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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY 27 on 13 March 1959

1. Subject arrived in Washington about noon on Friday, 13 March, and met with [] and the undersigned to discuss his trip to Havana, Cuba, for the purpose of talking with the Ukrainians there scheduled for repatriation to the USSR.

2. The names and whatever limited information was available to this office regarding the repatriates had been passed on to Subject via AECASSOWARY 2 a week earlier. Ways and means of access to the individuals and topics for preliminary conversation with them were discussed. It was recommended by [], in the event any of the individuals develop to be of interest and if they do show any interest in future contact with someone in the West, that Subject suggest to them that correspondence be maintained with logical individuals in the West; to wit, friends or relatives with whom they ordinarily would maintain contact. It was also suggested to Subject that he solicit from them the names of such contacts and ideas on ways in which the letters might be obtained from the recipients.

3. Cover: Subject is going as a tourist and free-lance journalist. He will use the story, whenever necessary and appropriate, that his doctor recommended rest and sunshine for a period of about one week. While vacationing in Havana he heard a group of Ukrainians were repatriating and that he, as a fellow Ukrainian and correspondent for Ukrainian emigre publications, as well as representative of the UCCA (Ukrainian Congress Committee of America) and the UUARC (United Ukrainian American Relief Committee), is interested in talking to them to learn why they are returning and determine if there might be any way in which aid could be extended to them if on their return to the Ukraine they found themselves disillusioned. His cover story for local authorities, in the event an explanation is called for, is that he is vacationing in Cuba and heard about the Ukrainians going back. It is perfectly logical that, as a Ukrainian emigre newspaper correspondent, he would be interested in talking with them. If he runs into any difficulties with the Soviets, he will contact the station representative for advice.

4. It was decided that Subject should leave at the earliest possible date, since the repatriates were scheduled to depart about mid-March. Therefore, the undersigned inquired with airlines in Washington about the schedule of flights to Havana, the cost of transportation, documentation needed and hotel reservations. The earliest available accommodations were on a non-stop flight with National Airlines leaving New York at 1425 hours on Monday,

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16 March, to arrive in Havana at 1845 hours the same day. Subject said he was quite sure he could be ready to leave at that time and said he would pick up his reservations on his return to New York.

5. Soviet Ukrainian publication attacking Western radio, press and anti-Communist activities in general: Subject displayed a booklet authored by H.M. ~~TSVYE'KOV~~, published in Kiev 1958, titled AMERYKANSKY IMPERIALISM - NAYL'UTISHIY VOROH L'UDSTVA (AMERICAN IMPERIALISM - CRUELEST ENEMY OF MANKIND), Series 1, No. 24. Because Subject wanted to take the booklet back with him, the undersigned did not have opportunity to examine it closely. It was noted, however, that there were many references to various Western publications (English and other languages) and to the PYREX broadcasts, NEW UKRAINE, OUR RUSSIA, and others. According to Subject the booklet is written in a style suitable for briefing Soviet citizens for conversation with Westerners on countless points regarding the harmful aspects of Western capitalism and imperialism. The AECASSOWARIES are thinking of preparing a booklet as a counter to the Soviet edition which might be used for briefing Western travelers to the USSR. Subject stated that translated excerpts of the booklet were being prepared for the next edition of DIGEST OF THE SOVIET UKRAINIAN PRESS.

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