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SOURCE METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

To: Chief, SR/3

From: SR/3-W2

Subject: Contact with CASSOWARY 15 on 12 December 1952

1. The forms and photos for CASSOWARY 2's Alien Registration Card which were requested by I & S (Mr. KNOTT) will be delivered to the Case Officer on 15 or 16 December.
2. The Study Group is, at the present time, doing its research and screening on an individual basis since office space has not been acquired by CASSOWARY 2, to date.
3. CASSOWARY 15 stated that they will attempt to do a detailed study of the USSR Communist Party in the Ukraine and at the same time, compile a card file on each high Communist Party personality with all background information available. This would be an invaluable list to have for operational use.
4. CASSOWARY 15 also stated that he and CASSOWARY 2 are writing up a CE plan which would obtain information on Ukrainians in the U. S., Canada, South America, etc. The Case Officer stated that he would be very interested in having it and would attempt to get reactions to it from the "proper people".
5. The question of individual receipts was again brought up by the Case Officer and CASSOWARY 15 stated that this was impossible. He stated that CASSOWARY 2 said that the members of the Study Group were unwitting and to obtain the receipts they would have to become witting. This is not desirable from his or our point of view. The only compromise that CASSOWARY 2 is willing to meet, is that he will deliver, through CASSOWARY 15, a monthly accounting of the expenditures, giving names of the recipients of salaries. This is what we now obtain each month for expenditures on the Suchasna Ukraina (Ukrainian newspaper subsidized by CIA).
6. CASSOWARY 15 asked if we had heard that Mr. WYTWYCKY is leaving for Germany the latter part of December. The Case Officer stated this was "news" to him.

Conclusions

Finally, after two months of discussions with (a) the CASSOWARIES, and (b)  of Finance Division, on obtaining individual receipts for the salaries of the CASSOWARIES, it is evident that no receipts will be submitted

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by CASSOWARY 2. He is, however, willing to compromise and submit to the Case Officer an itemized account of expenditures, including the names of individuals receiving salary. This compromised offer was then explained to [ ] and he stated that if written approval can be obtained from the Special Contracting Office, he would accept the itemized monthly accounting submitted by the CASSOWARIES in lieu of the individual receipts. This is being initiated by the Case Officer through the proper channels. Any further attempts to force the CASSOWARIES to obtain receipts will definitely destroy what little confidence they have in our relations with them. Therefore, the compromised solution is the only positive move we have left, with the exception of dissolving the Study Group altogether. Since it is believed that the production of the Group will be of value to CIA, unless the Chief, SR/3 states that the Group should be dissolved, the Case Officer will proceed in obtaining the necessary approval for receipting as described above.

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