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31 August 1952:

Thank you for greetings and assistance. IVAN and OREST reached rendezvous point on 23rd. They hid everything. The Bolsheviks were carrying on oblavas in that area, therefore it was not possible to move about fast. OREST has gone with pouch to contact OKRUG chief of KALUSZ, the OKRUG Providnik with whom we recently made contact. We have attached IVAN to another group.

20 September 1952:

Money sufficient to buy everything needed by people here for the Winter. However, because we waited a long time at the points, we have nothing prepared except what was sent. There are groups operating and we don't know if we can survive the Winter. We went for the things which were hidden by IVAN and OREST, but we were unable to recover anything because the Bolsheviks have been continually operating there. Civilians told us that forty vehicles with MGB troops arrived in the village of KRIVE. When the boys jumped, OREST went to a house to determine near what village he was. I received a note from OREST in which he informed the sad news that Commander POLTAVA died in the Winter 1951-1952. This was told by the KALUZHNY OKRUZHNY Providnik. I will soon meet the Providnik and then will write you the details. OREST is still with the OKRUG Providnik and is still trying to make contact with higher headquarters and give them the mail.

29 September 1952:

Had a meeting with the OKRUZHNI Providnik. He related that during the Winter and Spring of this year many partisans and providniks perished. The organization suffered a heavy loss. On 23 December 1951, in the woods near the village NOVOSHIN (sic) raion BUKACHIV (sic) while in the bunker of the (garble) NADRAIONII propagandist MIRONICH, Komandir POLTAVA died in battle with the Bolsheviks. We all feel this great loss very deeply.

The Providnik said that RUBAN perished together with Komandir KHMEL in the Summer of 1951 on the PEREGINSKII CHAUSSEE. Because of the heavy losses, the Providnik still does not have contact with Headquarters, but together with OREST is making every attempt to establish contact. IVAN has gone off with the boys to get the radios. The civilians said that there is an airfield in STRYJ where military planes are stationed -- apparently jets. The searchlights are in STRYJ and SKOLE.

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10 October 1952:

IVAN returned but brought only his own things. Of OREST's things, he found only the parachute and radio. OREST buried the remainder of his own things himself and IVAN couldn't find them. They also couldn't find the radar equipment. OREST will go with the boys to find his own things. IVAN, through our contact line, is moving out to the KOLOMYJA area. The OKRUZHNI knows nothing related to dispatch couriers to you this year.

We are counting on your assistance but if it is impossible, we will get along somehow even though we will have great difficulties. Only the leading members of the underground know of POLTAVA's death. The OKRUZHNI does not know if the enemy is aware of it.

22 October 1952:

I received note from OREST in which he informs that he and OKRUZHNI established contact with headquarters with considerable difficulty. They have already met with HRUZIN's men and expect in near future to meet with HRUZIN and transmit pouch. Other than operational groups there are no troop movements in the area.

19 November 1952:

I don't know whether OKRUZHNI and OREST met HRUZIN because contacts with the OKRUZHNI broken off through oblavas. We laid on a meeting with him for the Spring, but if there is no snow we will re-establish contact again this year.

29 November 1952:

We had meeting with OKRUZHNI's boys who transmitted notes from HRUZIN. On HRUZIN's orders I transmit his message addressed to you. "I am happy with re-establishment contact with you and with receipt of pouch which was transmitted. Thank you for greetings and I send regards from myself and KOVAL. The break in contact was due to very difficult external circumstances and specifically because of death last Winter of POLTAVA who was handling contact and who was personally responsible for these areas. I only recently reached this area with difficulty."

And even so, with view to my tasks and approaching Winter season cannot personally be with MAK. Problems current important for you have been resolved in every respect positively and the appropriate decisions, in particular confirmation of ZP mandate, I

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will send. In connection with the recent situation KOVAL has the intention of coming out to you for the Winter and returning in the Spring, and we request that you answer soonest if it is still possible this year to do this with the help of our friends.

14 April 1953:

We spent the winter successfully. Difficult conditions under Soviet reality were such that only now, and then restricting myself to most important matters, am I able to give you news as to how I succeeded in fulfilling the expectations and hopes of settling the matters which I took upon myself. Basically, and in matters of principle I found among leading echelons of our national liberation movement proper understanding and moreover even unanimity of views in regard to the so-called conflict. There is no one who in concept, in program, or legally-formally would recognize the legitimacy of the stand of SCHIPAVKA and the Zch.

With the exception of the organizational leaders of the LVOV area where MIRON and his Zch couriers have made their base. At the present time the leaders in the homeland are disturbed by the stubborn schismatic politics of the Zch abroad and their efforts to introduce it into the homeland.

23 April 1953:

Famous for his shady deals abroad, MIRON, having arrived here and having based himself in the LVOV area and, using the name of his chief as the symbol of the struggle, was able here also to carry on his dirty business and disorient the ranks of the underground. With his associate SB member, CHERNEL, he decided to remove KOVAL and to take his position, convinced that all this was being done not without the knowledge of SHCHIPAVKA and his friends.

