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TO : Chief, SE
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DATE: 5 June 1958

FROM : Chief, TRAINING DESK *DM*

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - REDWOOD/ACIMPROVE/OPERATIONS

SPECIFIC - Mykhaylo RUDKO - May 1958 Progress Report

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REFERENCES: As indicated herein.

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ACTION REQUIRED: Please assign cryptonyms and file number.

1. Synopsis of Developments: Contact was re-established with Mykhaylo RUDKO to determine if he has been approached for recruitment by the RIS and if not, to keep him on tap for this eventuality. He also appears to have some exploitable potential as an informant for which he will be assessed. RUDKO appears willing to cooperate with the AIS and contacts will be held to a minimum.

2. Developments:

a. When RUDKO was contacted for the first time by [redacted] on 14 May 1958, he appeared to have accepted [redacted] and [redacted] as with the same AIS group with which RUDKO had contact earlier. As soon as he was terminated from the defunct REDBOX project, RUDKO clung to the hope that the AIS would pick him up again. When he saw he would not be re-utilized, he did not become cynical despite the fact the AIS allegedly had implied he would be re-employed.

b. RUDKO's application for emigration to the United States was finally cleared in March 1958 after an investigation which took 10 years. He says he may visit the United States once his visa is granted but he will make Munich his place of permanent residence. He feels he has adjusted to, and is satisfied with, life in Germany.

c. RUDKO is interested in serving as an informant and volunteered that his current employment lends itself to exploitation as an informant. He appears to be very objective, that is, he reports first the facts and then if necessary his conclusions. (See the attachments for detailed commentary, including RUDKO's data on what appears to be a possible lead.)

3. Plans: Initially we plan to contact RUDKO more frequently for purposes of assessment and guidance. Subsequently we will broach to him the possibility of an RIS approach to him and discuss the method in which

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he should handle himself in the event of an approach. Following this initial period of handling, frequency of contacts will depend on our assessment of his service as an informant. In any event, we will avoid establishing HUKKO as a regularly-contacted informant in view of plans to maintain contact with a series of what may be described as leads and/or contacts.

4. Attachments: Forwarded herewith as Attachments A and B are Contact Reports Numbers 1 and 2.

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Attachments: HEREMITH
As stated above in para 4.

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AGENT: ykhyalo HUDKO

DATE: 14 May 1958

CASE OFFICER: []

CONTACT REPORT NO: 1

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT: 14 May 1958, 1230 hours

RV PLACE: Loewenbraeu Keller

PLACE MEETING HELD: Weinbauer Restaurant in Gruenwald

DURATION MEETING: Two hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Establish Contact with emigre who appears to have exploitable potential as an informant; and determine if emigre has been approached for recruitment by the RLS and if not keep emigre on tap for such eventuality.

SECURITY: NA

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ADMIN/FINANCE: NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 22 May 1958, 1800 hours

COMMUNICATIONS: See attachment.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS: See Attached.

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS

SUBJECT: RW with Mykhaylo RUDKO on 11 May 1958 (Contact Report #1)

1. Following analysis of Munich base's file data on Mykhaylo RUDKO (born 2 March 1917, Dytiatyn, Stanislav, Ukraine), including AIS/OA traffic, it was decided to re-establish contact with RUDKO, who appears to have exploitable potential as an informant, to determine if he has been approached for recruitment by the AIS and, if this has not already occurred, keep him on tap for such an eventuality. RUDKO's position, as assistant director of the local UUAAC (United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, located at Munich 13, Augustenstrasse 36/III, phones: 592009 and 591544), is one which appears to be attractive to the AIS since not only does he have access to UUAAC's files (on Ukrainian emigres who have applied for emigration to the USA and other countries) but his position allows him free movement among the entire Uke emigration in Munich and the rest of Germany. (He stated he visits the other UUAAC stations in Germany, including Duesseldorf and Bamberg, and that he intends to re-open the UUAAC office in Nuernberg at Camp Valka.) The next several meetings will be devoted to assessing his potential as an informant who is in a position to provide leads on Ukrainians of interest to the AIS.

