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NOTE: GOPHER is in a good position to report on MGB Ukraine, and his past information is believed to have been fairly reliable. However his reports should be treated with reserve, due to his unclarified loyalties. Allowance should also be made for the extensive channels through which his information must pass before reaching us.

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1. The INO section of MGB Ukrainian SSR is one of the five sections (otdeli) of MGB headquarters in Kiev known to subsource. The other four sections are the administrative, technical, investigative and operational.

Field Comment: As reported in MSC/RIR/431, subsource understands the INO or Foreign Section to be the 7th section of the First Directorate. A field comment in that report pointed out that according to another source, believed reliable, foreign intelligence is handled by the First Directorate, which is divided into sections on a geographical basis and then into subsections. That source indicated only three sections under the First Directorate, and not more than three sub-sections for any one section. The same source also reported the existence of an investigative section and an operational section. He did not mention a technical section as such, although he reported two sections for communications. See HSC-55 (MGH-835).

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2. At the Kiev headquarters, INO is subdivided into various sub-sections (otdelenia), each of which directs surveillance over a certain anti-Soviet group, or supervises intelligence operations in a particular country bordering the Ukrainian SSR.

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Field Comment: According to previous information believed reliable, surveillance of anti-Soviet groups within the USSR is conducted by the Second (or counterintelligence) Directorate of MGB USSR, and the Ukrainian SSR Second Directorate is organized along the same line as the one on USSR level. See HSC-45 (MGH-809) and HSC-55 (MGH-835).

F-3 3. In the Ukrainian SSR, an INO officer always acts as assistant to the MVD commanders of border blocks (pogranzastavi or pogranichnii zastavi) and border sectors (uchastki).

F-6 4. MGB units outside the USSR borders and outside Soviet-occupied territory are invariably INO.

Field Comment: Second Directorate members also reportedly receive foreign assignments. See HSC-45 (MGH-809). However, the indications are that "INO" as understood by subsorce is also responsible for functions usually attributed to the Second Directorate.

F-6 5. Smersh is supposedly subordinate to INO.

Field Comment: The position of Smersh in the RIS hierarchy is not clear. It was reportedly dissolved before early 1946. See KEL-3457. It has also been reported that Chief Administration of the Armed Forces Intelligence and Counterintelligence, or Smersh, is now in MGB. See KEL-1609.

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