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SUBJECT: ⁰Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 and 27, 16-17 July 1958.

Contact was made with Subjects at the Ambassador Hotel in Washington at 1100 hours, 16 July. Those present at the meeting with Subjects were [] [] and [] [] arrived about 1400 hours and departed about 1 hour later.) The main purpose of the meeting was to debrief AECASSOWARY-2 regarding his European trip and discuss AECASSOWARY Brussels Fair activities before the departure of AECASSOWARY-27. AECASSOWARY-2 submitted the following information.

1. Brussels Fair.

a. AECASSOWARY-2 through Popovich made contact in Belgium with ~~Mykola~~ SENJUK (phonetical). SENJUK is a naturalized Belgium citizen of Ukrainian birth. A graduate of Louvain University, he speaks Ukrainian, French, Russian and German. He is employed by a Belgian firm which supplies interpreters and guides for tourists. He has been assigned to work as a guide with Soviet tourists who arrive by ship via Antwerp. The first load of Soviet tourists aboard the GRUZIA numbered about 700, including about 50 Ukrainians.

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When a ship with Soviet tourists arrives in Antwerp, the tourists are free to see the city but they are required to return to the ship for overnight lodging. The following morning they are divided into groups of not more than 40 and taken by bus to the Fair in Brussels. In Brussels they have the following itinerary.

- (1) First 2 days: tour the Fair grounds in groups.
- (2) Third and fourth day: group sightseeing in the City of Brussels. The groups manage to break up shortly after the City tours begin. Here they seek their own friends and acquaintances from other groups and pair off as they wish. One of the groups of 40 SENJUK guided was composed of only 4 members by the end of a 2 hour guided tour, the other members having wandered off by themselves. When the group designations are made in

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Antwerp, Ukrainians are distributed among the various groups and not kept together, even though they manage to seek each other out and stay together in Brussels.

Soviet tourists are allowed a limited amount of francs. They add to their spending money by the sale of caviar and other items which they bring along to Brussels.

SENJUK said that when he wears his official guide uniform, the Soviet tourists speak rather freely and ask many questions about life in the West. Conversations and questions subside when he changes to ordinary civilian dress. The Soviets have asked SENJUK questions about himself and his life in Belgium. He has told those who ask that he is a Belgian citizen who was born in the Ukraine. Many questions were asked by the Soviet tourists about Western press reports on Soviet life, the situation in Lebanon and about Imre Nagy.

The Soviet tourists are extremely touchy about conversations verging on the nationalities question.

(3) On the 5th day the Soviets tour the Belgian countryside by bus.

b. There is a Belgian Communist firm negotiating for the franchise on these guided Soviet tours. If they succeed in obtaining it, the groups probably will be more controlled.

c. Surveillance of the groups is not obvious.

d. SENJUK mentioned to AECASSOWARY-2 that there have been about 60 Polish and Hungarian defectors. These defectors have complained that there is no interest being taken in them.

e. AECASSOWARY-2 stated that there is no customs or border control when travelling into Belgium by car or train, but there is control of airlines tourists coming in to Belgium.

f. AECASSOWARY-2, while visiting the Czechoslovakian Pavilion, fell into conversation with one of the employees who asked him if he were German. AECASSOWARY-2 told him he was a Ukrainian now living in New York. The man asked many questions about the Czechoslovakians in the United States and asked whether it was true that children of Czech parents were given opportunity to learn the Czech language.

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He asked AECASSOWARY-2 whether he was planning to return to the Ukraine. AECASSOWARY-2 told him he would return only after the spirit of Stalin is dead.

g. There was a religious theme pamphlet being distributed in the Soviet Pavilion by a Baptist sect. AECASSOWARY-2 saw several of the pamphlets on the various counters throughout the Pavilion. The Soviets did not seem to be very concerned. AECASSOWARY-2 picked up 3 such pamphlets and after looking them over, put 2 of them back. He watched from a distance for about 15 minutes but nobody removed them from the counter. AECASSOWARY-2 feels it will be possible to distribute Western literature throughout the Soviet Pavilion, but he suggests doing so only during the last days of the Fair. He thinks it might be a good idea to put inserts into Soviet publications.

h. AECASSOWARY Book Display. Up to the time of AECASSOWARY 2's arrival, there were 3 books sold to Soviets from the AECASSOWARY display in the bookstore in Belgium. AECASSOWARY-2 on one occasion stood nearby watching to see what interest if any was drawn by the books. He saw a man standing in front of the display next to the Ukrainian books, studying the books in the AECASSOWARY display. When AECASSOWARY-2 approached the window, the man quickly turned and walked away.

