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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: New York City Contact with AECASSOWARY 2 and 4.

1. The contact described in this report was effected on 12-13 July 1956 in New York City. The original intent of the trip had three phases: (a) discuss with AECASSOWARY-2 the details, up to that time, on Project AECUPEBOARD, (b) debrief AECASSOWARY-4 on the details surrounding his spotting trip to Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, and Chicago, (c) make contact with [] re the arrival of AECASSOWARY-4 from Paris, France. The task under item "c" was not completed since [] could not be contacted. It is assumed that he is on a vacation and an attempt will be made on the next trip to New York City.
2. The meeting with AECASSOWARY-2 included discussion on:
 - a. The alleged arrival of a courier from the Ukraine during the week of 1 July.
 - b. The appeals from the sons of Ivan Bahrianny (URDP) and Bryhory Kytasty on Radio KIEV during the last week in June to their fathers.
 - c. The receipt by the AECASSOWARY study group, of an article condemning the writings of the prominent Ukrainian historian, Mykhailo Hrushevsky by Anna Kliuchko, daughter of Ivan Franko.
 - d. The supposed ability of some people in Canada to arrange for the release and travel of persons from the Soviet Union through contacts in the Soviet Embassy in Canada.
 - e. The immediate need for funds to implement the SR/7/DOB CARE-type package program to potential covert contacts in the Ukraine.
 - f. Debriefing of AECASSOWARY-4 on his spotting trip.
3. Arrival of a courier: The information regarding the alleged arrival of a courier from the Ukraine was given to AECASSOWARY-2 during a discussion with Talbert (or Trebert) (fma) a reporter from the New York Herald Tribune. According to Talbert (sic) he had received the item during an interview with John Terpak (the nationalities officer on the American Committee in New York). The arrival was supposedly given as the first week in July. AECASSOWARY-2 expressed surprise at the news and requested the undersigned to ascertain the truth of the story, since such a development would have a serious effect on the pending operations.
4. Radio KIEV appeals to KYTASTY and BAHRIANNY: In 1948, Ivan BAHRIANNY the leader of the Ukrainian Revolutionary Democratic Party (URDP/Bahrianny as opposed to URDP/Maistrenko, a left wing element) certain that his family had

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been liquidated in the Ukraine wrote a pamphlet decrying the evils of the Soviet regime. This vitriolic attack was followed by active political opposition to the Soviet government. Two weeks ago members of the AECASSOWARY-1 Study Group in New York City reported that an appeal directed at BAHRIANNY was monitored on Radio KIEV ostensibly voiced by BAHRIANNY's son. In brief the broadcast asked, "Father what are you doing to me?" Nothing further is known.

The same type of appeal was also directed at HRYHORY KYTASTY. KYTASTY did not engage in extensive political activities and limited his actions in the emigration to musical pursuits. It is assumed that both of these broadcasts have a direct relation to the Soviet "Return to the Homeland" campaign now in progress.

5. Anna KLIUCHKO: Anna KLIUCHKO, about 70 years of age, is the daughter of Ivan FRANKO, the Ukrainian Socialist writer of the late 19th century. She has been a resident of Canada for many years. On the anniversary of her father's birthday, she wrote a 70-page memorium dedicated to her father. In this work she took the opportunity to discredit the writings of the prominent Ukrainian historian Mikhaïlo HRUSHEVSKY. She sent a copy to the AECASSOWARY-1 study group in New York City asking whether or not this group of scholars would be interested in publishing the work. Before an answer could be sent to her a blurb appeared in "LITURNAYA GAZETA" the Communist newspaper published in KIEV noting that the KLIUCHKO article would appear next week.

AECASSOWARY-2 said he could not explain Mrs. KLIUCHKO's actions since she has noted "that although her father was a champion of socialism he never would have abetted the action of the Communists in the Soviet Union."

6. Andrei TERSHAKO in Canada: On the 4th of November 1948, Zenon TERSHAKO, leader of the Ukrainian underground in the Karpatskiy Krai was killed by the MVD. This fact was substantiated in the 1955 debriefing of AECARTHAGE-19 by the undersigned and AECASSOWARY-2. TERSHAKO's father, TARAS, a man of 70 who had served as a member of the Polish Parliament in 1918 representing the Ukrainian Nationalist Democratic Organization (UNDO) was arrested in 1938 as a political undesirable by the Soviets. He was re-arrested on 30 October 1948 after a short period of freedom and again sent to Siberia. Zenon's wife was arrested in 1947 and sent to the concentration camp in Khorongan.

