishing cover for receipt of funds by the

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foundation. (NOTE: The Frankfurt Station legal officer confirms this since this could either be transferred to the foundation from a Swiss bank or, providing KUBARK assisted with the incorporation, the funds could originate as a "donation" from e.g. J.D. Rockefeller.)

b) AECAMBISTA-1 Publication: From the discussion in paragraph 1a above, AECAMBISTA 4 learned of the impending cut in the KUCAGE AECAMBISTA subsidy. AECAMBISTA 4 underscored, for the case officer's benefit, his conjecture that KUBARK evidently considers desirable the continuation of the AECAMBISTA 1 publication. Headquarters suggests that the ABQUOR/KUPIRE funds be diverted to the publication "for purposes of continuity". He emphatically indicated that any KUBARK cut, though small, would seriously paralyze the activities of AECAMBISTA 1 inasmuch as the existence of the organization is closely dependent upon the existence of the publication. The eclipse of AETOMAC 1 and 2 (see also paragraph 1e below), he is certain, can be attributed to their inability to find supporters for their various newspapers which have died on innumerable occasions (although repeated attempts are being made to the present to keep the AETOMAC 1 heart beating by finding new sources of funds for the newspaper). AECAMBISTA 4 underscored the fact that most AECAMBISTA 1 publication employees are unsalaried, that all contribute articles without remuneration, that even without KUBARK blessing the publication has achieved modest success in penetrating the Iron Curtain (see Reference C) and that AECAMBISTA 1 and its publication could be even more effective in the BSSR if other activities were undertaken within the framework of the KUCAGE publication. He realistically admitted that the AECAMBISTA 1 publication would continue to be printed, on a once a month basis if necessary, if any subsidy cuts are effected. He feels, however, that the ABQUOR KUCAGE subsidy, because of its modesty, is not where the KUCAGE economy axe should fall. He conjectured to the case officer that AIS (possibly KUBARK) subsidy of the Frankfurt SHUBA 100 conference alone cost many times the yearly ABQUOR KUCAGE subsidy.

c) RADIO MADRID Broadcasts: AECAMBISTA 4 was apprised of the Reference D Headquarters decision concerning the Radio Madrid Broadcasts. He made another last plea asking that KUBARK not reject underwriting the salary costs for the Byelorussian employees--which in itself would permit them to make the broadcasts. AECAMBISTA 4 asked that KUBARK agree to subsidize even two script writers and accordingly reduced his budget request to \$2400.00 (representing salaries for two writers at \$100 each per month. According to him, Byelorussians in Poland and the BSSR have written to Radio Madrid stating that the Polish broadcasts over Radio Madrid are heard clearly in their areas. He was told that his request would be taken under further advisement.

d) PBPRIME Immigration: Because of Reference E Headquarters statements to Subject, concerning receipt of KUBARK assistance in immigrating to PBPRIME, he again brought up this topic. According to AECAMBISTA 4, if he makes normal application for immigration to PBPRIME, his family would all be obliged to immigrate at different times because his wife falls under the Polish immigration quota, his (age 3) son under the French citizens quota and he himself under the USSR stateless quota. Subject was urged to continue making unilateral efforts in this regard and not to expect any KUBARK assistance although he was told that his request would be taken under further advisement.

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e) AETOMAC-2: AECAMBISTA 4 again brought to the case officer's attention the presence of AETOMAC 2 in FBPRIME (see also paragraph 10 of Attachment E to Reference F). According to Subject's FBPRIME sources of information AETOMAC 2 is publicly advertising to his supporters that he had obtained his visa with official AIS support, that ODENVY is providing official protection to him during his FBPRIME trips and that, on behalf of his AIS benefactor, he is recruiting Byelorussian candidates for dispatch to the BSSR. In this regard AECAMBISTA 4 turned over to the case officer a copy of a Byelorussian leaflet, which had been forwarded to him by AEFPRIMER 1, accusing AETOMAC 2 of recruiting agents for dispatch to the BSSR to the same death that the AECAMBISTA 1 agents had been dispatched. The leaflet, if genuine, appears to originate from (fnu) KHMARA's pro-Communist Toronto newspaper, the Byelaruskij Golos, which is cited in the leaflet. AETOMAC 2 has also allegedly recruited Yuriy SOBOLEVSKIY of Cleveland to publish a newspaper in Europe; SOBOLEVSKIY has already written to various emigres in Europe in an attempt to recruit employees for the newspaper. Aside from the unpleasant internecine Byelorussian battles which will result if the aforementioned is true, AECAMBISTA 4 expressed fears that KUBARK might have decided to back and subsidize AETOMAC 2 in lieu of AECAMBISTA 1. An attempt was made to assure him that this was not the case (although the case officer does not know and has had no response to the queries raised concerning this in paragraph 10 of Attachment E to Reference F).