The Polish War Veterans have a similar book display in Belgium. AECASSOWARY-2 discussed with them the desirability of doing some advertising for each other and the Poles agreed. The man with whom AECASSOWARY-2 talked at the Polish book display told him that some of those visiting the Polish bookstore had inquired about Ukrainian books.

i. There is a Belgian girl of Ukrainian parentage who is a hostess at the Fair. She acts as translator, interpreter and guide for various groups. AECASSOWARY-27 probably will be in contact with her.

j. The apartment which AECASSOWARY-27 will use as his residence during his stay in Belgium is set up as an advertising agency. The tenant has a lease on it for 1 year. AECASSOWARY-27, as a free lance journalist contributing to SVOBODA, SUCHASNA UKRAINIA and PROLOGUE, expects no problems in answering those making inquiry regarding his status there.

~~k.~~ *Usenko is expected back from the USSR in late July or early August. He told Popovich he had problems which he wanted to discuss with him. Popovich thinks these problems might concern

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- (1) "The Soviet that was reported killed during a quarrel with another Soviet during construction of the Pavilion".
- (2) Usenko's concern over the fact that the cost of the Pavilion was much higher than the original estimate.
- (3) Defects in the Pavilion construction. (one rainy day during AECASSOWARY-2's visit, he saw the rain coming through the roof and form large puddles in the Pavilion. While AECASSOWARY-2 was taking some snapshots of the "flood", one of the Soviets questioned his reason for doing this.

Usenko told Popovich that contrary to the original announcements that 50,000 Soviets would come to the Fair, there will be only about 6-7,000 permitted to come. SENJUK also told AECASSOWARY-2 that he heard there would be no more than 3 or 4 more ships with tourists arriving at the Fair.

(SR representative)
[] told AECASSOWARY-27 to report to [] anything new he learns about Usenko, as we are interested in the developments in this case. It is believed the AECASSOWARIES are not aware of the Agency contact with Popovich.)

2. MADRID

a. Quite by accident, AECASSOWARY-2 met with [] in Madrid. While visiting with a fellow Ukrainian, AECASSOWARY-2 was told about a Ukrainian-speaking American from Trenton (sic) at the American Embassy whom the man wanted AECASSOWARY-2 to meet. The following evening, much to AECASSOWARY-2's surprise, he and John were introduced to each other. [] told AECASSOWARY-2 he would be in touch with headquarters via correspondence to inform headquarters of this meeting.

b. AECASSOWARY-2 spent 6 days in Madrid. Two days after his arrival, the Director of Radio MADRID was replaced by Gomez, a pro-German and anti-American. Dr. Bogdan Cymbalist, the AECASSOWARY representative in Madrid working on Ukrainian-language RADIO MADRID tapes, told CASSOWARY-2 that Gomez's advisor is a Yugoslav whose wife, a Russian, works in the Madrid area. It is not known what changes will take place now that Gomez has taken over. Cymbalist was hopeful that the Ukrainian broadcasts would be continued. He will keep AECASSOWARY-2 informed of developments.

~~c.~~ In order not to lose his right to immigrate to the United States, Dr. Cymbalist may come to the United States by December of

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this year. AECASSOWARY-2 feels he may want to remain here if he does come, provided he can obtain employment in his profession of psychiatry.

*Yaroslav Stetkiewich (back in Madrid from his studies at the University of Cairo) will take over for Dr. Cymbalist during his absence. Stetkiewich is qualified to take over, but CASSOWARY-2 feels he will not be interested in staying on permanently. Ilnitsky is someone else AECASSOWARY-2 has in mind as qualified to work on the Radio MADRID tapes in the event Cymbalist and Stetkiewich do not stay on.

