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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/PP
FROM: SBG/W2
Subject: Programming re Broadcasts to the Ukrainian SSR

1. Proposed identity call sign:

The plan is to call the transmitter station "DNIPRO." This is the name of the Soviet-owned station in KIEV which beams programs to Ukrainians in the exigration. As its theme song the KUDARK controlled "DNIPRO" would use the same opening bars of music of a SHEVCHENKO poem which has been set to music and presently utilized by the Soviet-owned "DNIPRO" in KIEV (The Wide DNEPR Deeply Heaves its Massive Breast and Bears).

The psychological advantage of the name "DNIPRO" and the theme song are obvious.

2. Ostensible location:

The transmission point for these proposed broadcasts is not to be identified, but should create the impression that the station is probably within the USSR.

3. General Aim of Broadcasts:

These broadcasts should be patterned to instill to the population of the Ukrainian SSR the belief that the station realizes and sympathizes with the unhappy lot of those under the Soviet yoke. Under no condition will the broadcasts contain material designated for incitement of revolution. For example, the workers will be encouraged to fulfill that part of work norm which will keep them from getting into difficulty, but at the same time encourage them not to exceed the minimum norms. Thus, their security and livelihood will not be endangered.

In general, the radio will create the impression that the people themselves know what action is best for them, and the radio is only approving and confirming their decisions.

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4. Type of Broadcasts:

During the first broadcasts, based on the undoubtable monitoring of the Soviet authorities, the type will be patterned and based for the consumption of the Party and officialdom, and the MGB in particular, with the intention of creating confusion and possible dissension within their ranks. The following broadcasts will be specially written for the consumption of specific areas and peoples in the Ukrainian SSR such as:

- a) Galicians
- b) Western Ukrainians
- c) Eastern Ukrainians
- d) Army personnel
- e) Russians
- f) Members of the existing underground
- g) Others

5. Personnel:

The necessary personnel, with the proper background and knowledge of the Ukrainian SSR, are presently available to SR3/W2 to undertake the tasks of producing the necessary material which would be for transmission by the KUBARK station. Every transcript will be reviewed and approved before preparation for transmission by KUBARK. KUBARK Case Officers will have maximum control of the personnel and will brief the personnel as to the limits for the varied material to be produced so as not to exceed the bounds of KUBARK-prescribed policies and regulations.

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