At first, despite difficulties (enemy activities, illness of KOVAL, etc.) we attempted to meet in a friendly manner in order to solve pressing matters. But upon receiving information regarding MIRON's intentions, we abandoned this move on grounds of security. We are convinced more and more our suspicions were correct. We have isolated the representatives of SHCHIPAVKA, confining their activities to the LVOV area, an area which withdrew from the jurisdiction of KOVAL and is now carrying on its work independently. This is sad to write, but it is a fact.

Recorded in an official publication celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the UPA was KOVAL's order decorating a number of

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soldiers and commanders as well as members of the organization. Among these were: VSEVOLOD, IHOR, BAIDA, KALINA, and SLAVKO. KOVAL and I congratulate those decorated and send our regards to others. HRUZIN.

4 May 1953

I met with HRUZIN's men and am now on my way to HRUZIN.

18 June 1953

In connection with the extensive Bolshevik operations during late Fall and Winter, many of our colleagues were lost, among whom were those with whom I maintained contact with KOVAL. His area also suffered losses. I sent your telegrams to him. After my meeting with him, I will send you decisions regarding all questions you have brought up.

20 July 1953

"To the General Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the UHVR, M. LEBED. We hereby confirm your mandate and that of the entire ZP/UHVR to represent abroad the homeland UHVR and the entire Ukrainian Liberation Movement in the homeland. The tasks of ZP UHVR are such:

1. To represent abroad the UHVR, the UPA, the Ukrainian Liberation Underground and the entire liberation movement in the Ukraine.
2. To carry on abroad political, diplomatic and informational activities along the line of the Liberation struggle of the Ukrainian people.
3. To the ZP is given freedom of decision in utilizing assistance, its forms and extent, as well as training.

ZPUHVR is also the highest authoritative organ for all those participants in the UPA and in the underground that are abroad. Attached to ZP UHVR a UPA mission works along UPA lines. In the name of the Presidium (Vid. IM PREZID. KOL. M. LISOVYI). M. LISOVYI and the head of the General Secretariat of the UHVR Col. V. KOVAL."

5 August 1953

The OUN Provid on Ukrainian territory affirms that BANDERA departed from the decisions of the Third Extraordinary Congress of the OUN and that he neither formally nor in fact is the leader of

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the OUN. The Provid expects that BANDERA in the name of the entirety of the OUN will end his schismatic activities and will call MYRON to order. However, unfortunately, we must state that among membership in the homeland the name of BANDERA is popular, and if we inform the public of the departure of BANDERA from the OUN, this would bring about negative results for the Liberation Struggle.

It is also essential to consider that BANDERA has in the emigration a rather large number of cadres (which the ZP does not have) who in the proper situation can play their role. Therefore, the OUN Provid in the Ukraine holds that at the present moment it is inappropriate for tactical reasons to remove completely BANDERA from participation in the OUN.

The OUN Provid on Ukrainian territory authorizes Lev REBET, MATLA, and BANDERA temporarily to take over control of the Zch and to reorganize the Zch in accordance with the positions of the OUN Provid in the Ukraine. BANDERA should be informed in regard to the first, second and preceding sentences. The Head of the OUN on Ukrainian territory, Yu. ~~LEMLSH~~.

10 August 1953

The Underground in the homeland endures the constant blows of the enemy and suffers serious and grievous losses. In order to preserve the revolutionary cadres for the fight at the decisive moment, the Provid of the OUN in the Ukraine decided to follow a policy of limiting every expression of overt activity despite the fact that the external interests of the Liberation struggle require the continuation of overt military activity. The organization is in a difficult position. The Provid is expending all its efforts to preserve and strengthen the organization to ideologically steel the cadres and prepare them for the attainment and construction of the Ukrainian Independent United State.

There are extraordinarily great difficulties in the application of security measures in MAK's work. The realization of terrain decentralization within the underground and the use of several radios to maintain contact is not to our advantage. The leadership of the underground must be centralized.

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18 August 1953

Operation of many radio contacts will intensify the actions of the enemy and will make possible loss of contact with you. In the current situation aid is indispensable. The first dispatch can consist of from 50 to 100 units of weapons, if possible automatic and noiseless for shooting at night, ammunition, most effective grenades; medicaments for intestinal diseases, tuberculosis, rheumatism, antiseptics, food concentrates (fats, chocolate, conserves), from 50 to 100 complete units of light but warm clothing, 2 to 4 W/T sets, 2 portable radio receivers, photo apparatuses and 2 small printing presses. 2 W/T operators. The greatest amount possible of Soviet money because everything must be bought from the population. The drop can be realized early in September by one plane at two points in the Carpathians. signed V. KOVAL.

25 August 1953

Agent gives DZ and signals to be used reception committee as well as following intelligence information:

"The nearest airfield is at STRYJ, where there are jet - propelled fighters. At times planes make flights along the route STRYJ - MIKOLAYEV - DROMOBYCH. Regarding radar stations we shall attempt to obtain information. Searchlights, anti-artillery are in STRT, SKOLE, KALUSH, BOLEKHIV, DOLINA. In DOLINA and SKOLE there are large MVD garrisons.

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