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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With AECASSOWARY/2 and 15

~~June 1960~~
26 May 1960

1. In view of AECASSOWARY/15's plans to visit Toronto over the Memorial Day weekend and to spend several days assessing the REDSKIN potential in the Ukrainian community there, AECASSOWARY/2 came to Washington to give him some leads. Since AECASSOWARY/15 is in full time training, he did not become involved with AECASSOWARY/2 until the evening of 25 May. In the meantime AECASSOWARY/2 met with the undersigned and [] on other AECASSOWARY/1 affairs.

2. AECASSOWARY/2 produced additional biographic information elicited from Vadim ANDRIJEWSKYJ, whom we are considering as a contact operations agent at the Rome Olympics. ANDRIJEWSKYJ lives at 2660 Kingsbridge Terrace, New York 63. His telephone number is III 4-9848. He was born on 8 January 1917 in the village of Petrows Hora near Vilnius. His mother was of German origin--his father a Ukrainian, was an engineer. In 1931, while the family was living in Kiev, ANDRIJEWSKYJ's father was purged. He lost his job, and the family was sent to Moscow, where it subsequently remained. ANDRIJEWSKYJ was a swimming champion in the USSR prior to World War II. He was graduated as a civil engineer in Moscow. In 1941, while working with a university surveying group near Brest, he became permanently separated from his family by the invading German Army. In 1942 ANDRIJEWSKYJ met his wife in Kiev and in 1943 they moved to Lvov. AECASSOWARY/2 did not learn under what circumstances he got to Germany or how he managed to get from there to Australia in 1948, but he did not become an Australian citizen.

3. In about 1958 ANDRIJEWSKYJ and his family immigrated to the United States. His wife, nee Studzinska, is a doctor and is currently holding a job as laboratory technician. She has a sister living in New York named Tatiana Simchyshyn who is married to Orest Simchyshyn, an engineer. The latter was born in Peremysl and has been a friend of AECASSOWARY/2 since 1933. ANDRIJEWSKYJ's wife's father was a famous surgeon in Kiev and he and his wife are now living near Vinyky (sic). Tatiana Simchyshyn corresponds with her parents and, since ANDRIJEWSKYJ admitted to AECASSOWARY/2 that he is in indirect contact with his own family, AECASSOWARY/2 surmises that ANDRIJEWSKYJ corresponds with his own family through the Simchyshyn family in Vinyky. ANDRIJEWSKYJ also has a divorced sister living with his parents in Moscow.

4. The ANDRIJEWSKYJS have a son Olesh, born about 1940 and now an engineering student at New York University. The ANDRIJEWSKYJS have Australian non-citizen passports which are still valid. They plan to take out American citizenship when they have completed five years residence.

5. ANDRIJEWSKYJ told AECASSOWARY/2 that he had never been a member of the Komsomol. He also mentioned that he thought General Vialnevsky, now Chairman of the Committee for Return to the Homeland was at one time a frequent visitor in his family's home in Moscow. He remembers Vialnevsky as a former Tsarist army officer.

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6. When the Soviets came to Australia in 1956 for the Olympics, they brought along their own medical staff. There were two Ukrainian nurses who were equal-but-ances of ANDRIJENSKIJ. However, they did not allow ANDRIJENSKIJ the opportunity to talk to the nurses. ACRASSOVAR/2 speculates that there may be a similar opportunity to talk to the nurses. ACRASSOVAR/2 speculates that there may be a similar opportunity in Rome in 1960.
7. ANDRIJENSKIJ speaks native Ukrainian and Russian and good to fluent German, as well as English.
8. ACRASSOVAR/2 counselled against making a direct approach with an operational proposition to ANDRIJENSKIJ through or in conjunction with himself. There seems to be some question in ACRASSOVAR/2's mind concerning ANDRIJENSKIJ willingness to participate in a pure intelligence operation due to the fact that his parents and sister are still living in the USSR. However he probably would be perfectly willing to meet with Soviet athletes as he did in Philadelphia and Melbourne on ACRASSOVAR/1's behalf. ACRASSOVAR/2 recommended that ANDRIJENSKIJ be approached first by an Olympic official with a job offer and then later to recruit him for operational tasks. The undersigned stated that we would not be involved in promoting a cover spot for ANDRIJENSKIJ unless we were sure he would perform operationally. We therefore decided that KUBARK should approach ANDRIJENSKIJ unilaterally, allowing full assessment and testing prior to disclosing the operational task. This way we guard against exposing our objective until the very last minute and at the same time we can obtain a yes or no answer before arranging the cover. (We are not yet sure that a cover spot will be available, although a prior tentative commitment will be sought for.) Then, if at some point we find ANDRIJENSKIJ unwilling or if he turns down the final pitch (we do not think he will), we can consider using him with the ACRASSOVAR/1 team as originally planned.
9. We asked ACRASSOVAR/2 if he was aware that ACRASSOVAR/30 was being considered for a job with Radle Liberty. ACRASSOVAR/2 said that ACRASSOVAR/3 had written him to this effect but that ACRASSOVAR/30 has not mentioned it to ACRASSOVAR/2. ACRASSOVAR/2 said that the loss of ACRASSOVAR/30's services at this time would be serious as there is no replacement for him as either of Lytvynenko Harath. ACRASSOVAR/2 said that he was not surprised that ACRASSOVAR/30 was looking for work elsewhere because his present salary is not sufficient for supporting his new wife. He therefore went into the subject of salaries of the editorial staff in Munich and asked ACRASSOVAR/2 why the people were not better paid. ACRASSOVAR/2 said that some adjustment would have to be made but that there were certain problems of editorial policy and control to be settled at the same time. ACRASSOVAR/2 admitted that he did not see the people in Munich frequently enough and that he was thereby losing control of the situation. ACRASSOVAR/2 pointed out the necessity for re-establishing personal control this summer. He made specific mention of diary, cutlines with Volodymyr Steahly, editor of Swissman Ukraine, who takes his orders locally from ACRASSOVAR/3. ACRASSOVAR/2 and ACRASSOVAR/3 are in complete agreement, but Steahly is out of step with both. ACRASSOVAR/2 would also like to discuss some changes in the Information Bulletin with ACRASSOVAR/3.