AECASSOWARY-2 feels that if help is not forthcoming to Cymbalist personnel-wise, he should be given some aid in the form of material for use on the broadcasts. AECASSOWARY-2 said he planned to discuss with UCCA and other organizations the possibility of their aiding financially to support an additional individual for Ukrainian-language broadcasts in Madrid.

d. The Poles have 5 people working on Polish broadcasts from Madrid which are being heard regularly in Poland. Correspondence received from Poland by the AECASSOWARIES has confirmed this fact.

e. A number of Spaniards with whom AECASSOWARY-2 spoke told him that 500 former Soviets have returned to the USSR from Spain. The living costs in Madrid are extremely high and they considered conditions there worse than in the USSR.

3. FORMOSA

a. *Mr KOZAK has taken over on the Ukrainian-language broadcasts in Formosa. KOZAK's reputation is not good and AECASSOWARY-2 does not consider him qualified for this work. KOZAK's wife does not enjoy a good reputation either. It is rumored that she left her former husband to run off to Formosa with KOZAK.

4. ENGLAND

a. AECASSOWARY-2 was in England from 4 to 13 June. He gave 2 speeches, one in Bradford and one in London. He visited both the Ukrainian Catholic and the Ukrainian Orthodox priests in London, the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain and the OUN/M group.

b. The emigre situation in England is very bad. AECASSOWARY-2 said he would like to see the Ukrainians either immigrate to the United States or Canada or even return to the Soviet Ukraine. The emigres have not been accepted by the British, and even those who have been British subjects for several years now still feel like foreigners. Their living conditions are poor and, of all the

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Ukrainian emigres living in London, only 2 are attending universities.

c. There are over 400 Ukrainians and 1,000 Poles in insane asylums in England. The emigres have not been able to adjust to the British people. Dozens of families return to the USSR. They have lost faith in the West which did not accept them.

d. AECASSOWARY-2 visited in the home of ~~fnu~~ Bormann, journalist and owner of a newspaper in Regent near London. At Mr. Bormann's home, AECASSOWARY-2 was introduced to Professor Lewis, ca. 70 years of age, who works in the research library of Charlton Institute. Professor Lewis does translations from Russian at the Institute. He and Mr. Bormann said they were interested in organizing a nationalities club in England and spoke out against the way the British have treated the emigres there. Professor Lewis is planning to travel to the USSR this year with a Rotary Club group. He expressed interest in the DIGEST OF THE UKRAINIAN PRESS, a copy of which AECASSOWARY-2 gave him.

e. Kaminsky told AECASSOWARY-2 he had "a couple" of men interested in going on a mission. AECASSOWARY-2 told him to do nothing in this regard but to keep in touch with the men and keep them interested in this vein.

Kaminsky is having his domestic problems. His wife is thinking about leaving him and coming to the United States to join her family because she is very unhappy in London. Kaminsky would just as soon stay there and AECASSOWARY-2 feels it would be nice to have him in London to work on BBC Ukrainian-language broadcasts, in the event they become a reality.

5. Paris.

201 ~~V~~asyl Markus is the chief editor for UKRAINSKY SAMOSTIYNYK. He is kept extremely busy because he also is doing half the work on the UKRAINIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA which is being compiled by Professor Kubyovych. Markus also is in charge of the distribution of the INFORMATION BULLETIN from France. During AECASSOWARY-2's visit, Markus fell at a subway entrance in Paris and broke his leg, which has slowed down many of his activities.

6. SWITZERLAND/

~~B~~ohdan Havrilishen (a Ukrainian from Canada who is an employee of the Aluminium Corporation which company sent him to study at the Geneva Industrial Academy) has been offered a professorship at the Academy Institute. AECASSOWARY-2 feels Aluminium is priming him for the presidency of one of their foreign branches. Havrilishen supposedly has some contacts in Africa. He is young, a graduate engineer and married to a Canadian.

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7. RE DS-808 and DS-809

AECASSOWARY-2 again expressed his disillusionment with the way KOZAK and PROTSAILLO were handled after their exfiltration to Turkey. He mentioned that GALLO in Munich suggested he visit the boys in Valka and question them on whatever aspect he wished. AECASSOWARY-2 declined because he felt they were so tired of being interrogated to no avail that they would refuse to submit themselves to any further questioning. He again questioned why he wasn't given any information about the 2 boys and was told that such information had in fact been passed to AECASSOWARY-15 by [redacted] during AECASSOWARY-2's absence. AECASSOWARY-2 said nothing had been transmitted to him to date and outlined the type of information he would like to have about the men in order to determine their bona fides.

