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UKRAINIAN SSR - OPERATIONAL PROGRAL

MISSION

THE REAL PROPERTY.

1. To organize, develop and execute operations in and directed at the Ukrainian SSR for the purpose of undermining and weakening the influence and control of the Soviet Union. These operations will initially include activities in the fields of intelligence procurement, political and psychological warfare, and the organization and development of specially trained unconventional warfare cadres as partial fulfillment of guerrilla warfare requirements.

2. To organize and develop covert assets to be employed in the support of U. S. foreign policy and military objectives in the USSR under conditions of general war.

OBJECTIVES

1. Intelligence Procurement

a. To spot, recruit, assess, and train agent personnel for infiltration into the Ukraine. Those who are to reinforce the underground (UPA) in the Ukraine will be primerily recruited through the ZPUHR. Singleton, non-political agents will also be recruited to infiltrate into the Ukraine for specific missions not connected with the underground.

b. To exploit the Ukrainian resistance movement for the procurement of intelligence on specific targets, recent events in the Soviet Ukraine and Soviet Union, and also, the procurement of operational

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and strategic intelligence. Such groups as the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (UHVR) and its Ukrainian Insurgent Army(UPA), the Foreign Representative of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (ZPUHVR) in Western Europe and the United States, and possibly other groups such as OUN/BANDERA and the Ukrainian National Rada will be utilized.

c. To establish support facilities required for agent operations in the Ukraine and elsewhere in the Soviet Union.

2. Political Warfare

a. To work toward a rapprochement between ZPUHVR-ZChOUN and the Ukrainian National Council (UNR). If this were to take place the Ukrainian emigration would be united into one political body which might not be averse to cooperation with the Political Center.

b. To continue to subsidize the Ukrainian newspaper <u>Suchasna</u> <u>Ukraina</u> as an additional tool in our attempt to unify the major Ukrainian groups.

c. To organize an Ukrainian Information Bureau under ZPUHVR to further unification effort so that, under our control, the Ukrainian emigration take a united stand against the USSR which would be more consistant with American Foreign Policy.

3. Psychological Warfare

a. To develop a Ukrainian Information Center in order to keep emigration groups informed of the activities of the Ukrainian resistance movement in the Ukrainian SSR and to further our psychological warfare against the USSR in general and the Ukrainian SSR in particular.



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c. To continue material and financial assistance to the underground for preparation and distribution of psychological warfare pamphlets, posters, etc., in the Ukrainian SSR.

d. To utilize Suchasna Ukraina as a medium in the psychological warfare program.

4. Economic Warfare

None contemplated for FY 1953.

5. Guerrilla Warfare

The organization and formation of cadres trained in guerrilla warfare tactics has begun. Except in the initial stages these cadres, financed by the United States, will be trained by the ZPUNVR with every limited assistance from CIA during 1953.

6. Evasion and Escape

In the event of war, secure routes of Evasion and Escape could be established in the Western oblasts of Ukraine and could probably be built up to extend east from KIEV (Ukraine SSR) to as far west as PRESOV (Czechoslovakia).

7. Sabotage

a. During the training of the guerrilla warfare cadres, sabotage techniques will be taught.

b. At present, the underground is carrying out limited acts of sabotage. During kins a hot war the CIA sponsored guerrilla warfare cadres will be utilized in strengthening these activities and in

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training specialized underground sabetage units.

CAPABILITIES

1. Intelligence Procurement

a. Amiable and satisfactory liaison facilities exist with ZPUHVE and by the same token, with resistance leadership in the Ukraine.

b. Presently, there is W/T contact with underground in Ukraine which is a result of infiltration by agents trained and dispatched through GIA facilities.

c. Preparations are under way to strengthen this link by dispatching more W/T operations and materiel. At present there are three agents in training and two possible recruits who are being assessed prior to their acceptance for training. A program is in effect for the spotting and recruitment of agents, through liaison with ZPUHVR, for training and dispatch into the Ukraine in order to further develop the communications link now existing and thus maintain W/T and sourier contact with the underground as long as it has the capabilities meriting peacetime exploitation.

d. The initial phase of spotting and recruiting/non-political singletons and P/M and P/A types will begin as soon as possible in in Europe and the United States. In Europesspotting will be done by a contract agent who has access to IP files. In the United States, it is expected that the spotting of non-political recruits

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will be done by a DP who has access to these types. The recruitment will be accomplished by headquarters and field case officers.

