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1 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WE/6

ATTENTION : []

VIA : SR/COP

SUBJECT : Request for Permission to Use Canadian Citizen for
a REDSKIN Mission

1. Permission is requested to use a Canadian citizen now located in Paris, France for a legal travel mission into the Soviet Union without notifying Canadian authorities. The individual we have in mind is Leonard Julian MANKO, born 18 September 1937, in Saints Rose du Lac, Manitoba, Canada. He completed high school in McCreary, Manitoba, and then attended the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1960. MANKO presently is teaching English at the Lycee Technique d'Etat in Paris, France.

2. MANKO is interested in visiting the Soviet Union during the summer of 1962 for a period of approximately three weeks and, in conversation with AECASSOWARY/29, has expressed his willingness to undertake a covert action mission for the AECASSOWARY organization. The operation utilizing MANKO will be mounted with the specific purpose of assessing an internal potential recruitment target who it is believed, from information available to us, might collaborate with AECASSOWARY/1. Although he will visit several cities in the USSR (exact itinerary not yet determined), MANKO will have an active operational mission only in the city where the target is located.

3. We believe that Canadian authorities should not be informed about our interest in MANKO, as the mission would be undertaken under the auspices of AECASSOWARY/1. No CIA or U. S. Government involvement will be revealed. MANKO will be trained, briefed and debriefed by AECASSOWARY/29 who will be working under the direct supervision of a CIA case officer in [] The danger of his being apprehended by the Soviet authorities will be at a minimum as MANKO will not deviate from normal tourist behavior which will be his cover. MANKO's pretext for visiting the target will be to deliver a small gift and personal greetings from an ostensible mutual friend who emigrated to the West and who is in fact a long-time friend of the target. The target's friend in the West will be informed of the contact after the fact. MANKO's specific assignment will be to try to gain the confidence of the target and through his conversation, or series of conversations with the target, assess the extent to which target is anti-regime and whether or not the target would be willing to cooperate with the Ukrainian emigration in the West. He will be instructed to undertake no efforts at recruitment

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of the target under any circumstances and, as a matter of fact, will not be informed of AECASSOWARY/1's specific interest in the potential recruitment of the target.

4. Please communicate with [] on extension 6428, Room 5B0003, concerning this request.

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CSR/CA

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