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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Warner
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Dr. Lev Dobriansky's letter to
Senator Milton R. Young

1. Mr. Mykola Lebed, the authorized Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the UHVR (Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council), along with three other members of the UHVR, was sent to the West from the Soviet Ukrainian resistance movement in 1945 to make contact with Western intelligence representatives and to act in behalf of the homeland. The original group coopted a small number of other members when they arrived in the West to form the ZP/UHVR (the Foreign Representation of the UHVR), and established themselves in West Germany. In 1948, as the result of an intensive CIA study of the Ukrainian emigration, the CIA chose to work with the ZP/UHVR because it was the official representation of the internal resistance movement in the Ukraine, and also because it was the most operationally reliable and politically most acceptable.

2. Mr. Lebed was brought to the United States under the assumed name of Roman Turan, in 1949, and was issued an Alien Registration Card in that name. His status was reviewed some time thereafter, and he was granted legal residence in the United States in 1952, in his true name, under PL-110, CIA act of 1949. He was naturalized in New York on 18 March 1957.

3. Mr. Lebed and members of his group participated in numerous operations of an intelligence nature of great sensitivity, as well as in contact operations and political action aimed at trying to encourage Ukrainian nationalist feelings as a means of weakening Moscow's authority. The group was established in the United States in 1952 as the Prolog Research and Publishing Association, Inc., and incorporated in the State of New York in December 1956. Prolog has been solely supported by CIA since 1952 in amounts ranging upwards from [redacted], and support was approved for FY-1967 in the amount of \$1 [redacted], which amount includes a revolving fund of [redacted].

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4. CIA, for several reasons, has never supported Dr. Dobriansky or his group of Ukrainian nationalists, who have long advocated no contact whatsoever with Soviet Ukrainians. In the first place, they would be totally ineffective, because of their refusal to recognize realities of the contemporary world. Secondly, their organization has a long history of penetration by Soviet intelligence services, and we have felt that any collaboration with them would run a grave risk of compromise.

5. Prolog has proved very effective in establishing relations with Soviet Ukrainians ranging from high officials to ordinary workers and peasants. They recognize the realities of political life today and the necessity of advocating Ukrainian nationalist causes which are feasible within the framework of the Soviet Union today. Prolog publishes and disseminates pro-Western and anti-Communist literature to Soviet citizens. Recently the Lebed group has been extremely effective in getting important documentary proof of Soviet suppression of the Ukrainian nationalist movement in the Ukraine and has become, in the eyes of Soviet Ukrainian leaders, a factor to reckon with in the further development of their country.

6. The ZP/UHVR could no longer be considered a foreign organization, after its home base was destroyed by military action involving some twenty Soviet and ten Polish divisions in the years 1945 through 1951.

7. As to Dr. Dobriansky's charge that Mr. Lebed was quoted by the Australian Daily Telegraph of expressing hope for a Titoist Red Government in the Ukraine, a photo copy of the newspaper article is being attached. The pertinent paragraphs are marked in red and illustrate that Dr. Dobriansky quoted Mr. Lebed out of context. Insofar as Dr. Dobriansky's charge that Mr. Lebed murdered a Polish official is concerned, it should be borne in mind that although Mr. Lebed was convicted of complicity in the assassination of Pieracki, the Polish Minister of the Interior, in 1934, both the assassination and the trial were purely political in nature. Pieracki was the symbol of repressions suffered by the Ukrainian minority in Poland during his office as Minister of the Interior. The trial was blown-up out of all proportions and became a political arena rather than a court of law. One of the other defendants

in the trial was Stepan Bandera, to whom Dr. Dobriansky gave his allegiance for a number of years. Dr. Dobriansky has been seeking retaliation against Prolog ever since the Vice President of Prolog, Dr. Myroslav Prokop wrote an article in the August 1966 issue of Sushasnist (published by the Prolog affiliate in Munich, Germany), in which he discusses the political policies of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (of which Dr. Dobriansky is president), the Ukrainian Congress Committee's negligence in protesting the persecution of Soviet Ukrainian intellectuals, and criticized Dobriansky for his deep involvement with American extreme right-wing elements, which in view of his position as president of the UCCA, Prokop considered erroneously indicated support by the entire Ukrainian emigration. A copy of the article is attached for your information.

8. As a consequence of the Katzenbach Committee review, Prolog was put on list C. Consideration now is being given to the nature of CIA's relations with Prolog in the future. We will keep you informed of the actions taken.

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M. R. Young



Dear Senator:

After all these years I enjoyed meeting you personally and am very grateful for your keen interest in the matter we discussed.

The attached memorandum contains all the essentials of the case. It is sickening to think that U.S. taxpayers' money is being spent for this type of activity which I feel is in contradiction to our national interest. We are prepared to document every one of the allegations that I have purposely framed in interrogative form. I sincerely hope we can resolve this awkward matter quietly and without publicity.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

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P.S. Your reply would be greatly appreciated at my home address or phone.

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MEMORANDUM

Inquiries have been raised in numerous quarters concerning the status and activities of one Mykola Lebed, who is the Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs of the Supreme Ukrainian Liberation Council (UHVR) located at 875 West End Avenue, New York, New York 10025. Mr. Lebed appears also to be the president of Prolog, a publications establishment located at the same address.

The nature of these inquiries seems to cast a grave doubt on the proprieties of Mr. Lebed's activities and backing. Interested parties are confronted by questions of this sort: (1) "How is it that a man who professed to be an American citizen poses as a secretary-general for foreign affairs of a supposed government-in-exile?" (2) "In view of Lebed's and his associates' activities in Congress and the United Nations, as shown by resolutions and pleas for political action, are they registered as foreign agents and lobbyists?" (3) "Whose interests is Lebed serving when, for example, as reported in the Australian paper The Telegraph, May 7, 1965, the former Ukrainian underground leader expresses a hope for a Titoist Red government in Ukraine?" (4) "As citizens of the U.S., have not Lebed and his associates violated the Logan Act by carrying on correspondence with foreign governments in the name of UHVR?" (5) "Are the funds of U.S. citizens being used to sponsor New York Roundtables for U.N. Ukrainian and other delegates to read poetry in praise of Castro and other U.S. enemies, as the Lebed group has done?" (6) "Is it known by our authorities that Lebed was the murderer of a Polish official prior to World War II?" and (7) "Who supports financially the doubtful activities (publications, foreign travel etc.) of Lebed and his associates?"

The answer to this last question of inquiry was provided by Lebed himself several years ago, when in Ukrainian-American communities he bragged about U.S. governmental support of his activities. As an absolute fact, there is no financial resource among Ukrainian communities here and abroad for Lebed's group to tap because of the nature of its views. The general feeling is that the CIA supports him, either directly or indirectly, and to the discredit of our national interest. Since the UHVR is also located in Munich, West Germany, the Bonn government has been apprised of the strange political activities of this group. Before any public action is taken on this matter -- and it is hoped this could be avoided -- our feeling is that U.S. money be cut off to this group and let it fish for itself in our democratic environment. If both the legal and political excesses of this matter are not soberly weighed and appropriate action taken, then there is no recourse but a public airing of the subject, an eventuality we do not primarily seek