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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/COP/PP

SUBJECT : Reduction of AERODYNAMIC Budget

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. Project case officer [] offered this matter for discussion of the Prolog Associates as a group in order to obtain their point of view regarding the methods by which such a reduction could be achieved.

2. The basic reasons for the proposed changes could be summarized as follows:

a. The Ukrainian Emigres who originally represented the underground resistance movement in USSR could no longer justify these claims. The current activities of Prolog Associates as a group falls into two categories; namely, Propaganda directed to the Ukrainian population in USSR and Political activities within the Ukrainian emigre circles in the free world. Within the first category could be included the following:

1. Preparation of scripts for radio broadcasts.
2. Preparation and distribution of the Information Bulletin.
3. Utilization of Ukrainian emigres for operational assignments of a specific nature.
4. Ideological guidances and technical support for Radio Madrid.

b. Into the second category could be relegated the publication of the newspapers, "Suchasna Ukraina," "Ukrainsky Samostiynk" and "Ukrainska Literaturna Hezeta." This activity has no direct operational value against USSR targets and for this reason it is of lesser importance to us.

3. Because of the above considerations and also because of the overall necessity to reduce the budget, we would appreciate suggestions as to the methods by which our financial support for these newspapers could be gradually eliminated.

4. The above proposal has been debated during several sessions and resulted in a written counter-proposal that could be summarized as follows: (copy is attached).

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a. The Ukrainian Emigre Groups known as UHVR and OUNz of which Prolog Associates are the ideological leaders, consist of approximately five thousand people throughout the world. The membership in these groups is not always formally registered and it is based primarily on the ideological affinity existing between the individual members of the group. UHVR and OUNz consider themselves good-will ambassadors of their nation in the free world while the rest of the nation is remaining under Soviet oppression. They have no interest other than to serve as a link between their people and the rest of the world and all their efforts are geared to that aim alone. (1)

b. The above mentioned newspapers serve as an expression of the ideological concept that binds together a group of people sometimes organized into political entities under different names as for example: "Association for Free Ukraine", USA; "Society of Friends of Ukrainian Liberation", Canada; and "Ukrainische Gesellschaft fur Auslandstudien", Germany. In addition to the number of registered members of these societies, there is also a number of people subscribing to the above newspapers because they sympathize with the ideas expressed.

5. Discontinuation of the above newspapers would result in a gradual disintegration of this ideological bond between a group of people and by the same token it would undermine and eventually destroy the existing potential of UHVR and OUNz.

6. The political importances of these groups could be best derived from the Soviet Regime's attacks against them in the Soviet press and radio.

7. With regard to the possibility of obtaining financial support from private sources, they do not find it feasible of achievement without an adequate support from the U.S. Government. They claim that in the past none of the emigre publications were able to stand on their feet without an outside support.

(1) This is just where the fallacy begins - at times they speak of the 2 1/2 million Ukr. in emigration, whereas of some 5,000 who follow their leadership and then again that they represent the Ukr. nation !!

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