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Subject: Contact Report with CASSOWARY 15 on 24 March 1952

The undersigned met CASSOWARY 15 at 1035 on the above date. The following were the subjects discussed:

1. The recent pamphlet "How to Help Stalin Win the World" by Friends of Fighters for Russian Freedom, as well as the short, partial translation from Narodnya Pravda, submitted for circulation by S. Savitsky, EES, on 18 February 1952, was based on an article contained in a newspaper called Zhovkivski Visti of 10 July 1941. This office happens to have a thermofaxed copy of the original article, and also has a leaflet announcement of the "Declaration of the Independence of the Ukraine" on 30 June 1941. In the newspaper, much is said about "Glory to Hitler", etc., but nothing of this sort appears in the leaflet. Therefore, the undersigned tried to find out to what extent Zhovkivski Visti reflected the opinion of the Ukrainians at that time. CASSOWARY 15 stated that the Central Organ of the OUN, at that time, did not fully accept the out-and-out pro-Nazi line and that Zhovkivsky Visti was a local - possibly on the raion level - publication. He added that at that time the Ukrainians were certainly pro-German because they believed that the Germans were the instrument through which Ukrainians could gain independence. This, as is well known, was not an opinion held exclusively by Nationalists; all of the people, Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike believed that Germany was bringing salvation from the evils of communism. CASSOWARY 15 further pointed out that even though there were pro-Nazi elements in the Ukrainian Nationalist movement, it should be kept in mind that the leaders of this movement, BANDERA and STETZKO, were arrested shortly after the Declaration of Independence. A "wanted dead or alive" notice was posted for LEBED, and many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Ukrainian Nationalists were liquidated or arrested by the Germans. These arrests and liquidations started in the middle of 1941, since CASSOWARY 15 himself was put in a concentration camp as early as September 1941. It is strange then that the "Friends of Fighters for Russian Freedom" should choose arguments based on such a source as a newspaper on the level of a raion and it seems, further, rather naive for them to base their arguments on the idea that the Ukrainians were "pro-Nazi".

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2. The question naturally arose as to OUN anti-Semitism. Here CASSOWARY 15 merely laughed and pointed out that if the OUN and the whole revolutionary complex were anti-Semitic, then certainly there would be no Jews in the UPA. This, however, is not true since there are many Jews who are in the UPA and are staunch supporters of the Ukrainian Revolutionary Movement.

3. CASSOWARY 15 wanted a clarification of what exactly the Ukrainians would get out of the 3½ million dollars which the President recently granted for "military units from behind the Iron Curtain". The undersigned stated that he was not familiar with this but believed that this appropriation was for the NATO where individuals from behind the Iron Curtain would serve in military units, but that these military units would not be broken down on the basis of nationalities, but rather, would be formed of various and diverse nationalities.

Suggest
H. read the
valuable
material on
pre-war
activities of the
Ukrainians
in this country.
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