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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Dr. TUMASH on Byelorussian Study

1. The undersigned case officer met with Dr. Vitaut TUMASH in New York City on 14 September 1954 to discuss the Byelorussian Study which is under the PP portion of Project AEGOR for fiscal year 1955, approved 13 August 1954 and to negotiate a working agreement before entering into a formal contract. At the conclusion of the discussion a meeting was proposed for some time in the near future to formalize the relationship and begin the Study.

2. The original Study proposal outline submitted by Dr. TUMASH on 2 March 1954 was discussed with SR/GPP and the suggestions offered by that office were related to Dr. TUMASH. However, due to the ubiquitous need for CE type information on the Byelorussian emigration, the case officer requested that the Study - as proposed by Dr. TUMASH - be revised to meet current operational demands, while still retaining the basic PP character of the Study. Therefore, instead of developing the Study along purely academic lines, that is chronologically, it was decided that the Study - for the first six months - would be concerned with the preparation of statistical information on Byelorussian emigre groups in the United States and the development of the Byelorussian emigration in the United States since World War II. The information could then be incorporated in the overall Study. Dr. TUMASH agreed that this approach would not detract from the primary purpose of the Study. He seemed rather pensive about the amount of work which would be required from him in the initial stages of the Study. He was informed that while we would naturally expect him to compile all the information available to him in the shortest time possible we could not signify a specific amount of pages. However, we would appraise the Study as it progressed during this six months' trial period, making recommendations which would conform to our specific needs. He was informed that this was the only method with which we could continuously evaluate his effort and guide him. Dr. TUMASH agreed and notified the case officer that most of the information needed for the initial part of the Study was available to him in the United States. Basically, then, the Study will be taken in the reverse order from that originally proposed by Dr. TUMASH. He will start with the post World War II Byelorussian emigration in America. When he has completed that and we are satisfied with the material it will be expanded to include the Byelorussian emigration in other countries.

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3. In subsequent six month periods - for as long as we deem necessary - he will traverse the development of Byelorussian emigration during World War II, the BSSR after World War II - specifically dealing with the development of nationalism and anti-Communist activity augmented with documentary proof, the Byelorussian National Council (government in exile) between world wars, the political developments since World War I and a brief, but factual, outline of Byelorussian historical development from the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (15th Century), the Golden Age of the Grand Duchy in the 16th Century, the political and cultural decline of the Grand Duchy, and the collapse and Russian annexation at the end of the 18th Century. He will discuss the national rebirth under Russian rule up to World War I. The Study will be prepared in the English language and will be edited by the HQ's case officer.

4. For this study Dr. TUMASH will be reimbursed \$300 per month. From this amount no tax will be withheld and it will be his responsibility to declare his income. According to the General Counsel's office (Robert Harper) Dr. TUMASH should file a Schedule C Income Tax form, noting under the paragraph dealing with the source of income "Medical Consultant and Writer". This implies that the man is self-employed but is not practicing medicine. However, Dr. TUMASH will be required to pay 3% Social Security from the \$300 per month given him for salary. It is assumed that his salary from the hospital, if subject to Social Security, would be adjusted by the employer. It is not necessary for him to declare any expense money which we advance him.

5. Other stipulations under the proposed contractual agreement noted that in the event he must travel for us -- in the United States only -- he will receive in addition to his travel expenses \$9.00 per diem. In the event he uses a private vehicle for this travel he will be reimbursed at the rate of 7¢ per mile. He is not entitled to any Government benefits other than the Social Security which he must declare and is not to represent himself as a U.S. Government employee. It was specifically noted that no other commitments outside those covered by the terms of the contract would be authorized. He must receipt for all monies given him for operational or travel expenses.

6. For operational communication, Dr. TUMASH will be given a post office box for communication to us in addition to the SR/3 sterile telephone number, when available. Contact with him will be by telephone to his residence from agency telephones. He has stated that, to the best of his knowledge, no one except the president of BNR, ABRAMTCHIK, was aware of our working relationship.

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