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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Dv

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SUBJECT: Monthly Status Report - Project AERODYNAMIC  
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CASE OFFICERS: [ ] [ ] and [ ] [ ]

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### 1. Contact Operations

a. Constantin KHELKO, an AERODYNAMIC/A active collaborator in England, had a two-hour conversation with Alexander Ye KHEIKHECHIK, a prominent Ukrainian author and public figure, and a member of CC CP(U), when the latter was attending an East-West round-table conference in London. KHELKO was introduced to KHEIKHECHIK by a Madame M. P. Since KHEIKHECHIK was accompanied by a Soviet from the local embassy, his line was cautious, although he seemed to be doing his best to convey the impression that he was a Ukrainian nationalist. He said the West was much to blame for the fact that there is little cultural exchange with the Ukrainians, since Westerners seem to believe that cultural achievements exist only in Moscow and Leningrad and that whatever comes out of the Ukraine must be novel or colorfully provincial before the West is interested in looking it. KHEIKHECHIK stated that the Ukrainians are very eager for real cultural exchanges with the Western world. He also was disappointed in the small number of translations of Ukrainian writers' works available in the West. KHELKO managed to bolster KHEIKHECHIK generally on the state of the Ukrainian migration. In the end KHEIKHECHIK invited KHELKO to visit the Ukraine and to call on him personally.

KHEIKHECHIK is one of the white hopes of nationalists in the Ukraine and is strong enough to maintain his position despite this fact.

The foregoing is another illustration of the opportunity for profitable contact operations which are passing us by for lack of the proper operational structure in the field. If the A/I apparatus had been in place and with some advance knowledge of KHEIKHECHIK's presence in London (which we had) we might well have been able to stage an uncontrolled meeting.

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b. International Law Association Biennial in Hamburg, August 1960.

Borhan BALAJCZUK, Argentina, has placed his name on the list for a flight to the Biennial which has been scheduled by the Argentine branch of the International Law Association. He also has studied the reports of the previous conference held in Yugoslavia in 1956 to acquaint himself with the material discussed and the individuals who attended. Our current plans for this conference are tentative and dependant on further information on the Soviet delegation. Meanwhile, however, we shall have to go along with the planning so that if at the final moment we decide to invest in the operation, the ground work will have been accomplished and BALAJCZUK can actually go. Chief of Station, Germany is aware of our interest and will forward information when available.

c. The Eleventh International Congress of Historical Sciences, Stockholm, 21-28 August 1960.

No change from previous report. Mykola CHURATY and Aleksandr CHOROLYN still are planning to attend. Both have registered and have had their papers accepted for presentation at the Congress.

d. Mikhailo OLYNYK

Mikhailo OLYNYK, former OUN member, beginning at least as early as 1933, lives in Stanislaw (a vital target area in the Ukraine). There has been clandestine contact between A/2 and Mikhailo OLYNYK, first by letter via Roman OLYNYK (Mikhailo's brother in Edmonton) then A/2 sent a message hidden in a razor box via Roman and a Canadian-Ukrainian repatriate. The message described the present state of the Ukrainian emigration. Earlier Mykhailo sent a message hidden in a picture frame to A/2 via his brother in Edmonton (text available in our files). A/2 is currently waiting for Mykhailo to acknowledge receipt of his latest message. He already has acknowledged receipt of the trunk in which the message was hidden. Although A/2 stated he could not be sure that Mykhailo OLYNYK would be a first class inside contact from the point of view of intelligence collection he expected OLYNYK would agree to provide whatever information he could and would maintain S/W contact. Above all, he could probably provide information on other members of the UPA and their current status. Considerable time was spent speculating on the possibility of OLYNYK's being controlled, not only because he is a distant relative of A/2's but because he was involved in the OUN. A/2 is of the opinion that if OLYNYK were under control, he would have found some way to let A/2 know it in his messages, if for no other reason than his blood relationship. It was Mykhailo OLYNYK who offered to help A/2 arrange for his father's transfer from the Ukraine to Poland. OLYNYK claimed that the proper travel documents could be obtained for the right amount of money. It is our belief that we should consider setting up an S/W system with OLYNYK, providing that he reacts to A/2's latest message satisfactorily and as long as we remain fully aware of the possibility of RES control.

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2. Mailing Operations

2,350 copies of the February issue of the DISPATCHES BULLETIN were mailed to the Ukrainians in the areas in the free world.

3. Significant Developments and Changes

a. During AECASSONARY/2's last visit to Washington, at our request, SR/Requirements provided A/2 a general briefing on our targets in the Ukraine. The necessity for such a briefing became clear when A/2 and Project Case Officers discussed objectives of our joint operations. The presentation given by Virgil Harpiz was very good and stimulated A/2's thinking on intelligence collecting. He also hit upon a line for persuading Soviet Ukrainians to work with his organization in the collection of sensitive military information. (The line is that if the Soviet regime gains sufficient military superiority over the United States, it might be willing to risk a war on the assumption that while it would be damaged badly, the losses could be borne if the United States were beaten. A/2 will stress the fact that the Ukraine would suffer tragically because industrial centers are located there, and because the Soviets have placed a large percentage of their military strength there.) A/2 also was able to correct an impression which he had earlier received that KIBARK interest is limited to those Soviet Ukrainians in sensitive positions.

b. AECASSONARY-15 and AECASSONARY-29 are in the last week of training in the SRO course. They are scheduled to begin a five-week course in clandestine techniques on Monday, 18 April 1960.

c. During AECASSONARY/2's recent visit to Washington, [ ] met with him to discuss with A/2 his views on what we should be doing about the nationalities situation in the USSR and our operational collaboration. Details of the conversation which took place are on file.

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