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1. Contact Operations

A. A report was received from two AECASSOWARY representatives in London covering the details of 37½ hours of conversations they had with ten Soviet Ukrainians at the Vienna Youth Festival covering such topics as Mood and Outlook of the Soviet Youth, Ukrainian Patriotism, Russification and Attitude of the Ukrainians toward the Russians, Living Conditions, Changes in the Ukraine since 1953, Church and Religion, The Question and Attitude Toward War, etc.

B. * Olesh DORICHENKO, a dancer with the VERIOVKA choral group from Kiev with whom contact was made in Vienna and with whom Stephen OLYNYK visited when he was in the Ukraine, was again contacted in Munich in November by a friend of the AECASSOWARIES. Although he made no anti-regime comments on his own, he agreed with comments against the Communist regime made by the AECASSOWARY man. It is expected that OLYNYK will initiate correspondence with him, as they exchanged addresses when OLYNYK visited with him in the Ukraine.

C. * DUBOVENKO (Volodymyr Mikhaailovych KOTENKO) with whom contact was made by the AECASSOWARIES in Vienna and who sent a letter out from Kiev to an AECASSOWARY contact in London was in Munich with the VERIOVKA choral group. DUBOVENKO is a journalist who works for the Ukrainian Ministry of Culture. An AECASSOWARY representative, Ryan KOSHELIVETS, talked with him at length and arranged for DUBOVENKO to visit the AECASSOWARY newspaper offices in Munich where he talked with the editor and one or two of the employees. It is expected the contact may be followed up again if the choral group goes to Switzerland.

D. * Stephen OLYNYK who met and had lengthy conversations with various Ukrainians when he visited the USSR has received letters from the following with whom he exchanged addresses:

1. An Intourist man to whom he had presented a ball point pen at the Czech border control point in Chop and to whom he has mailed refills for the pen from Washington.

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2. A Ukrainian who now lives in Czechoslovakia whom he met on a train trip to Lvov.

3. A Jewish man who drove a taxi in which he rode in Lvov. In his letter the man sent addresses of his wife's relatives in the United States and asked for assistance in locating them.

OLYNYK also had a letter from the Myzhnarodnaya Kniga in Moscow acknowledging the order he placed for the UKRAINIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA when he was in Kiev. The letter refers him to Victor KAMELIN's store in Washington.

E. [] of SR/3-FI attended a meeting this office staff had with AECASSOWARY-2 and debriefed him regarding his contacts and representatives in Sweden and Norway. AECASSOWARY supplied [] with information on an orthopedic doctor in Stockholm who is a Ukrainian emigre. The doctor maintains contact with all Ukrainians in Sweden and it is expected he will be able to supply information which will be of operational value. The doctor is presently in letter contact with a dentist in the Ukraine, a former member of the Ukrainian underground, who visited the doctor when he was in Stockholm with a group of Soviet tourists in September 1958.

F. In order to intensify contact operations an effort is being made to have current and ready for operational exploitation and evaluation a complete list of AECASSOWARY representatives and contacts in the free world. With this in mind, AECASSOWARY-2 was presented with a FRQ-1 type form to be completed on all his contacts.

AECASSOWARY-2 also was asked to submit at his earliest opportunity the names of potential candidates for P.A. type assignments for conducting bilateral REDKIN In/Out operations.

2. Significant Developments and Changes

A. INFORMATION BULLETIN

Another letter was received from the USSR in response to the AECASSOWARY Bulletin which is mailed monthly to the USSR. The letter was signed by an illegible name for the COLLECTIVE STEROZHNETERY FORESTRY TECHNICUM IN HUKOVYNA and is addressed to the "Gentlemen Nationalists of the UNVR". The letter criticizes the Bulletin and attacks Ukrainian nationalists in general.

B. A letter was brought out by Stephen OLYNYK who traveled to the Ukraine and Poland from a former underground member who about a year ago was released from a Soviet prison camp and is now living in Poland awaiting immigration to the United States. The letter was concealed inside the cover of a book of poetry for the man's sister in the United States and gives names of RIS agents who were in the same prisons where the man was interred.

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C. AECASSOWARY-2 received another anonymous letter on November 21 which was written in the same hand-writing as a previous letter received a couple of months ago in which his life was threatened. He was instructed not to open any future mail he receives which he suspects to be of this nature so that it can be checked for finger prints via the FB.

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