

Subject: Meeting with AECASSOWARY 2.

Date of Contact:- Thursday, June 15, 1961.

1. Mechanics. Met at Subject's hotel room at 1800 hours; then had dinner at Gusti's on M St.; meeting ended at 2400.

2. Some items discussed:-

a. Vasyl KUK. Subject said that the Soviet press has come up with a second story on KUK, who allegedly works on Uke history now and lives in Kiev. The article is polite, pettibic, and part of a long-term Soviet propaganda program designed to get the Ukrainian emigration on the Soviet side. Source added that the KUK thing is related in some way with BANDERA's death. Source provided a photostatic copy of the KUK story, which is attached. The article, according to Source, answers some of the major questions put by ZPUHVR to the Soviets through their Bulletin mailed to the Ukrainian SSR. The article shook AECASS 2's previous conviction that the Soviet version of KUK's conversion is a hoax, Source now believing that it is possible that KUK is in Soviet hands. Although the article gives a pix of the housing development in which KUK allegedly lives, it does not give a picture of KUK, and most important, the Soviets did not take up the challenge that KUK be permitted to go on a lecture tour among emigres. The article mentions, among others, Myron MATVIEYKO.

b. BANDERA's death. AECASS 2 held that the only mode whereby BANDERA could have committed suicide, given BANDERA's personality, would be as a heroic political gesture---only if an RIS rep had gone to Bandera, told him that for years he had put confidence in Soviet agents (MATVIEYKO, etc), that he, BANDERA, liquidated the Uke underground by his own stupidity, is responsible for the deaths or capture of such as KUK, SHUKHEVICH, etc, and then told that either "you work for us or we will expose your dirty role publicly." Given that dilemma, BANDERA might commit suicide. But the cyanide route is against B's personality. AECASS2 believes the RIS did the job, but had no real proof. He theorized that anyone might have done it. Some views:-

- a) LENKAVSKIY once told PIDHAINY that that he, LENKAVSKY, had too much on his conscience, to desert BANDERA--this at a time when LENKAVSKY disagreed with BANDERA but was afraid to break with him. Why? LENKAVSKY at one time was Myron MATVIEYKO's boss in the SB and shares responsibility in the mysteries of such as Prof PETROV and other SB excesses.
- b) KASHUBA is a loyal MATVIEYKO character, or at least was.
- c) VASKOVICH is not above suspicion. An expert technician and counterfeiter of documents and money, VASKOVICH was probably associated with MATVIEYKO in the 1946-47 dollar fabrication incident. As such he is an easy target for blackmail and control by the RIS, through MATVIEYKO.
- d) Various OUN/B chaps state that BANDERA was under close guard at the time of his death, naming a given ex UPA chap as one of the guards. AECASS 2 stated that one of these alleged ex-guards is now in Canada, and that he recently talked with that chap. The UPA man denied that he was an UPA guard at the time, had been released from that job in the presence of KASHUBA months before. Yet such as KASHUBA bruxx bruit about that this UPA man and others were BANERRAS's guards at the time of the death.
- f) The writer told AECASS II that we had the occasion to exchange views with the Germans regarding BANDERA ops and BANDERA's death, further that we learned little from the Germans, who appeared to be amateurs, etc,. AECASS 2 took the view that the Germans are playing with OUN/BANDERA and the Ukrainians in Germany for higher political stakes, not for petty FI op reasons, and that the Germans must have known that MATVIEYKO was a Soviet agent before they tied in with BANDERA operationally. The real political angle concerns the argument with Poland versus Germany's eastern frontier, and the Ukrainian issue is a club the West Germans want to use for bargaining to their own advantage. The real power is not the "GEHLEN organization" in the Uke picture, but other German

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offices--and here AECASS 2 ment inoned Prof. von MENDE and SOHENK.--and here AECASS 2 mentioned a sum that these officials give STETSKO every month. The Germans knew that MATVIEYKO was RIS for many ~~reasons~~ reasons, among them the significant one that in the early years of World War II, perhaps 1942--MATVIEYKO was trained as an agent by the Germans and dispatched behind Soviet lines. He disappeared for around a year, and then in 1943 showed up timidly and scared in Lvov, allegedly escaping and breaking through the Soviet lines. AECASS 2 holds that in fact MATVIEYKO was then recruited by the Sovs and has been working for them ever since. MATVIEYKO definitely was RIS before the "bunker" murders in West Germany in the 1940's. Further BANDERA by 1954 also was convicted that MATVIEYKO was RIS, for among other reasons, some sort of communication BANDERA received via VIENNA that year.

