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SPECIFIC - Letter to BOGAVATINA/6 Operational Leader from Drohobycz Okrug

Under cover of the letter quoted below the attachment was received from SMYOPTA on 28 July. Comments by Headquarters would be appreciated:

"The attached letter from the leader of the Drohobycz Okrug to the (BOGAVATINA/6) operational leader, although dated September 1952, is passed to you for information as it may help to illustrate further conditions within the resistance organization in (AERODYNAMIC) up to date.

"We were not able to pass this letter sooner as it was sent out via Poland, was delayed there and was written in a local code the key to which we were only able to obtain from the field three to four months ago.

"According to our information the BAJRAK mentioned in the letter was leader of the Carpathian Kraj until the winter 1951/1952 when he was killed. To the best of our knowledge he was succeeded by a certain KUZMA whom we have reason to believe to have been identical with (AECASSOWARY/5).

"We should be grateful for any comments (KUBARK) may have. (We are in W/T contact with the OKRUG leader."

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Translation of letter from the DROHOBYCZ OKRUG leader to
the (AECAVATINA/6) Leadership dated September 1952

Dear Leader,

I regret very much that all my efforts to contact the Leadership have so far failed; the efforts to make contact have cost many lives. I am sure you can understand my despair when I see couriers returning without success or sometimes not returning at all. In the time we have been fighting, the enemy has been able to discover the points in the structure of our organisation which are most vulnerable to attack, and has used every means to paralise contact between different groups of the organisation with the purpose of neutralising the organisation's activities. These tactics were well known to us but, of course, strength is on the side of the enemy.

In 1950 the enemy prevented us from making contact with LVOV Kraj. Since the Autumn of 1951, they have succeeded in preventing contact with Carpathian Kraj by killing or arresting most of our legal members in the rajons bordering our Okrug.

We are, therefore, temporarily isolated. All our effort to send couriers outside our own area to make contact has resulted in losses. Lately the work and influence to our Organisation has been weakened for these reasons.

Despite this, however, the Organisation continues to exist and is active within my Okrug; its members are experienced and morale remains high.

This report was intended for BAJRAK but we could not get it to him. I have made some alterations and although it is short, it will give you an idea of the conditions, and the difficulties we face.

The main reason for the weakening of the influence of the Organisation on the population has been our heavy losses in the Okrug - we have been reduced to about an eighth of our earlier numbers.

The second reason is that our propaganda among the people has been based, since 1945, on the inevitability of the struggle between East and West, and the likelihood of immediate conflict. It is now clear to everyone that the conflict is no nearer than it was in 1945 and that our propaganda has not been confirmed by events.

I must stress once again that in face of all difficulties, our cadres are becoming hardened and experienced, and we are changing our tactics according to circumstances. We stopped activities outside the Organisation and succeeded in making the enemy believe that we no longer existed. The enemy's pressure lessened and gave us breathing space to strengthen our work among the population. Whereas before we tried to work everywhere and to do everything, we are now concentrating on our reliable supporters.

Recently we have had almost no written instructions from the Leadership; I cannot therefore send you any copies this time. In my work, I am acting on verbal instructions which I received before I was given my appointment in this area. I am sending some literature which I received in 1950/51; some of it is reprinted here.

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The question of contacts with the Leadership is important and I shall attend to it personally.

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In closing, I want to assure you that our members are conscious of their responsibility and will do their utmost to keep alive hope among the population and to lead them when the time comes, in the fight for the independence of (AERODYNAMIC area). I wish you success in your political work abroad which is part of our struggle for a sovereign (AERODYNAMIC).

Dated: September 1952

Signed: _____

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