AECASSOWARY-2 stated he learned in Munich that PROTSAILLO has an uncle in New York with whom he has recently corresponded. AECASSOWARY-2 intends to contact the uncle and obtain whatever information he can. PROTSAILLO also has been trying to obtain the address of a relative in Toronto.

AECASSOWARY-2 feels the Soviets have some plan in mind regarding additional exfiltrees. He would like to have us play along with them for a while to see what happens. He thinks the Soviets would try to exfiltrate 2 or 3 more groups if KOZAK and PROTSAILLO are handled in such a way as to lead the Soviets to believe we have accepted them as true defectors. AECASSOWARY-2 feels one of the 2, either PROTSAILLO or KOZAK, is clean and was used as a shield for the RIS penetration. He believes future groups of exfiltrees also will contain "clean" individuals to protect RIS penetrations.

8. AECASSOWARY OPERATIONS

a. SUCHASNA UKRAINIA

Copies of SUCHASNA are mailed to the Soviet Ukraine each month. Copies also are mailed to Poland. The Soviet Embassy in Bonn recently purchased a subscription to SUCHASNA. The yearly income from sale of the newspaper is approximately \$5,000. AECASSOWARY-2 suggested that the Munich office conduct a subscription campaign. He told them that whatever financial increase they obtain through such a campaign can be used to whatever advantage they saw fit; i.e., salary increases, etc.

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b. Volodymyr Stakhiv, chief editor for SUCHASNA, gets a monthly salary equivalent to \$120.00. He is having difficulty supporting his family on this salary and is at a disadvantage when meeting with business associates because he never can afford to be the one that buys the drink or the cup of coffee.

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A June issue of RETURN TO THE HOMETLAND attacked Stakhiv, stating that he sits at 8 Karlsplatz writing a little newspaper and waiting for M. Lebid to send him American dollars. AECASSOWARY-2 stated that at heart, and by profession, Stakhiv is a journalist. Although he talks a bit too freely after several drinks, AECASSOWARY-2 does not feel he can be bought off by the Soviets. His father lives in Peremysl. A sister died while fighting with the UPA and an older sister was shot by the Soviets. He has a sister in Cleveland and a brother in New York.

c. ~~Ivan~~ Maistrenko talked with AECASSOWARY-2 and asked him whether he could return to work for SUCHASNA. AECASSOWARY-2 had to turn down his request because Maistrenko refused to retract some derogatory statements he wrote about the ZP/UHVR in the past. However, AECASSOWARY-2 did arrange for him to submit articles for use by PROLOG ASSOCIATES in the INFORMATION BULLETIN. AECASSOWARY-2 offered to pay him about \$20.00 per month for these articles. Maistrenko is unemployed and in bad financial straits. The majority of the emigres avoid him because they suspect him of collaborating with the RIS. AECASSOWARY-2 discounts this probability because of the fact that Maistrenko is so underfed. He feels that even if the man were hiding the fact that he had a source of income, he would at least eat well.

Maistrenko is an old Socialist. He still adheres to a good bit of this philosophy but he would like to see an independent Ukraine.

9. ~~Wieslawa~~ ~~MIKITA~~ (CE interest) Munich émigré

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AECASSOWARY-2 stated that the AECASSOWARIES in Germany came in contact with MIKITA through Lev BILAS (contributor to SUCHASNA UKRAINA). The CIC also seems to have taken an interest in MIKITA and have asked BILAS, through his roommate a ~~fr~~ VOVK (who appears to be in contact with CIC), to make contact with the girl. AECASSOWARY-2 learned that MIKITA claims to have attended a University in Breslau, Polan. He said this could be checked out by their contacts in Poland. AECASSOWARY-2 believes that the article, EASTER IN POLISH BONDAGE, in the 1958 Easter issue of SHLAKH PEREMOHY, written by MIKITA under the name of Andrey SEMCHAK might be an RIS ploy to reestablish contact with AECARTHAGE-19. When MIKITA first appeared on the scene, the emigration in Munich accepted her with open arms. Gradually word got around that she was a Soviet agent and now no one will have anything to do with her. AECASSOWARY-2's impression is that if she is an agent, she is a very low level type and may have been sent out only for purposes of confusion or to divert Munich case officers from more important resident agents. In discussing the emigre situation in Munich, AECASSOWARY also made comment that ~~KAPUSTIANSKY~~ might be an RIS agent sent to penetrate and influence the Bandera organization.

