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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

QRPLUMB is a proprietary publishing and distribution corporation based in Newark, New Jersey, with affiliates in Munich and London. QRPLUMB publishes a Ukrainian-language monthly political-literary magazine, a Russian-language socio-political quarterly journal, bulletins, pamphlets, leaflets, and books for infiltration and clandestine distribution within the Soviet Ukraine. The purpose of the QRPLUMB Activity is to provide intellectual and moral support to those Ukrainians who seek social and political moderation of the Soviet system and who encourage liberalization of various strata of the Ukrainian population.

QRPLUMB was formed in 1946 under the leadership of QRPLUMB/2. PNWORLD funding began in 1952 as a proprietary. It was converted to a controlled subsidy in 1984 and reconverted to a proprietary based on a PNWORLD review.

AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is provided by the Consolidated Presidential Findings of 7 June 1978 and March 1979, the Memorandum of Notification of 3 August 1987 and Perspectives 34. As authorized, QRPLUMB directly supports PNWORLD programs to foster greater democratization and pluralism in the USSR and encourage respect for human rights. QRPLUMB is part of PNWORLD's expanded nationalities program to broaden contacts with internal Ukrainian dissident groups. This Operational Activity was last approved on 11 June 1988.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During FY-88 QRPLUMB continued publication of the following periodicals:

a. Suchasnist - a Ukrainian language journal published 11 times a year (one double issue). Approximately 500 copies of each edition are distributed inside the USSR. The July-August 1988 issue was devoted to the Millennium of Christianity in the Ukraine and has created greater than usual demand inside. QRPLUMB is planning another press run of this issue and an additional 2,000 copies are being produced in miniature version by Headquarters for infiltration during FY-89.

b. Forum - a Russian language journal, currently published twice a year, dealing primarily with sensitive nationality issues. Approximately 750 copies per issue are infiltrated into the Soviet Union.

c. Soviet Nationality Survey - an English-language bulletin dealing with Soviet nationality issues, published monthly and distributed primarily to Third World countries, East and West European libraries and scholars. The Ukrainian Academy of Sciences has recently begun subscribing to the Survey.

d. Soviet Ukrainian Affairs - a quarterly English language bulletin which deals primarily with Soviet Ukrainian topics, including notes on dissident activities, and is aimed at East and West European audiences.

e. Ukraine Report - a German language publication published at irregular intervals, which concentrates on glasnost and developments inside Ukraine, aimed at East and West German audiences.

f. Suchasnist - a Polish language version of the basic publication, aimed at improving Polish-Ukrainian relations. The first volume appeared in 1986 and had four editions and several reprints in Poland. The second volume was published in FY-88.

g. Samostiynik - a Ukrainian language bulletin edited in the West, published in Poland for distribution into the Ukraine and other bloc countries. It is not attributable to QRPLUMB.

h. Ukrainian Peace Committee News - a quarterly newspaper published by the Ukrainian Peace Committee (see para 4) distributed to various European and Third World peace groups as well as to East Europe and the USSR. It is not attributed to QRPLUMB.

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i. Ukrainian Press Agency (UPA) - based in London, the agency prepares press releases and background articles on current events in the Ukraine with stress on dissident activities. During FY-88, a number of articles appeared in the West European press based on information and using photographs provided by the UPA. A number of emigre publications, as well as underground journals in Poland, have cited UPA as the source of their information on Ukrainian activities.

j. Dialogi - a Polish language bulletin published in Poland, edited in the West, and aimed at the Polish audience, stressing the need for Polish-Ukrainian cooperation.

Books: QRPLUMB has published four books in Ukrainian to date and four more are scheduled for this year.

Video project: QRPLUMB dubbed the documentary on the Stalin-imposed Ukrainian famine of 1932-33, "Harvest of Despair", into Ukrainian for distribution inside and funded a Polish-language, Polish-produced version, which was shown to large gatherings of Poles and Ukrainians. Four video cameras were sent to the Ukraine for dissident groups to film interviews and events. QRPLUMB is compiling tapes of celebrations of the Millennium of Christianity for future distribution into the Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Peace Committee (UPC): Set up in in 1986 to intervene in the Copenhagen World Peace Congress, UPC continued its activities by publishing four issues of the Ukrainian Peace Committee News which it distributed to various peace groups worldwide. UPC activities include contact with independent peace groups and other unofficial organizations in Poland (Freedom and Peace), the Ukraine (a branch of the Moscow Trust Group in Lvov) and Moscow. Members of UPC attended the Human Rights Conference in Krakow, Poland in August 1988 and distributed literature at the Swedish Peace Conference, organized by a pro-Soviet Swedish peace group. The UPC has established contact with a Finnish peace group which has contacts with unofficial groups in Moscow and has agreed to take UPC literature as well as QRPLUMB publications into the Ukraine.

