

SUBJECT: Tentative plan of cover for Ukrainian Study Group

1. Based on the discussion with [] of Cover Section, of the problem of creating a suitable cover apparatus for the present Ukrainian Study Group known as Prologue Associates and located in New York, the following tentative plan, subject to trial of a similar plan in another project, is hereby submitted.
2. A trust fund, ostensibly created by several anonymous donors, ~~has been established~~ is to be established for the purpose of aiding certain Ukrainians scholars to accumulate materials on Ukrainian history, literature, etc. which eventually will be retained in a yet to be established Ukrainian National Archive in the United States. This trust fund will be administered by a lawyer, cleared by CIA and presently located in Pittsburg. The specific duties of this lawyer will be to dispense the funds to a person heading this study group (Cassowary 2) and to provide a suitable cover story ~~maintaining the appearance~~ as to the source of the funds and to back up the legality of the study group if this ever becomes necessary.
3. Under this plan, the lawyer will make out monthly checks out to CASSOWARY 2 who, as a responsible person designated to head the study group according to the stipulation in the trust, will in turn serve as paymaster for the other members of the ~~group~~ group and will also be officially known as the head of the group as far as the New York authorities are concerned (licensing, ~~and~~ future renting of office space, etc.)
4. All members of the group, ~~which~~ which will continue to be known as the Prologue Associates, will be processed for covert clearance and as such will become witting members ~~in~~ in that they then will be told that they are being sponsored in fact by some branch of the United States Government. In making income tax returns then, they will note that their respective salaries were derived from the US Government. Their cover stories, of course, will be ~~that~~ that they are employed by CASSOWARY 2 in the nature of researchers as stipulated in the trust.

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