Recently both have been released and are now living in LVOV. A photograph of the older TERSHAKO recently received by his son in Canada and referred to AECASSOWARY-2 depicted a man in apparent good health. The accompanying letter, dated 11 June and mailed through Poland by TERSHAKO states that he held no further fear since nothing more could be done to him that has not already occurred and would write as he pleased. He noted that Zenon's wife was in ill-health and that their living conditions were deplorable. He requested material assistance from his son Andrei in Canada, stating it was not so much for himself as for his daughter-in-law. His son has already forwarded 5 packages to the father. He referred the request to AECASSOWARY-2 with the notation that some aid should be forthcoming from AECASSOWARY-1, since Zenon had been a member of that organization and had died in its cause. AECASSOWARY-2 acknowledged this moral obligation to the undersigned and further stated that it presented an opportunity to utilize the elder TERSHAKO as an internal contact since the man has indicated bitterness toward the regime and what it had done to his family. The elder TERSHAKO's letter stated: that as Zenon died (by a

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provocation) so did his friend whose name (I) could not recall but who was among you in the emigration and returned to the Ukraine. AECASSOWARY-2 is certain that TARAS TERSHAKO did know the name of the individual but did not want to reveal it in his letter. He is further certain that it could only mean (AECASSOWARY-5.) As an after thought AECASSOWARY-2 added that he had heard that all of AECASSOWARY-5's family had been arrested which further attested to the fact that 5 did not reveal anything of the mission to his Soviet captors.

As a parting comment to Andrei TERSHAKO, AECASSOWARY-2 added sympathetically that perhaps, someday, it will be possible to arrange for Andrei's father to come to Canada. He was surprised when Andrei stated he knew that this was possible if one had \$3000. His curiosity aroused, AECASSOWARY-2 asked what was meant. TERSHAKO said that through certain contacts it was possible to arrange for the passage. It was indicated that certain Soviet Embassy officials could be bribed and the transfer effected. TERSHAKO further stated "arrangements" run between \$3000 and \$10,000. AECASSOWARY-2 ended the discussion, not wishing to arouse suspicion by extensive questioning.

7. Immediate need for funds: AECASSOWARY-2 is prepared to begin sending packages to the Ukraine. These units would be sent through his Canadian cut-outs to prevent any association between the packages and AECASSOWARY-2 or his organization. It is intended that about 20 packages would be sent out as a "feeler" operation. This activity has been covered under project AECUPBOARD which is now being circulated in SR/7/DOB in draft form.

As an interesting side-note, AECASSOWARY-2 noted that Julian REVAI (REVA) a leading member of the governing council of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America has opened a package bureau for forwarding units to the Soviet Union. This enterprise has created an aura of suspicion on REVAI within the Ukrainian emigration since Soviet sanction is necessary before any bureau can be set up. REVAI had been a high functionary in the Carpatho-Ukraine under the Hungarians prior to its annexation by the Soviets. Until recently he had chosen to remain in the background in UCCA policymaking and social activities, but is now becoming more conspicuous.

8. In a discussion with AECASSOWARY-4 re his oft-postponed spotting trip, AECASSOWARY-4 reported that his contacts had been established. He emphasized his caution in approaching only those individuals mentioned in his translated statement and did not begin to discuss the real purpose of his visit to the area until rumors regarding his arrival had subsided. The undersigned informed him to remember that he is not to contact any prospects until the case officer has checked the nominees and approved the selection. This was agreed upon. As the program stands now, AECASSOWARY-2 will not contact the person spotted until the approval has been granted. He will then get his impression of the candidate and the final acceptability or rejection will be based upon the collective opinions of the staff personnel and the AECASSOWARY report. He noted that the first week in September had been set tentatively as the date upon which he can expect the first reports. He has not submitted his accounting for the travels.

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His translated report states: "I arrived in Chicago at 1030 on 26 May. I met with some of the members of the Veterans of UPA on Sunday 27 May. The following days were spent visiting individual friends and acquaintances and after the end of the first week I began to discuss (our) problem. The problem was discussed with Doctors P. TURULA and Vladimir VORON. VORON is supposed to make a study of the area. He knows that we need 1-2 individuals who would have to be trained and be prepared to "go home" and return. It is not necessary for the individuals to be young, but they must be capable of completing a course of training and accomplishing their mission. VORON was instructed to notify me should he find or hear about such individuals.

On 10 June I went to Detroit where I discussed the same matter only with Peter BAYDA. He is supposed to notify me in the event he finds suitable, willing candidates in the Detroit area.

On 12 June I visited Cleveland where the matter was discussed with BOKHNO. I visited Buffalo on 14 June. There I had similar talks with PRYSHL'AK.

It was agreed with all that, in the event suitable candidates are found, I am to be notified and only then would we discuss the matter further.

In general, it is probable that suitable candidates can be found but time is required.

9. No date has been set for the next contact.

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