Chernobyl Anniversary Project. QRPLUMB distributed additional leaflets in Kiev, resulting in press publicity in the Soviet Union as well as in the West.

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Polish contacts. Poland is becoming increasingly important as a base for Ukrainian operations. With travel much easier now between Poland and the Ukraine, the country has become a major point for infiltration, relying on the large, nationally-aware Ukrainian community to infiltrate materials, often with the help of Polish opposition structures. In FY-88, QRPLUMB began reprinting certain issues of its journal in the Ukrainian language inside Poland for distribution in the Ukraine. According to recent reports, Poles can now take VCR's and computers to the USSR. This will facilitate sending this type of equipment to the Ukraine without having to rely only on Western travelers.

During FY-88, QRPLUMB took first steps to provide computer and printing equipment to support fledgling independent groups and publications in the Ukraine. They are now investigating software in the Ukrainian alphabet compatible with equipment available in the Ukraine.

Expanded activities were made possible by allocation of \$174,000 from the PNWORLD reserve release during FY 1988.

PLANS:

We plan to reconvert QRPLUMB from a proprietary to a controlled subsidy during FY 1989. The attached administrative plan to effect the change is in coordination. It provides the reasoning and legal justification for this step. This change is planned because we wish to subsidize more directly the distribution to the USSR and to commercial establishments in Europe and Poland where Ukrainians are more free to travel. We plan to steadily increase the size and scope of the QRPLUMB operations in Western Europe. The New Jersey instrumentality then would be free to expand normal commercial sales in the West and to solicit funds from the Ukrainian communities in North America to provide a higher percentage of the operating costs.

We also plan an overall expansion of QRPLUMB operational activities directed at audiences in the USSR. QRPLUMB will send an assistant to Munich to set up a stronger distribution network from West Germany, Austria and other West European countries where there is a large Ukrainian emigre community. QRPLUMB principals from New Jersey will rotate in taking extended tours in Munich to take charge and add impetus to European based operations.

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We plan to assess the director of the London affiliate for possible recruitment as a witting agent. He has unique contacts and capabilities which suggest that in addition to his present role, he would be an excellent FI agent.

QRPLUMB will continue the Polish language publishing efforts, furthering cooperation with the Polish underground to facilitate infiltration of printed and video materials into the Ukraine.

With the opportunity for audio/video cassette infiltration into the Soviet Union, QRPLUMB plans to increase its efforts, both in providing additional duplicating capability and a selection of appropriate video films. During FY 1989, QRPLUMB plans to produce a film on the Millennium celebrations from footage compiled in the West and a film on the dissident movement in the Ukraine.. The latter will use footage filmed in the Ukraine, in many cases with camcorders infiltrated by QRPLUMB.

QRPLUMB will continue to infiltrate video camcorders as well as other equipment to independent groups in the Ukraine to help them establish a publishing/communications base for their activities.

The Ukrainian Peace Committee will expand its contacts with other peace groups, especially non-official peace groups in Eastern Europe. It plans to expand its contacts within the USSR, among others, using the new Finnish channel.

PROBLEMS:

The KGB continues its attacks on emigre groups and recently it announced that it had conducted a long-term penetration operation against the Bandera faction of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists which resulted in the arrest of some twenty couriers and activist in Poland and in the Ukraine. While QRPLUMB has no connection with the organization in question, we are concerned about the possibility that some of its channels may have been contaminated. QRPLUMB is taking all necessary steps to ensure the security of infiltration operations through vetting and compartmentation.

The QRPLUMB organization has had a long-term, sporadic contact with a Yugoslav of Ukrainian descent working at Radio Liberty who admitted to having been coopted by the Yugoslav service to provide information on emigre groups. We have advised QRPLUMB/57 to exercise

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extreme caution in contact with this individual and we are now examining ways in which his association with the Yugoslav service could be exploited for CI.