f) Yaroslav BENTSAL is also suspect as RIS, because of his theatrical past, his or someone in his family's. The reasoning is vague to the writer here.

g. KASHUBA-KORZHAN relationship. Subject held that BANDERA and KASHUBA must have known that KORZHAN was working for the AIS, and fed KORZHAN accordingly. However, AECASS 2 admitted that he is unable to fathom the OUN/B motives in so using KORZHAN. Nor can he understand KORZHAN, with whom AECASS 2 had quite an argument in Paris re teh suicide version of BANDERA's death, KORZHAN ~~still~~ insist ng on the suicide theory.

c. Auberon HERBERT and the British. Besides whipping the Germans, AECASS turned to one of his favorite whipping targets--the British. And again he brought up Auberon HERBERT, the British "free lanceer" who dabbles in Uke affairs:- Some points:-

a. HERBERT was recently in the U.S. and Canada. In Canada one of his main objectives was to see Myron MATVIEYKO's sister, who is married to a priest known now as Father DAREVICH, whose real ~~name~~ last name is TSAP ("goat"), an embarrassing last name, hence the change.

b. HERBERT continues to follow Macchiavellian British policy re the Ukes and to molest AECASS 2. Here AECASS 2 stated that HERBERT made special efforts in NY City recently to see AECASS 2. HERBERT is a drunk and an operator, is related to the ROOSEVELT family, Teddy ROOSEVELT, clan, which includes Mr. BLUE of CIA, the Middle East expert (Archie Roosevelt, apparently). Points:-

- a. HERBERT had as one of his objectives in Canada to see Myron MATVIEYKO's sister there.
- b. Another HERBERT objective in Canada was to size up for the Brits the various Uke Canadians who are ministers and members of Parliament.
- c. Britian, as a counterweight to U.S., is attempting to dominate, and of course first create, a British Commonwealth Union of Uke Groups (Great Britian, Canada, Australia), rather than to have a Pan Ukrainian W brld organization. Luckily, says AECASS 2, Rev. KUSHNER, Uke Canadian leader, rejected HERBERT's Commonwealth plan.
- d. AECASS reviewed his relationship with KEX HERBERT. 1950--HERBERT came to U.S., invited AECASS 2 to leave his factory job in NY and come to Canada, engage in ops with British; AECASS 2 refused, and HERBERT denounced AECASS 2 as a Soviet agent; CIA asks AECASS 2 to take polygraph, AECASS 2 refuses, goes back to HERBERT and raises hell, HERBERT admitted his smear, but said he wants all Ukes to collaborate with Brits, including AECASS 2. Later in Munich (54-?) HERBERT insists on meeting and ~~massaging~~ massaging AECASS 2. Now, recently in N.Y., HERBERT insists on meeting AECASS 2, in mansion of the ROOSEVELTS, etc, and massage continues, AECASS 2 saying he took a hard line. HERBERT accompanied by a small Britisher who claims he knows Serbo-Croatian, ORTYNSKY also present. HERBERT still close to Boris LEVYTSKY of Munich.

d. Questions for Polish Defector. Enclosed are AECASS 2's questions for an alleged Polish defector. Writer will add some later.

e. Other items.

1. A new Uke official from the UN, not TSURKAN, goes about Uke emigres there asking for access, etc. Name unrecalled.
2. KOSSACH is still putting out his pro-Sov line, despite a recent admonition from FBI or Immigrztion to soft pedal such propaganda.
3. Ivan KURACH (KURAKH) is part of the KOSSACH group, a fuzzy artist type who came from Italy. KURACH's brother, living in Philadelphia, is probably more dangerous than Ivzn KURAKH.
4. AECASS 3 in Munich has his upper right hand paralyzed because of arthritis.
5. Bishop BUCHKO in Rome is in some sort of contact with Rev. BLAKED KLADOCHNY, of the Ukraine, who ~~now RIS~~ is RIS, formerly Polish agent, and who tells BUCHKO he will visit Rome soon.