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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting in Washington 25 October 1966 with AECASSOWARY/2 and 29

1. Subjects were asked to come to Washington to discuss the case concerning Roxanne SMYSHKEWYCH KUZMAK and the fact that she was now requesting return of the documents she had given us, and also to bring with them all of her documents which had been loaned to them. The meeting was held in my home. [] and [] arrived about 1115 and were present at the meeting through a late lunch at the Chinese restaurant at Spout Run and Lee Highway. [] was introduced by [] as Tom.

2. Prior to the arrival of [] and [], A/29 and I checked out all the documents brought by him against an inventory I had brought. The documents were all there, except for one which was listed as poetry written by Antonenko-Davydovych. A/29 and 2 insisted A-D never wrote poetry and that there was no such document. (They admitted later there was a document by A-D, but it was not poetry. It was decided the document may have been erroneously described in the inventory originally made by [].) A/2 and 29 also showed me a portion of the last page of a document on which were listed the signatories of the document, which they had torn from the page. A/2 insisted Roxanne never read the documents and that she would not know that a portion of the page was missing. They considered the list of names too sensitive for her to have, in case she ever showed the document to anyone else.

3. During the time [] and [] were present we discussed the following:

a. Possible motives Roxanne might have for requesting the return of the documents at this time.

(1) Pressure being applied by a Soviet contact to produce the documents.

(2) Fear of involvement in the arrests and imprisonment of Ukrainian nationalists in the Ukraine because of her family of hostages in the Soviet Union.

(3) She may want to make them available to certain scholars in the West for their exploitation (individuals such as Yaroslav PELENSKY, Lev DOBRIANSKY or some congress men).

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b. In meeting with Roxanne, before returning the documents to her asked she would be ~~requested~~ to reconsider her request for return of the documents, that it would be recommended she leave the documents with us or destroy them for the following reasons:

(1) If ~~she produced the documents~~ it became known she had the documents, she might be asked to collaborate with the Soviets to the detriment of the United States and her relatives.

(2) Collaboration could lead to worsening relations between the U.S. and the USSR

(3) It would be less difficult for her to withstand pressures if applied by the Soviets if she could honestly say she does not have the documents.

(a) She could say they were confiscated by the USIA because she used the pouch for their transmittal

(b) She could say they were taken by Prolog who refused to return them

(4) DRACH said he does not want to see her. It may be because he knows she sent out the documents and he does not want to pressure her. We would advise she not initiate contact because he would be forced to report it and be instructed to carry out the contact and request documents return. If she does not have the documents, she would have nothing to give him if he instructed to contact her and he would probably prefer this.

(5) We have info to the effect that a number of typewriters were confiscated during arrests in the Ukraine. Documents may be sought now for comparing their type with type on the typewriters in question. Younger Horyn' brother being held for re-trial. His fate may depend on comparison of the original documents with the typewriters found in his possession.

4. A/2 said that a fnu ROSLYTSKY OF London, Ontario, who attended the micro-biology conference in the Soviet Union, reportedly was asked by Soviet Ukrainians to deliver a message to Roxanne never to set foot in the Soviet Union again because great danger awaited her. A/2 said ROSLYTSKY reportedly delivered the message to Roxanne in August at the "Soyuzivka". He suggested that Roxanne be asked whether she had received any messages from the Soviet Union either by letter or via a traveler.

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5. A/2 and 29 were very unhappy about the decision to return the documents to Roxanne. They restated their feelings that she had no right to keep the documents, that they were not given to her to keep personally but to deliver to responsible individuals or group for safekeeping and appropriate exploitation. It was explained to them that in view of the circumstances involved, there was no choice but to return them, that we had been instructed by our legal advisers to return the documents to her and we had to comply with the instructions. It was promised A/2 that an effort would be made to have Roxanne reconsider leaving the documents with us but that if she refused, the documents would be returned to her.

6. A/2 and 29 said there was a literary gathering planned at the Overseas Club in New York at which Ivan DRACH and Dmytro PAVLYCHKO would appear. A/2 wondered whether ~~there~~ it was possible for us to make arrangements for some Western journalists to be present. JAMIE said he felt something could be done and that he would look into the matter.

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