For some years QRPLUMB and QRPLUMB/57 have maintained contacts with officials of the Peoples' Republic of China (PRC). Under our direction, these contacts have been kept to the minimum and only when absolutely unavoidable. They are monitored closely for counterintelligence reasons and for possible operational exploitation by China Operations and by FR/New York.

Similarly, acting on behalf of the FBI and FR/New York, QRPLUMB/57 has maintained contact with officials of the Ukrainian Republic mission to the United Nations. This, too, receives careful scrutiny, both for CI threats and FI opportunities.

We continue to monitor for any developments in the now dormant investigation by the Department of Justice into the alleged wartime activities of two former QRPLUMB leaders. We are not aware of any new developments since the submission of the FY 1988 QRPLUMB OPACT.

ASSETS AND MECHANISMS

QRPLUMB/57 - witting, president of the proprietary. QRPLUMB/57 was granted an OA on 5 July 1983. QRPLUMB/57 was successfully polygraphed during FY 1985. QRPLUMB/57 receives a salary of \$37,000 per annum, retirement and health/life insurance from the proprietary. There are no other special benefits.

QRPLUMB/75 - witting, treasurer. QRPLUMB/75 was granted a CSA on 10 September 1985. QRPLUMB/75's annual salary of \$30,000, retirement and health/life insurance are paid by the proprietary. There are no other special benefits.

QRPLUMB/103 (QRPLUMB/103) - witting, vice president. He was granted a CSA on 20 June 1985. QRPLUMB/103's annual salary of \$25,000, retirement and health/life insurance are paid by the proprietary. There are no other special benefits.

There are 15 unwitting proprietary hires who work either full or part-time in New York, and seven who work in London and Munich. All full-time employees receive retirement and health/life insurance benefits. These benefits are provided in accordance with the Administrative Plan. The New York-based unwitting proprietary hires have either CSAs or Proprietary Approvals, or are in the process of being cleared. We trace the European employees for derogatory information when hiring them.

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COVER/SECURITY

As part of their everyday activities, the QRPLUMB members attend various emigre events at which they come in contact with visiting Ukrainians as well as with members of the official community of the United Nations mission. While these contacts provide useful information and operational opportunities, we monitor them for possible hostile CI operations. QRPLUMB/57 meets regularly with a FR/New York case officer to provide assessments of personalities which may be of interest to the Station for eventual independent development. The three witting QRPLUMB assets will be provided clandestine tradecraft training in early FY 1989. A full scale CI review of the QRPLUMB project is planned in FY 1989.

All QRPLUMB employees use the true name of the QRPLUMB research/publishing company as their place of employment. There is no apparent physical threat to the witting QRPLUMB employees in the U.S. but the unwitting employees in Western Europe would be placed in jeopardy by any disclosure. The witting employees would suffer some damage to their credibility within the Ukrainian communities.

FUNDING:

Sterile or cover fund bank transfers are made to the QRPLUMB bank account, citing five devised facilities located in different U.S. cities as remitters.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Funds are NSPG controlled and budgeted for [] in FY 1989. FY 1989 funds are available in the PPS budget in the amount of [] (FAN 28-4544). FY 1990 funds are requested in the amount of []

ACCOUNTABILITY

An extensively revised Administrative Plan was prepared in November 1988 and is in coordination. Funds will be accounted for in accordance with the approved Administrative Plan.

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OPACT BUDGET

SOC	FY 1988	FY 1989	FY 1990	FY 1991
PNWORLD Ops-2552	C	C	C	C
Prop funds-2560	C	C	C	C
TOTAL QRPLUMB budget	C	C	C	C

PROPRIETARY BUDGET

Cash on hand	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Income				
PNWORLD funds-2560	C	C	C	C
Proprietary income	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Other Proprietary	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other USG funds	C	C	C	C
TOTAL INCOME	1,222,000	1,215,000	1,344,000	1,344,000
Less Expenses	1,222,000	1,215,000	1,344,000	1,344,000
Fixed expenses				
Salaries/benefits	284,000	295,000	325,000	325,000
Rent and Admin	145,000	150,000	160,000	160,000
TOTAL Fixed Expenses	429,000	445,000	485,000	485,000
Operating Expenses	793,000	770,000	859,000	859,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,222,000	1,215,000	1,344,000	1,344,000
Cash balance	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

* Note: Estimated cash balance is total income plus cash on hand less total expenses. The estimated cash balance becomes the cash on hand for the next fiscal year. The FY-88 budget includes enhancement from the Reserve Release funds in the amount of [].