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In my last report regarding the disappearance of SKOB I expressed the opinion that the ZChOUN/BANDERA had nothing to do with the disappearance. Today, however, I think it is very possible that the ZChOUN/B did have something to do with this as did a certain intelligence service. I reached this conclusion as a result of several discussions I had with Ivan KASHUBA. He shed some new light on the subject—which I shall discuss after I digress a bit.

In early 1954, after British intelligence severed relationship with BANDERA, the question arose who would be BANDERA'S new associate. At that time it was well known that they had people in training and did have contact with the homeland. BANDERA had two possible choices for future work: a) contact with the Spanish and b) contact with the Italians. Contact with the Italians seemed the most logical. The fact that Yaroslav STETSKO, ~~Yaroslav BANERCAI~~, and even Stefan BANDERA himself had visited Rome showed that BANDERA was seeking political and even political-intelligence contacts. Ivan KASHUBA himself had once told me that when BANDERA went to Rome the Italian ~~police~~ police had escorted him from the Austrian border to Rome. If this was so, then this means that BANDERA'S trip in 1954 was not made for personal reasons, i.e., to visit BUCHKO, but for political reasons instead. Further proof of this is the fact that the Italian CE knew of his arrival when it sent its people to act as escorts for BANDERA. Furthermore, his trip was not mentioned in his press—further proof that it was treated as a secret matter.

From all this, I deduced that the ZChOUN had arranged intelligence contact with the Italian service.

I have further proof that the Italians have become interested in intelligence work in the Ukraine. This is as follows. Henrikh von PRAL ~~PRAL~~ whom I had contact with the GEHLEN organization to 1950, also had contacts with the Italians. He told me during a conversation that the Italians are prepared to train and equip agents with the best commo gear and after training, to air dispatch them to the Ukraine. At first I did not believe PRAL but later I learned from Willi RICHTER that he was seeking agents for training and dispatch to the Ukraine. Thus, if the Italian service was interested in Ukrainian affairs in 1950-51, then why ~~shouldn't~~ shouldn't they be interested in 1954? And, ~~when~~ when ZChOUN was booted out by the British in 1954 they ~~could~~ could easily have taken up the Italian offer.

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I learned the following from KASHUBA during the conversations I had with him on 31 Dec 1955 and ~~on~~ 2 Feb. 1956:

He not only visited Innsbruck but had also gone to Rome. He remained

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the German police. His reaction seem to confirm that he does not feel too secure with the alibi (for his whereabouts when SKOB disappeared) he had prepared.

I think my analysis is pretty close to the truth. Because---

- a) KASHUBA lied to me when he said he was going to Neu Ulm.
- b) KASHUBA admitted that he had visited ~~Osyp TUSHKA~~ in Innsbruck.
- c) KASHUBA finally divulged that he had been to Rome

It was obvious he is trying to cover up something and I think it must be his connection with the disappearance of SKOB.

It is possible that KASHUBA and BNETSKO went to Rome with out SKOB and that SKOB was escorted by some member of the Italian service, i.e., ~~Count VOLTOLINI de ALESSANDRO~~ who was known to be in contact with ~~BENTSAI~~.

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