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**SUBJECT:** Interview with Representatives of Underground Movement in the Ukraine

**TO:** Operations Officer  
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1. The undersigned officer arranged a second interview with Messrs. STYCHO and PIDAJNYJ on the 3rd and 4th of January 1951.
2. The following additional information was obtained with reference to activities and/or data of interest as presented by Messrs. STYCHO and PIDAJNYJ:

a. Mr. STYCHO lives under the name of Wasył DANKIW at Munchen 22, Triftstrasse 9, second floor. No telephone. (Can be reached at office phone - 72558 by leaving message for "Hecha".)

b. Mr. PIDAJNYJ lives under his real name and can be reached at Munchen 2, Bachnerstrasse 9, second floor, room 98. (Can be reached by asking for PIDAJNYJ or "Hecha".)

c. AMN, as represented by Messrs. STYCHO and PIDAJNYJ, has had no contact with the Ukraine since their visit to Berlin on 24 and 25 November 1950. Reason is given that because of the winter season the courier runs are at a standstill and that radio contact has been very poor.

d. Correspondence from Poland shows conditions very trying for members of the Underground:

- (1) Possession of dollars is a death penalty, consequently

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there is no exchange of the American dollar and for all practical purposes, at present, it is worthless. (Mr. PIDRAJNYJ states that his people in Poland have some three thousand dollars (\$3,000) which would have carried them through the winter -- were the dollars usable.)

- (2) Underground members have had to sell cameras, watches, and personal possessions to exist. (Mr. PIDRAJNYJ claims that his organization has sent used clothing parcels and shoes, with an occasional watch in clothes linings, to his people in Poland from Germany, France, Belgium, and the USA.)
- (3) Polish mail at present (Dec 1950) has to be taken to a city post office by the sender, or dropped in a rural mail box unsealed. (Mr. PIDRAJNYJ states that he and his correspondents utilize codes and chemicals.)
- (4) Polish correspondence is at a minimum -- not more than one letter a month to or from any one address in Poland.
- (5) Letters to and from Poland (as well as packages as mentioned in para 2 d, sub-para (2)), are dispatched and received at various cities and/or districts.

c. Mr. PIDRAJNYJ states that he has contacts in the following cities of Poland:

- (1) WARSAW - best point of contact, here definite points of contact, time and specific agents are supposedly on the job.
- (2) STETTIN.
- (3) HELSINKI.

(4) BRASLAW.

f. Mr. PIDMAJNYJ states that he can send a man to Poland to organize an OB net. He qualifies this statement by saying that this man must be trained by us in order to operate efficiently and to fulfill our directives. He states that he can furnish an additional 2 or 3 men -- but that these men must also be trained. He further states that all of these men are tried and reliable Poles and/or Ukrainians.

g. At this point, Mr. PIDMAJNYJ stated that he knows of one man who was trained and sent to Poland on a specific mission in the BRASLAW - OPAIN area. He was sent there by a "Mnich Organization" and an "American Organization", that employs a former Ukrainian Colonel and some German personnel. This man was trained in radio code sending, "chemical letter writing", and intelligence. He was also promised documentation upon arrival in Poland and all necessary aid to carry out his mission. Mr. PIDMAJNYJ states that he aided this man by giving him his one "initial" contact, but that he did this only to help him -- as this man was not to work in the capacity of a representative of ABE. This man, at this writing, has been in Poland over six months -- His initial reports were excellent (this Mr. PIDMAJNYJ was told by the Ukrainian Colonel of the "American Organization"). Now Mr. PIDMAJNYJ states that his operators in Poland are asking for aid and/or disposition for this man and that this man has not been given any aid since his arrival in Poland. Mr. PIDMAJNYJ states that he can contact this man through his agents in Poland -- this he has not done directly yet -- however, he feels that he must help this man for morale and security reasons.

h. Mr. PIDMAJNYJ states that any and all directives relative

to intelligence work in Poland and/or Ukraine should be screened through his organization because all of his people in Poland and the Ukraine are security conscious to a point where they trust only their own inner organization.

i. Messrs. STETZKO and PIDMAJNYJ again both stressed the importance of a "Second Front" - the fight behind the lines - the preparedness of which must be attained now instead of "too late". They stressed that "diversionary groups" with equipment can be quickly organized in France, Germany, Austria, and Belgium because their cell-framework is already established.

Here Mr. STETZKO stated that the OB, Political and Economic information is only 50% of the "battle", the other 50% of the goal should be to organize and to know how much potential strength is there for combat behind the lines and how much enemy fighting strength can be diverted from the fighting front.

Mr. PIDMAJNYJ added that the factor of "areas" must be considered, practically one-third of the world "space" is Communist controlled and that the "A-Bomb" is not enough to win a war.

j. There are three Soviet Colonels of the Soviet General Staff residing in Western Germany (who had defected - not known when) that Mr. PIDMAJNYJ can contact. Mr. PIDMAJNYJ states that they have not been and are not being recruited. Known information as given about these men is as follows:

- (1) Soviet Colonel - former instructor at the Military Academy USMA - taught "Airport Construction".
- (2) Soviet Colonel - topography expert (probably engineer

officer).

(3) Soviet Colonel - expert on aero-dynamics.

k. It was ascertained that AEM is operating a station in Belgium. This station is located at the junction of the borders of Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany. It has transmitting power of 1 KW. To date, the Belgian authorities have condoned its operation, but Mr. STEYKO feels that the station may be confiscated in the near future. He states that he shall try to obtain permission to operate in Western Germany. The station is located in an isolated mountain-forest area and is manned by three (3) covert operators. It broadcasts in seven foreign languages.

l. With reference to Poland and its relation to AEM activities, Messrs. STEYKO and PIDMAJNYJ state that in Poland they have seen fifty (50) agents underground and about three hundred (300) operators that live here legally. The three hundred odd people are not being utilized, but are "on call" when needed. The Polish mission is twofold:

- (1) A base for Ukrainian contact and "pipe-line".
- (2) A base for Polish underground movements.

m. Attached are copies of:

1. Photostats-Propaganda leaflets. Exhibits "A to F"
2. Photostats "Ukrainian Regional Report. Exhibits "F"
3. Photostat Propaganda Pamphlet, Exhibit "G"
4. Propaganda leaflets. Exhibits "H to "I"
5. Photostats Propaganda leaflets. Exhibits "O to R"
6. Propaganda Pamphlets. Exhibits "S to T"
7. Copy of AEM Mission. Exhibits "S"

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