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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed retirement of PDDYNAMIC/2 (Mykola Lebed)

1. Pursuant to instructions from C/SE/SAG I invited Dr. Myroslav Prokop, President of Kolog Corporation, to dinner in New York on 13 February, to discuss, among other matters, the proposed retirement of Mykola Lebed, who will be 65 in November 1975. I explained to Prokop that since the PDDYNAMIC budget will not be increased we are examining ways to cut costs, and that Lebed's retirement would alleviate some of the budgetary pressure. It was pointed out that Government employees must retire at age 60, and that Headquarters believes that age 65 is appropriate for retirement in any outside activity receiving our support. I suggested that Lebed be appointed honorary chairman of the board, and that he work only those hours which he feels he can dedicate to the office and the ZP/UHVR.

2. Dr. Prokop, who is himself 62 this year, had a predictably negative reaction to the entire principle of retirement at age 65. He emphasized Lebed's modest income of \$19,000, Mrs. Lebed's current problems with arthritis requiring medical attention, and expressed the view that retirement will present a relatively serious problem. Lebed is renting an apartment in Yonkers, N.Y.; the total of his monthly rent and utilities is not known to Prokop, but he assumes it should be in excess of \$200. Prokop does not know about Lebed's other assets, if any, but assumes that they are modest. Prokop said if this salary is a problem, he, Kaminsky and Czajkowsky would take a voluntary reduction and donate the difference to Lebed. I assured Prokop that the legendary esprit de corps of the ZP/UHVR has been duly noted and appreciated by his friends at Headquarters, but that I would never approve such a move. I asked him to inquire into Lebed's future plans, broach the retirement situation to him, give me his reactions and all necessary facts and figures, and I will present his findings to Headquarters. He agreed, with a badly disguised air of resignation and depression, to discuss it with Lebed.

3. Lebed would be entitled to about \$300. per month Social Security. He has a [CIA] pension fund totaling about \$30,000 which he may take as a lump sum or as an annuity. He may not earn more than \$2,700 per year without forfeiting one dollar of his social security payment for every dollar earned. His [CIA] pension is subject to a certain amount of tax which does not give him great benefits. Based on talks with Prokop and Lebed on my next visit I will make calculations as to his total probable benefits.

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