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**SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARIES 2 and 15 on 8 August 1956**

1. Subject contact was made about 1215 hours in the Roma Restaurant, Washington, D. C., and was continued at the residence of AECASSOWARY 15. Case Officers present at the meeting were [ ] and [ ] of SR/7/DOB and [ ] of SR/3/CE who departed after luncheon at the Roma Restaurant.

2. The following topics were discussed at the meeting with the AECASSOWARIES:

- a. The CE aspects of Ukrainian Operations.
- b. The alleged arrival of a courier from the Ukraine, as reported in the contact report of 30 July 1956.
- c. The offer made to Anna KLIUCHKO (daughter of Ivan Franko) by the Soviets of 300,000 karbovantchi (approximately \$80,000) as advance royalties against the literary works of her father which the Soviets evidently plan to publish.
- d. The contact in the Soviet Embassy in Canada to arrange for the release of certain Soviet citizens and their eventual transfer to the West.
- e. The CARE-type package program, as outlined in Project AECUPBOARD.
- f. AECASSOWARY 5's attendance at a meeting in Bonn, Germany.
- g. The possibilities of including a non-ZPUHVR adherent in the proposed Lviv recruitment-in-place operation.
- h. The proposition of S. PIDHAINY to AECASSOWARY 2 that they undertake a joint operation; i.e., the OUN/B and ZPUHVR.
- i. AECASSOWARY 2's personal travel to Canada.

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j. Statistical information on Ukrainian emigres and emigre organizations in South America and Australia.

3. The CE Aspects of Ukrainian Operations. Although the CE aspects of Ukrainian operations are of no immediate concern to this section, it was deemed advisable to sit in on this portion of the meeting with the AECASSOWARIES because names of individuals that come up during such a discussion may eventually become of operational importance to SR/7/DOB.

4. Arrival of a Courier. AECASSOWARY 2 was informed that Agency sources in Germany were checked about the alleged arrival of a courier from the Ukraine, as reported in the contact report of 30 July 1956, and determined that this information was not true. It is believed reference was being made to the OUN/M courier who arrived in Germany last February. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that in a subsequent discussion he had with Michael TERPAK (American Committee), it was determined that this was merely a rumor started by TERPAK in an effort to enhance his prestige of being "in the know" and a feeble attempt to build up the Ukrainian operations potential in the eyes of the western world.

5. Anna KLIUCHKO. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that the Soviets have made an offer of 300,000 karbovantschi (approximately \$80,000) to Anna KLIUCHKO as advance royalties against the works of her father which they evidently plan to publish en toto. This would seem to mean that they expect her to completely disregard her brothers, now located in the Soviet Union, as the legal heirs. Note: Ivan FRANKO (father of Anna KLIUCHKO) was a Socialist literary figure during the turn of the 20th Century. The Soviets maintain that he is a hero of Socialist labor, while his daughter has noted that her father never would have abetted communism. This action by the Soviets may be part of their new plan, as reported in the Intelligence Digest, to embrace universal Socialism in order to gain a foothold in those areas where communism per se is repugnant to the population.

6. Andrei TERSHAKO aka TERSHAKOVITCH in Canada. The internal contact with the Soviet Embassy in Canada (as described by Andrei TERSHAKO and noted in the contact report of 30 July 1956) whereby arrangements can be made for the release of Soviet citizens and their eventual transfer to the West will be undertaken as a joint effort of SR/3/CE and SR/7/DOB, so that all operational possibilities may be exploited. It is expected that AECASSOWARY 2 will obtain additional information regarding the possibilities of this aspect during his vacation in Canada in the next week or two.

7. CARE-Type Package Program. AECASSOWARY 2 noted that the traffic of packages to the USSR recently has started to wane. The real reasons are not apparent, but he considered it important to launch the package program as outlined in Project AECUPBOARD as early as practicable while the opportunities for mailing packages still exist. A list of 3 names of individuals in the USSR receiving mail or packages from the United States was given to AECASSOWARY 2 to determine the possibilities of using them as drops for this program. These names were obtained from the files of SR/6. It appeared

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that AECASSOWARY 2 was familiar with one of the names listed.

8. AECASSOWARY 3 Attendance at Meeting in Bonn, Germany. A meeting of all Ukrainian organizations in Germany was recently held in Bonn, Germany, for the purpose of trying to unify the Ukrainian emigres into one group. This meeting was attended by AECASSOWARY 3 and in a statement delivered by him at the meeting he noted that his interest was in the moral rather than the political aspects involved in the joint unification. It is believed this emphasis was made because of the recent reprimand he received from Bishop Buchko in Rome that he, AECASSOWARY 3, refrain from his excessive political involvements.

9. Use of Non-ZPUHVR Agent Candidate. It was brought to the attention of AECASSOWARY 2 that we were considering the use of a non-ZPUHVR adherent in the proposed Lviv recruitment-in-place operation and he expressed full agreement and cooperation in this regard.

10. Joint OUN/B - ZPUHVR Operation. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that S. PICHAINY proposed to him that a joint OUN/B - ZPUHVR operation be undertaken into the Ukraine, stating that the OUN/B had available bodies and they knew the ZPUHVR had the necessary contacts to launch such an operation. AECASSOWARY 2 did not agree to such an operation for the present.

11. AECASSOWARY 2 Trip to Canada. AECASSOWARY 2 is planning to take his vacation in Canada in the next week or two. He intends to make personal and ZPUHVR organizational contacts at that time, in accordance with his obligations as the foreign representative of the UHVR. Although he stated that he was aware of our wishes not to get directly involved in any operational activities in Canada, this fact again was brought to his attention.

12. Ukrainian Emigres in South America and Australia. AECASSOWARY 2 was asked about the availability of statistics regarding individuals and organizations of the Ukrainian emigration in South America and Australia. He stated that not much is available on Australia however he will attempt to supply such information. He indicated that Brazil and Argentina offer the most likely prospects in South America, the other countries having a large communistic element. He also suggested contacting Walter DUSHNYK in this regard. Such contact cannot be undertaken until a report is received by this office on the recent contact with DUSHNYK made by [ ] [ ], so that details of their discussion are known.

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

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