10. AECASSOWARY/2 planned to see Alexander Gerega in Detroit on 28 and 29 May. (See contact report dated 29 March 1960.) AECASSOWARY/2 expects to receive from Gerega additional details on Gerega's correspondence with his parents in the Ukraine.

11. AECASSOWARY/2 received no word from Mykhilo Olynyk. Olynyk's brother in Canada has had no word.

12. AECASSOWARY/2 reported that two women recently came to the United States for permanent residence from the Ukraine via Moscow, one from Berezhany, the other from Lvov. AECASSOWARY/2 thought he would have an opportunity to talk to the two women, at least to find out how much they know. He was given some general requirements on Lvov in case he was successful.

13. On the evening of 25 May AECASSOWARY/2 and the undersigned met AECASSOWARY/15 at the latter's home, so that AECASSOWARY/2 could advise AECASSOWARY/15 on his Toronto trip. Memorial Day weekend was not a particular fortuitous time for the trip to Toronto, since there was a big Ukrainian meeting planned in Detroit at this time. AECASSOWARY/2 mentioned of all his contacts in Toronto Ivan Iliashovskiy was probably the best man for the job of operational spotter. It was decided that in addition to talking to Iliashovskiy AECASSOWARY/15 would use this opportunity for "nosing around" within the Ukrainian emigration in Toronto to find out what was going on. He was asked by the undersigned to write a complete report on his trip upon return.

14. AECASSOWARY/2 delved into the whole question of the operational setup in Canada, coming up with what seemed to AECASSOWARY/15 and the undersigned to be a premature attempt at rigidifying the operation. AECASSOWARY/15 developed the idea that he should make a number of contacts and only after a period of time and testing then decide whether or not he should appoint one man as his clandestine representative in Toronto. AECASSOWARY/2 acknowledged that this was probably the wisest course.

15. There was also some conversation on financing domestic operations. It was AECASSOWARY/2's opinion that if we were to use a spotter frequently and for long periods it would be necessary to pay him something for his time and trouble. It was decided that if fees are necessary there are various ways through which the expenses could be covered. For instance, AECASSOWARY/2 occasionally sends a check to one of his representatives in Canada to pay for such services as mailing of large quantities of the Information Bulletin. Fee might be covered through such a mechanism or perhaps better on a cash basis.

16. AECASSOWARY/2 was asked to prepare an itinerary for his proposed trip to Europe this summer, including the names of people he wishes to contact and the reasons for the contact.

17. The whole question of AECASSOWARY/1 operational development remains an illusive matter. AECASSOWARY/2 has been lax in furnishing the information which we have asked for on his collaborators, and we were distinctly disappointed by what he had to offer to AECASSOWARY/15 on the occasion of the latter's trip to Toronto. AECASSOWARY/15 seems almost embarrassed at times by AECASSOWARY/2's off hand manner on details. (AECASSOWARY/2 is always willing to speak in generalities.) We still expect to obtain the desired data through AECASSOWARY/15 and AECASSOWARY/29. They will have to draw on AECASSOWARY/2's background and personality information to develop their teams.

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18. The case of Maria Zalenski and her need for a letter stating that Yuri Zalenski is dead was discussed again with AECASSOWARY/2 with results already known to Chief, SR/3.

19. It was explained to AECASSOWARY/2 that Stephen OLYNYK's clearance is holding up his case.

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