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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

SUBJECT: New York Meeting of Political and Management Committees
On 23 April 1953 at 3 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

100 Kw Transmitter -- Jack Burton raised the question of title to the 100 KW transmitters now in storage in New York. The American Committee is being pressed by General Electric International to pass to the latter a set of spare parts for those transmitters. General Electric needs these spare parts immediately and will replace them within 6 months. Inasmuch as the transmitters were originally purchased from General Electric, the American Committee wants to cooperate. It cannot do so without title to the transmitters. The Advisory Board promised to expedite action.

Saturday Evening Post Article -- Janet Harper called on the American Committee about an article the Post is writing. She wanted photographs of new defectors and of the American Committee radio operation. It could not be determined what the nature of the article is. Don Levine was asked to undertake an attempt to see the article in advance.

American Committee in San Francisco, California -- Admiral Stevens mentioned that he had seen two separate references to the existence of an American Committee headed by Admiral Stanley on the West Coast. No one present at the meeting could throw any additional light on the California committee. It was decided to look into this organization further through CIA channels. In addition, Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt was asked to investigate the organization upon his return to the West Coast some time next week.

Byelorussian Federalists -- Admiral Stevens expressed concern that he had not received an answer from Munich to his Airgram #70 requesting clarification and details of the Byelorussian Federalists' movement in Germany. He read a cable at the meeting which said in effect that the American Committee opposes any efforts to build up Byelorussian Federalists with the view to their admittance to the Coordinating Center. The cable was approved by the meeting and sent to Swift.

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Abramtchik -- Don Levine reported that he had spoken to Abramtchik of the Byelorussian National Rada, who arrived in the States a few days ago. He said that Abramtchik appeared to be in a good mood and maintained that on the basis of Admiral Stevens' 3 points outlined in a memorandum received from Munich, the Karlsruhe conferees plus the Dashnaks are ready to come into the Coordinating Center. Admiral Stevens reported that these sentiments are not in keeping with a recent communique received by the Committee from the Nationalities recently meeting in Paris. This communique signed by the Karlsruhe conferees plus the Dashnaks and North Caucasians insisted on the usual changes in the Center's statutes and platform.

President for the Coordinating Center -- Admiral Stevens said that it is up to the Committee to propose a suitable candidate as President for the Coordinating Center in view of Malgunov's anticipated retirement from an active role in the Center. Several people were suggested at the meeting; Krcniadi, Aldan, Yakovlev and Kunta. All suggestions were turned down. Don Levine proposed Zaitsev, a Russian writer in Paris. Busheln said he knows him and approves. Kelley, however, claimed that Zaitsev is non-political, i.e., uninformed politically. Franny Stevens commented that it would be unrealistic to propose to choose as its President anyone outside their membership. No decision was reached.

Yakovlev's Visa. -- Admiral Stevens inquired about the status of Yakovlev's visa to the States. The Advisory Board promised to check further.

Dolenko -- talked to Dolenko on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. said that Dolenko will not commit himself regarding participation in the Center following Dolenko's conference this weekend. Similarly, Dolenko hedged when asked whether he would participate in the Center were a Federalist group of Ukrainians under Bogatirovuk admitted. It seems that Dolenko is going to open his conference with a blast at the UNRada, designed to force the Rada to admit Dolenko. opinion is that Dolenko wants to consolidate his own power position, break into the Rada and then change it. Admiral Stevens made the point that in supporting Dolenko, we may be creating a situation parallel to that which exists with the UCCA today.

Bogatirovuk Federalists -- Admiral Stevens said he thinks that the Committee should go on record to Munich that it will not oppose the entrance to the Coordinating Center of the Bogatirovuk group. The reason for such a statement is that the Committee can no longer maintain an anti-Federalist position which if maintained would only result

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in creating a deadlock or a split in the next plenum scheduled for May 26th. It was agreed that such a cable should be sent a few days before the May 26th plenum so as to permit the American Committee to gauge the temper of Dolanske following his April conference.

High Level Meeting on Visas for Emigres -- Admiral Stevens said that it is necessary to have a high level meeting to discuss the situation brought about by the difficulties over Dubrovsky's and Kotorovich's visas. He further said that Mr. Wigner agreed to arrange for such a meeting at the Admiral's request. The Admiral said that he would like to have both Franny Stevens of the State Department and [] at this meeting. Admiral Stevens went on to say that the only solution to the Committee's problems with respect to visas for emigres is a change in the Immigration law. This is a long range proposition. The interim solution therefore is to bring in people under the special CIA quota. He asked the Advisory Board how many openings in the CIA quota exist at the present time. [] countered by saying that this question could not be discussed with the group present. He further stated that in his opinion there were two questions involved in the problem -- (a) emigre visas for security-approved people and (b) security approval itself. The two questions could not be discussed together with the group there present. Mr. Kelley joined the conversation saying that the trouble lies in the inability of people concerned to evaluate information. Admiral Stevens picked up the thought saying that the principle of an investigating agency being precluded from making the evaluation should be applied. He said that this principle is already being maintained in our Agency. Don Levine suggested that the Committee be given a yearly quota of the CIA quota. The Advisory Board was asked if that could be done. [] answered that the question could not be discussed then and there. The matter of CIA quota is entirely in the hands of DCI.

Burovets -- Don Levine reported that Burovets has arrived in the U.S. He suggested that Admiral Stevens see Burovets for a full discussion. Burovets, according to Levine, is a man of great stature and position among the ranks of Ukrainian emigres. Don further suggested that CIA should get in touch with Burovets for operational reasons. Burovets, said Levine, would be more of an asset to the Agency than Lebed and Bandera combined. It was decided that Admiral Stevens would meet with Burovets in the near future.

Dobriansky Letter -- The high point of the meeting was the reading by Admiral Stevens of the Committee's rebuttal to the Dobriansky letter

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of April 10th. It was the majority opinion that the letter though lengthy was an excellent one -- dignified, sincere and factual. Admiral Stevens commended Henry Poor for setting the tone of the letter. It was reported that Admiral Monts in his own name is drafting a more dramatically forceful reply. With regard to the UCCA threat, Admiral Stevens said that there are indications that the UCCA is cooling off. Many Ukrainians, it was reported, including Wytchytsky and the Seranton group are not in sympathy with Dobriansky's letter. Moreover, it was the majority opinion that the Dobriansky letter does not come from a unified monolithic Ukrainian front. After some discussion regarding the form of the letter, it was decided to send it as is -- under Admiral Stevens' signature.

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