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10. One ~~Colonel~~ ~~fnu~~ DOTZKO (phonetical) of Trenton, New Jersey, according to AECASSOWARY-2, has set up a museum for the collection of material pertaining to Ukrainian liberation activities. AECASSOWARY-2 suspects DOTZKO of utilizing this activity as a cover for other purposes.

11. PROLOG

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a. AECASSOWARY-2 said he had in mind a fund raising campaign and asked whether it would be all right to use Garabedian's name in his campaign letters and speeches. He feels there will be individuals who, before consenting to contribute to any emigre organization, will first want to check on the bona fides of the organization, insofar as U.S. Government views are concerned. AECASSOWARY-2 suggested that Joseph LESAWYER of New York be used as Garabedian's New York representative in connection with the foregoing activity. He was told not to do anything in this regard before it was checked into because it seemed like this might be stretching the organization's cover a bit too far.

b. AECASSOWARY-2 was asked whether ~~Paul~~ Meskil (see report of contact with AECASSOWARY-15 on 20 June) had been in contact with AECASSOWARY-17 regarding the briefing he requested before his departure for the USSR. AECASSOWARY-2 said that Meskil did call on AECASSOWARY-4 and 17. He told them he had a mission* to try to make contact with the UPA in the Ukraine to determine whether or not it still existed and what activities it was conducting. AECASSOWARY-4 and 17 decided he was so naive they didn't bother discussing with him any of the material they had taken practically a full day to prepare and after a very short visit, they bid him God speed.

12. UKRAINIAN ANTHOLOGY

(Comment by [] In late January 1958, the IO Division informed me of this project and requested comments and information on the editors ~~SHERECH-SHEVELOV~~, ~~LEMAN~~ & AECASSOWARY-25-. I was surprised that AECASSOWARY-2 had not informed me of this situation and intended to bring it up at my next contact with him. In the meantime, AECASSOWARY-2 learned about the anthology project from his contacts in Paris and at the next meeting reproached me for not informing him about it. He also intimated that he knew that the American Government was providing finances to the Poles (the KULTURA group) and that he could not understand why we should let the Poles publish a Ukrainian anthology instead of letting the Ukrainians do it. I then told him that since he was so perturbed about the matter he should talk to AECASSOWARY-25 who was one of the editors of the proposed anthology. This, of course, was news to him and he dropped the subject.

* Meskil did not reveal who assigned the mission to him.

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AECASSOWARY-2 at this meeting again talked about the Ukrainian Anthology which the Polish "KULTURA" group in Paris plans to publish. He said he talked to [] (in the office of SUCHASNA UKRAINA in Munich) about the Anthology and learned that, due to various difficulties, it may never be published. AECASSOWARY-2 also stated that AECASSOWARY-25 had been working on the Anthology for over six months without informing him that such a project was under consideration. AECASSOWARY-2 was quite perturbed by this withholding of information from him and he has reproached AECASSOWARY-25 on the matter. He was apologetic that such a situation occurred and explained that it was due to AECASSOWARY-25's inordinate ambition and desire for recognition. According to AECASSOWARY-2, AECASSOWARY-25 is a difficult person to work with but, since he is an expert in his field, AECASSOWARY-2 has allowed him to remain with PROLOG ASSOCIATES.

The Anthology consists of Ukrainian poetry published during the early years of Soviet Ukraine before the repressions of the 1930's. Since most of this poetry was written by Ukrainian Communists of revisionist or nationalist thinking, it has been banned in the Soviet Union since the thirties. Now, with the ideas of "national Communism" being spread by Yugoslavia and Poland, such an anthology could become a very useful propaganda tool. It is supposed to be published by the Melnyk press in Paris which publishes the newspaper UKRAINSKE SLOVO. According to AECASSOWARY-2, the contents of this anthology are of a fairly high level.

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