f) Vladimir *TATARINOVICH: Subject informed the case officer that the Byelorussian Catholic priest, TATARINOVICH, now an American citizen, had recently made a trip to Poland in search of his parents or relatives. Prior to making his trip, however, TATARINOVICH made no attempt to coordinate this with AECAMBISTA 1. Nonetheless, AECAMBISTA 1 has obtained various items of information concerning Byelorussians in Poland and has made this available to AECAMBISTA 1.

g) PARIS BLOC: Subject reported that his trip to Munich was sponsored by FBCHORD in conjunction with the organization of the Strassbourg conference for April 1958. He reported that the initial budget of \$26,000 has been reduced to \$14,000 which has necessitated the omission of various guests from the southeast Asian countries. AECAMBISTA 4 also reported that a letter, written to him by Beglyar *NAVASORDYAN, a PEAFFIRM employee, has evidently been intercepted by the RIS or has otherwise come into the hands of the RIS. The letter, which dealt with PEAFFIRM approval for the publication of a PARIS BLOC bulletin and the revision of number of pages from 32 to 48, has been splashed over the Byelorussian, Ukrainian and Russian versions of the Return to the Homeland publication of the Michailov Committee. The Return to the Homeland articles accuse AECAMBISTA 4 of being an American agent and cite proof of AIS and American support of the Paris Bloc. A copy of the letter had also been sent to AECAMBISTA 4's Paris Bloc secretary, S. TMR-TOVMASYAN.

h) KUBARK Contact in Paris: AECAMBISTA 4 reported that [] did not arrange 4's transfer to another [] case officer. (NOTE: See also OFPA 31790, dated 18 July 1957, and EGPA 17552, dated 6 August 1957.)

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1) Personal Income: In the course of conversation on general topics and on that of finances, AECAMBISTA 4 confided to the case officer, more to underscore his plight rather than in braggadocio, that he subsists on various gifts which he receives from his supporters primarily in England and Belgium, on the produce of his garden and his flock of chickens and on the rent he obtains from a small house which he and his nephew personally constructed to provide a source of funds. (NOTE: AECAMBISTA 4 is a construction engineer; he also personally built the house in which he lives in a Paris suburb.)

2. This dispatch is being forwarded in elaboration of FROB 9043. The case officer has recorded everything accurately and as objectively as is possible. No attempt is being made to dramatize the financial straits of AECAMBISTA 1. The aforementioned represents those statements made by AECAMBISTA 4 and is based on the case officer's personal observations of AECAMBISTA 4 over the past five years. The case officer feels that AECAMBISTA 4 is genuine in his statements, is not over playing his hand, is not attempting to force any issue and that AECAMBISTA 4 is not opportunistic and is not making a play for KUBARK support for personally selfish reasons alone. Of all emigre leaders who have come to the case officer's attention in the emigre milieu, the case officer honestly feels that AECAMBISTA 4 ranks high in his ideological motivation, in his avowed struggle against Communism, in his political moderation and in his personal self-effacement. AECAMBISTA 4 and his principal agents have all proven unusually amenable to KUBARK guidance and control. If KUBARK support of AECAMBISTA 1 and its activities was undertaken on the predication that KUBARK wishes to have available for use and exploitation the AECAMBISTA 1 emigration in the event of hot war because of the strategic location of the BSSR, then some serious consideration, over and above that of simple economizing, should be given to the effect that the proposed KUCAGE cut will have on the AECAMBISTA 1 organization since the economizing will emascuate the organization to the point where it may be of little or no further value to KUBARK. We are au courant with the current KUCAGE economy drive but feel that the application of the same economy measure cut to a small KUBARK supported organization cannot be made as to a large organization with an immeasurably larger budget.

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