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TO : Chief, SR/PP  
FROM : SR 3/W2  
SUBJECT : Current developments in the reorganization of the ZChOUN.

1. At a conference with CASSOWARY 4 and 15 on 11 February the major topic of discussion was the recent disintegration of the ZChOUN and CAVATINA 1'S refusal to participate as a member of the triumvirate as directed by the Homeland. According to Cassowary 4, a majority of ZChOUN members in Germany, France, and England are prepared to back CAVATINA 16 and CASSOWARY 9 as tentative leaders of the ZCh and have either broken away from CAVATINA 1 in favor of this "duo" or have been expelled from the ZChOUN by CAVATINA 1 for favoring the homeland stand regarding the reorganization. In the United States and in Canada, according to Cassowary 4, there is some confusion among the lesser members of the ZChOUN regarding what stand to take in the whole matter of reorganization, while some of the more important members of ZCh in these countries have definitely voiced their acceptance of CAVATINA 1'S stand. The primary reasons for this condition in the United States and Canada ~~is~~ ARE that CAVATINA 1 has waged a successful letter campaign in these countries, especially in Canada, in which he has presented only his side of the argument, and because of the geographical separation of Canada and the United States from the scene of the activities, which, normally creates a lag in public news dissemination and prohibits on the spot observance by ZChOUN members of what is taking place, these people have not been kept abreast of the true developments.

2. The ideal and perhaps the most effective way in which all the facts surrounding the reorganization of the ZCh can be presented to those concerned and especially for the purpose of winning over as many present ZCh members and sympathizers as possible to the side of the "duo", is through the ZCh newspaper, the "Samostinyk." At present this paper is licensed in the name of CAVATINA 18 and is presumably financed by JAVELIN. In MUNI-6549, dated 9 February, it was reported that CAVATINA 1 requested CAVATINA 18 turn over to him the title to the newspaper but was refused. Most, if not all, of the current staff of the paper is against CAVATINA 1 too. However, even though CAVATINA 1'S opposition controls the newspaper, CAVATINA 1 controls the purse strings since it is through him that JAVELIN renders its financial support. The problem, then, is how can the opposition print and disseminate at least two issues of the "Samostinyk", in which it can present all the facts to those not yet informed, without relying on CAVATINA 1'S and JAVELIN'S money?

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3. Aside from the desire to win over those ZChOUN members not yet in the fold, it is planned through the medium of both the "Samostinyk" and "Suchasna Ukraina" to issue joint statements regarding the decisions reached in Munich on the ZCh reorganization. This will be done in the next immediate issues of these papers following the close of the negotiations. (According to Cass 4 and 15, it is not expected, under the reorganization, that the Samostinyk will continue to be published, with the exception, of course, of at least two issues as mentioned above.) It is for this reason that CASSOWARY 3, as noted in MUNI 6549, requests our support via a loan from AECASS 1 paper.

4. Further emphasis on the need for the opposition to publish at least two issues of their paper is hardly needed unless it is repeated here that to facilitate the break in the current ZChOUN for the purpose of winning over to the Homeland's directive a majority of ZCh members, to publicize the results of the reorganization in a manner in which all former and present CAVATINA 1 followers, ZCh members, etc. will get the full picture, to solidify the victory of the opposition to CAVATINA 1 which will prove beneficial to the Homeland, the ZP, the new ZCh and to us, our support is necessary. It is therefore recommended that approval be given to subsidize at least two issues of the "Samostinyk" as a loan from the AECASSOWARY 1 newspaper.

