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SUBJECT: ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH IVANOV

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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE OPS LEAD ON ALEKSANDR NIKOLAYEVICH ((IVANOV)). WE THINK YOUR PLANNING COVERS MOST VIABLE POSSIBILITIES AND WITH SOME LUCK CONTACT WITH SUBJ WILL BE ARRANGED. WE SUGGEST ASKING APPROPRIATE NVENGRAM COLLEAGUES WHETHER THEY BY CHANCE HAVE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH SUBJ.

2. RE YOUR REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFO ON STEPAN ((BANDERA)):

A. FOR BRIEF PERIODS OF HISTORY THE UKRAINE HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT AND AMONG MANY UKRAINIANS THERE HAS BEEN A STRONG SENSE OF NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL IDENTITY. IN RECENT YEARS, FOR THE MOST PART, THIS HAS NOT INVOLVED ACTIVE ASPIRATIONS FOR SEPARATION. HOWEVER, THIS WAS THE CASE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO WWII, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORMER WESTERN OBLASTS OF THE UKRAINE WHICH HISTORICALLY HAD, AT TIMES, BEEN UNDER POLISH RULE.

B. STEPAN BANDERA (BORN IN 1909 IN JAROSLAV, POLAND, WHICH IS NOW A PART OF THE USSR) BECAME ACTIVE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS (OUN) IN THE WESTERN UKRAINE IN 1929. THE OUN CARRIED OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST BOTH POLES AND RUSSIANS IN AN EFFORT TO FREE THE UKRAINE. IN 1934 BANDERA WAS ARRESTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST THE POLISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH. THIS SENTENCE WAS LATER CHANGED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND IN 1940 HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON.

C. DURING THE PERIOD 1940-1941, BANDERA RENEWED HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. HE JOINED ONE OF THE TWO PRO-GERMAN UKRAINIAN

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COUSIN, ETC, WHO IS UKRAINIAN. STATION CONTACT WOULD THEN SHOW SYMPATHY TOWARD THE UKRAINIAN CAUSE, PERHAPS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF BANDERA, AND LATER ON WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IVANOV WITH PRO-UKRAINIAN NATIONALISM LITERATURE. WE HAVE A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY OF RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LITERATURE ON THE UKRAINIAN SITUATION, PAST AND PRESENT, FOR STATION'S USE.

4. GOOD LUCK IN LOCATING IVANOV. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT YOUR EFFORTS, IN THE DIFFICULT OPERATING ENVIRONMENT OF [ ] WILL BE FRUITFUL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR ANY CLUES AND INFO FROM OUR FILES AS TO WHY IVANOV MAY BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. (PER REF B, CONNECTION MAY BE IVANOV'S FATHER.) WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR INITIAL CONTACT AND ASSESSMENT OF IVANOV.

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