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2. Method in which contact was re-established: [redacted] went to the vicinity of RUDKO's office to approach him as he left for lunch. When RUDKO did not appear in about 20 minutes, [redacted] phoned the UUAAC office from a public phone booth. Mrs. CHAIKOVSKA answered and said RUDKO was attending a welfare conference at the Menno Saal of the Loewenbraeu Keller and that [redacted] who did not leave his name out said since he was visiting Munich he wanted to pass greetings from mutual friends could have RUDKO paged at the Keller. At the Loewenbraeu Keller, [redacted] one of the waitresses page RUDKO who accepted the same story which [redacted] related to CHAIKOVSKA. While driving to the restaurant, Philabaum discussed RUDKO regarding the legend and said he was employed with the same AIS with which RUDKO had contact earlier. RUDKO appeared to be convinced about [redacted] bona fides, especially during subsequent mentions of [redacted] who worked with RUDKO in the defunct REUSOX project.

3. RUDKO said he had given up hope that the AIS would recontact him following his termination in the old REUSOX program. He indicated that although there was a termination agreement the AIS men led him to believe that he would be picked up subsequently for use in another project. He appeared surprised that during these years the AIS had not recontacted him since he feels he is located in a very good position to be used as an informant.

He said he was not concerned since he felt AIS silence probably was due to the difficulties he has encountered during his processing in the last of his emigration to the U.S.A. He said [redacted] was aware of the "stupid" decisions which were passed to RUDKO by a Latvian, Alfred [redacted] (possibly WILSON), at Nuernberg during 1949. (Allegedly [redacted] did not care for RUDKO's policy of employing not only Latvians but other nationalities; for

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A. Another example of RUDKO's perception and objectiveness revolves around his two contacts with Ozeshlwa UNIA in which case he volunteered during the discussion. He determined that she appears to have established contact with a tremendous number of Ukrainian emigres in Munich during her short stay in Munich since late 1957. When she came to him for assistance he was aware she was attempting to elicit data from him and he immediately suspected her motivations. However, he was forced to provide her with UUAAC advice and help in getting assistance until he heard from UUAAC headquarters that she was disallowed until further investigation was completed. (Do not press RUDKO for further data at this time.)

B. Re paragraph 3 above, RUDKO added he has no bitter feelings against the United States Government or the Ais. He blames the difficulties in his emigration case on normal bureaucratic practices. He said ordinarily he would have been antipathetic toward the Americans but his job at UUAAC has opened his eyes regarding bureaucracy, i.e., that situations are governed by existing laws or regulations. His status at UUAAC has served him beneficially in two ways in terms of his personal problems: the first concerns the slowness of his emigration case. He said that a great number of emigres have begged him to push their cases along. In some cases, he has managed to expedite things but in most he has failed. His failure was due either to lack of time because of work on cases which had more priority or he was hand-cuffed by rules and regulations of the U.S. Government or UUAAC or his own group. He was unable to pacify the emigres since their aim was to get to the U.S.A. and they did not care what was involved to get them there. In the second place, he figured that, despite the denunciation on the books against him which did not permit his emigration, he was permitted by the Americans to retain his UUAAC job which he does not take lightly. Not that he was waiting to receive a notice of termination during past number of years, but he felt that there were Americans who understood his case and the denunciations which were responsible for the delays. He said there was a time when he was re-hot in his ambition to leave for the U.S.A. However, he feels his work with the welfare of Ukrainian emigres has given him sufficient compensation and motivation to continue working in Munich in this field.

9. Regarding his living quarters, he said he now shares an apartment at Agnesstrasse 43/II with Dr. Antoni PERZELNETS (the phone number there is 374098). Until very recently RUDKO had been on very good terms with PERZELNETS. However, the latter apparently accepted some gossip from a woman and he began petty arguments with RUDKO. RUDKO now finds it difficult to live in the same apartment with PERZELNETS who appears to be the type of person who exaggerates petty matters and feels that anyone who is not with him all the way is against him and that further that person has sided with WILLAK against him. RUDKO wants no more of this and is planning to leave PERZELNETS within the next two-three weeks. When Lyubomyr URTYSKIY emigrated to the U.S.A. several years ago, RUDKO had purchased URTYSKIY's apartment at Nordendstrasse 5/0 (phone 291745) for DM 1,500. This apartment has been rented to a family named SCHAUZ; when RUDKO moves out of the Agnesstrasse 43 apartment he will move into a room in the Nordendstrasse apartment.

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10. It is noted that HUDKO speaks and understands English, probably due to his extensive contacts with USEP.

