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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AEPRIMER 1 in Washington, D.C., 7 January

1. Subject telephoned the undersigned case officer on the ( ) number about 1000 hours on 7 January stating he had arrived earlier and would be free for a meeting about 1300 or later in the day. He had a morning appointment with State Department officials to discuss arrangements for a Byelorussian section with Voice of America. Subject stated he had some papers for the undersigned and would call as soon as he was free for a meeting. Subject telephoned the undersigned again circa 1300 and arrangements were made to meet with him in the lobby of the Roger Smith Hotel where he said he would be waiting. ( ) and the undersigned met subject in the lobby of the Hotel about 1315 hours and taxied to the Lotus Club where subject had lunch while ( ) and the undersigned joined him in a "Christmas drink" (Julian calendar). The following business was discussed:

2. Subject submitted translations of the 2 letters (copy attached) written by the addressors and the 2 replies received from Byelorussia in connection with the 2 parcels mailed under the Byelorussian package program. He suggested that other packages be mailed again in March-April and requested permission to utilize his father as one of the addressees. Subject had previously submitted his father's name for clearance. He was told to await further instructions from the undersigned before mailing packages to his father. Subject was instructed to come up with addressees in other sections of Byelorussia.

3. A translation of an excerpt of the letter dated 26 December 1957 he received from Vladimiro Drogoviec in Argentina was submitted by subject (copy attached). The letter contains personal data on Vladimiro Drogoviec and on the brother in Poland, Leon Drogoviec, and some additional suggestions on operational possibilities. Subject was told that the matter would be further discussed with him as soon as the names have been checked.

4. In connection with legal travel to Byelorussia, subject was requested to look for and submit names of 2-3 candidates who are citizens of the United States. ( ) briefed subject

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on the necessary qualifications a candidate should have and what generally the candidate might be asked to accomplish on a REDSKIN mission.

5. The undersigned questioned subject about the Byelorussian-American Relief Committee established in New York on 29 September (reviewed in BELARUS - 30 September 1957 edition). Subject stated that this committee, which actually has been in existence for some time, was incorporated to enable it to receive relief aid and tax free donations. The purpose of the organization is to collect and distribute aid to needy Byelorussians. In connection with this discussion, subject mentioned the fact that the Byelorussians were preparing to celebrate Byelorussian Independence Day on 30 March 1958 and, in jest, inquired whether [ ] and the undersigned would attend.

6. Subject was paid \$450 (representing his salary for the months of October, November and December 1957) for which he signed a receipt. The receipt was handed to [ ] in DOB/Finance on 7 January.

7. The meeting was terminated approximately 1435 hours and subject was seen back in a taxi to the Roger Smith Hotel where he was planning to meet another Byelorussian who came with him from New York to meet with the State Department officials. There was no date set for the next meeting.

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