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## A SYNOPSIS OF QRPLUMB OPERATIONS 1946-DATE

- Initially (1946-53), the group of Ukrainian political activists under the leadership of QRPLUMB/2 (p/2) and called the "Foreign Representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council (ZPUHVR)", represented and provided support to the then ongoing active armed anti-Soviet resistance in the Soviet Ukraine in close collaboration with and support from the CIA assets in Europe. P/2's group provided the US Government and the CIA in particular with -

-- Communications link to the Ukrainian armed resistance in Western Ukraine and Eastern Poland.

-- Agents for operations inside the Soviet Ukraine as part of the Agency's Operation REDSOX.

-- Valuable FI on the political and military situation inside the Soviet Ukraine, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

- When effective armed resistance was suppressed in the Soviet Ukraine and Eastern Poland, p/2's group changed its modus operandi from supporting armed resistance to political action and nonlethal covert operations using all available means (clandestine radio broadcasting, publications, personal contact). Accordingly, in 1952 AERODYNAMIC (later QRDYNAMIC and now QRPLUMB) was established as an Agency supported proprietary targeted on the Soviet Ukraine.

- During the period of active dissident movement in the Soviet Union, QRPLUMB conducted one of the most effective CA operations supported by the Agency. It provided material and moral support to active Ukrainian dissidents, established and maintained personal contact with many of their key leaders; exfiltrated numerous dissident samizdat works and published them abroad for publicity and especially for return infiltration into Soviet Ukraine; publicized dissident causes in the free world (via publications, broadcasting, international conferences/forums); conducted selected political action targeted on Soviet Ukraine.

- Today, QRPLUMB is one of the oldest, and most effective CA operations targeted on the Soviet Union and is the only project conducting CA operations inside the Soviet Ukraine. It has an extensive network of assets abroad and some even inside the Soviet Union; it has developed over the years a variety of infiltration channels into Soviet Ukraine directly and via supportive and collaborative arrangements with dissidents inside Eastern Europe (especially "Solidarity" and related groups in Poland). Its effectiveness is confirmed by frequent

and vituperative attacks by the Soviet media and public officials on QRPLUMB and its key officers, especially Messrs Lebed and Prokop. It has been publishing continuously for 25 years a monthly journal which has gained the status of the most read and influential Ukrainian-language journal outside the Soviet Union. Thousands of its copies as well as its books are being infiltrated into Soviet Ukraine. The QRPLUMB project and its publications are well respected both in the Ukrainian diaspora and inside the Soviet Ukrainian intellectual community. QRPLUMB has also maintained a linkage with elements inside China who are interested in the situation in Soviet Ukraine and have provided at least a token support to its CA effort targeted on the Ukraine. This linkage has also resulted in some useful FI reporting by QRPLUMB/57.

- P/2, the founder and principal manager of QRPLUMB for almost 30 years retired in 1975. He is still closely associated with the QRPLUMB operations in his annuitant status as an advisor and a consultant.

-In addition to the highly-successful Ukrainian language journal, QRPLUMB publishes a Russian language quarterly and an English language monthly, Nationality Survey. They also publish books on topical Ukrainian themes, such as "Famine in Ukraine 1932-33", and a book of poetry by Vasyl Stus, a Ukrainian dissident poet who, like Marchenko, died in Soviet prison

-The QRPLUMB collaborative efforts with the Polish underground have resulted in a number of QRPLUMB articles being translated into Polish and published by Polish underground press. Moreover, one of the underground groups has printed several issues of Samosiynist, a QRPLUMB bulletin, and infiltrated it into Ukraine. And in response to Polish requests, an entire issue of the QRPLUMB Suchasnist journal was translated into Polish and distributed inside Poland, where it drew very favorable reviews.

-Another new QRPLUMB project concentrates on infiltration of video duplicating equipment and video tapes inside. To date they have delivered duplicating equipment into Poland, where tapes are made and infiltrated into Soviet Union. One of the first tapes to go in was The Harvest of Despair, dealing with the famine of 1933-34.

-QRPLUMB also is very responsive to fast-breaking events, such as the Chernobyl disaster. They were able to establish telephonic contacts (through their sources), providing information on prophylactic measures to the Ukrainians and receiving accounts of the events surrounding Chernobyl. They published and mailed, infiltrated in a special information

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bulletin dealing with radiation effects, and put out a special edition of their Nationality Survey dealing with Chernobyl. Their Chernobyl activities were coordinated with the Balts in an effort to tie in the Chernobyl power plant with a similar plant at Ignalina in Lithuania.

-The QRPLUMB efforts have drawn extensive criticism in both Soviet and Polish (after appearance of Suchasnist in Polish) press, which has served to provide good feedback on the effective message they convey to their readers inside.

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## QRPLUMB CA HIGHLIGHTS - JULY 1988

I. SUMMARY: Continues to publish the Ukrainian language political-cultural journal as well as books and other publications. Preparing the second issue of the journal in Polish. Expanding contacts and support for dissident groups and individuals in the Ukraine.

## II. ACTIVITIES:

Vice-president of the institute took a trip to Europe to attend celebrations of the Millenium of Christianinty in Ukraine in Rome and to meet with various contacts and distributors.

Sent a camcorder to a dissident group in the Ukraine and received confirmation that previously infiltrated camcorders are being put to effective use

Continued to infiltrate copies of film on Ukrainian famine which they dubbed into Ukrainian in April. Continued developing a new infiltration base in Finland for literature and video.

## III. PLANS:

Will look into ways to increase self-financing in order to resolve the question of proprietary relationship with us.

Will study applicabilty of various computer programs and desktop publishing equipment for use by dissident groups in the Ukraine.

## IV. FUNDING: No changes.

V. OTHER: A question arose of contact with a person employed by Radio Liberty who has a relationship with the Yugoslav security service. Past history and implications of this contact are being studied in coordination with the CI Staff.