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AGENT: Mykhaylo RUDKO

DATE: 29 May 1956

CASE OFFICER: []

CONTACT REPORT NO:

DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT: 26 May 1956, 1900 hours

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RV PLACE: Near park on Maximilian strasse

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PLACE MEETING HELD: While cruising and Mians restaurant

DURATION MEETING: About 3½ hours

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Routine; assess agent's potential as an informant.

SECURITY: NA

ADMIN/FINANCE: NA

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: Will be scheduled

COMMUNICATIONS: See attachment

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS: See Attached.

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND COMMENTS

SUBJECT: [redacted] (Contact report #2)

1. As pre-arranged, [redacted] phoned [redacted] at his home on the evening of 22 May 1958 to schedule an interview. [redacted] advised his plans were changed and that his group planned to leave that evening for the [redacted] cooperation in [redacted] (on 23 May 1958). [redacted] was scheduled to return on the evening of 27 May 1958 and [redacted] phoned [redacted] on the evening of the same day and the instant interview was arranged.

2. [redacted] reviewed [redacted] long and detailed observations at the [redacted] cooperation and what little time he spent at the [redacted] fair, [redacted] at the Soviet and American exhibits. [redacted] because of his nervousness, during which he brought up a number of local congresses he attended and [redacted] spoke of [redacted] [redacted] appeared to [redacted] on-the-spot and made it a point to speak with [redacted] and went to Rotterdam, including [redacted] in [redacted] about three times. From [redacted]'s statements, [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] his [redacted] self [redacted] vis-à-vis [redacted], both kidding one another about their girl-friends or lack of same. Later during his narration, [redacted] volunteered he was closer to [redacted] when they lived in [redacted], which is [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] contacts. [redacted]'s convictions [redacted] are as follows: [redacted]'s status as a journalist would normally lead [redacted] congress to deduce he could be a Soviet agent. However, my personal opinion is that [redacted] is free from any entanglement with such affairs despite [redacted] matters to that effect and despite the fact that his status would make him interesting in the eyes of the [redacted].

3. [redacted] is modestly proud of the fact he brought to the attention of the AIS in 1955 the arrival of [redacted] (Jurij [redacted]) in Munich from the East. [redacted] described at length [redacted] suspicions [redacted] (as reported in 1955 when [redacted] interpreted). [redacted] added he still maintains the conviction that one of [redacted]'s targets was [redacted] L' whom [redacted] first contacted when he arrived in Munich. [redacted], ever cautious not to injure anyone by virtue of direct or indirect denunciations (he repeated the lesson he learned as the result of the false denunciation against him about 10 years ago; see Contact report #1), asked that his information about [redacted] be treated as purely his own conclusions based on his observations. He said [redacted] appears to be keenly interested in affairs beyond normal curiosity, adding that this trait is prevalent in many people who are free from any entanglement with a hostile [redacted].

A. [redacted] went on to relate an incident about [redacted] related to his employment at the Munich office of [redacted] (where [redacted] works). [redacted] travels at least once per week to [redacted], [redacted] or [redacted]. Toward the end of January or early February, 1958, [redacted] was to make a trip alone to [redacted] when the office executives decided [redacted] should accompany [redacted]. The reason for this decision was that [redacted] is considered [redacted] as a

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businessman and this 1941 trip involved discussions with Germans. Plans were made for WANKO and KRASNIK to meet at the WANKO office in plenty of time to leave for the Hauptbahnhof. WANKO arrives as he usually does since he is the only one, except for the six janitor, who has the key to the office. When KRASNIK did not appear, WANKO asked around the office and determined that KRASNIK had not yet arrived. WANKO did not leave alone for the Hauptbahnhof since he believed that KRASNIK would have telephoned had he gone to the Hauptbahnhof without first stopping at the office. WANKO ultimately postponed the trip since he did not hear from KRASNIK. Later, when, as it turned out, KRASNIK returned from Koblenz, he explained he had forgotten the arrangements. WANKO accepted this with sarcasm and did not say anything to KRASNIK. However, WANKO is certain that KRASNIK, for unknown reasons, did not want him to accompany him that day to Koblenz. WANKO does not exclude the possibility that KRASNIK may have had a secret rendezvous in Koblenz or elsewhere about which he wanted no one to be informed. In view of this, WANKO readily agreed to pass the COARC files on KRASNIK and Tatyana ANOLINA, a Ukrainian who commutes daily from Rosenheim for work at WANKO. (ANOLINA is described as KRASNIK's closest confidante at WANKO.)

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