

CONTACT REPORT

20 May 1954

SUBJECT : Meeting with Cassowary 15

1. Saw Cass 15 for about an hour on the eve of 19 May to give him the news of Cass 5 trial, conviction and shooting by the MGB. He was not surprised to hear about it since he had called Cass 2 earlier who reported to him that people in NY were talking about Cass 5 fate. I let him have a copy of the broadcast.
2. Cass 15 had very few comments to make re the above news. He said he thought it part of an overall plan by the Soviets (in making the announcement of the trial now) in line with the 300th anniversary of the Kholmitsky Treaty etc. in combatting Ukrainian Nationalism.
3. I requested that Cass 15 call Cass 2 and have him come to Wash. on the 20th or 21st to discuss the whole matter. This he said he would do.
4. Cass 15 asked whether we had heard from Muni re Cass 3 obtaining a visa to Switzerland to see Cass 2 when he arrived there. Negative.

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