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e. Training and dispatch of agents not recruited through or loyal to any emigre groups.

f. Gathering of operational intelligence data by a parttime CIA employee, who has access to research facilities and to people who have recently left the Soviet Union.

2. Political and Psychological Warfare

a. Action is currently under way to unify the major Ukrainian groups so as to provide an acceptable group that/may, at a later date, cooperate with the Political Center.

b. Access to the editorial and printing facilities of the ZPUHVR Ukrainian newspaper <u>Suchasna</u> <u>Ukraina</u> for utilization in Psychological and Political Warfare.

c. By alerting our W/T agent and giving him the information to be used, he can, through his contacts, have pamphlets and/or leaflets printed and distributed in the Western and possibly Eastern Ukrainian oblasts.

d. Research done by an agent who is a specialist in the Ukrainian field to be used in psychological warfare.

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3. Guerrilla Warfare

a.A. Material support of underground guerrilla warfare.

5. Organization of G/W cadre school.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. An underground movement is active today in the Ukrainian SSR under the direction of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation (UHVR). The UHVR, established in 1944, is the underground government of the Ukraine. Its membership represents all Ukrainian territories and all political opinions; policy decisions are reached by majority vote. The organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN), however, is the most powerful political organisation of the UHVR and may be considered the "party in power," since its ideological positions are reflected in UHVR policy. The Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) is a national army subordinated to the UHVR, as the government, not to the OUN, as the dominent political group.

2. The UHVR's Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), although continuously exposed to pressure from the MGB, is probably still capable of maintaining an underground headquarters and a center of political and propaganda activity. In addition, it carries out retaliation raids on MVD/MGB and Communist Party installations for morale, harassment, and propaganda purposes.

3. Anti-Soviet activities conducted by the civilian elements of the movement include distribution of a wide variety of printed propaganda materials and the expansion of resistance cells throughout the Western and Eastern Ukraine. The underground's present activities and their continuing expansion are made possible by the support, either active or passive, of the majority of the Ukrainian population in the Western oblasts.

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4. In 1949, two W/T trained couriers were dropped in Western Ukraine. Their radio equipment was irreparably smashed upon impact with the ground. It has been determined that both of these men are dead. As far as it is known, there was no security compromise connected with their deaths.

5. During the spring of 1950, four Ukrainian partisans who had been trained as radio operators were dropped by parachute into Western Ukraine. Their radio equipment, dropped under a separate parachute, was demolished upon impact with the ground. One of these four was captured by the Soviets in July 1950. A secondmember of this team committed suicide in the fear of iminent capture. The leader of the team returned overland to Germany in Fall 1950 with two escorts. The fourth member of the team remained in the Ukraine and is now reported to have been killed in action.

6. In the spring of 1951 four Ukrainian partisans, three of whom
were radio operators, were dropped by parachute into Western Ukraine.
Both men and equipment landed safely. We have W/T contact at present date.
One of the four agents, however, is now believed to be dead.

7. The subsidized Ukrainian newspaper <u>Suchasna Ukraina</u> has established a high reputation within the Ukrainian emigration which includes factions both friendly and inimical to ZPUHVR. It can be unequivocally said that the newspaper is a success and we should continue to subsidize it. Many of the articles printed in the paper have been reprinted by other newspapers and periodicals. In each case the original source was acknowledged.

8. During the fall of 1950, one of the largest pouches to date was brought out of the Ukraine; it contained official reports, samples of

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resistance periodicals, handbills, propaganda leaflets, policy declaration, as well as specific intelligence information on every aspect of the Soviet Ukraine.

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SPECIFIC PROPOSALS

1. During FY 1953 the aim is to strengthen CIA mission of getting intelligence information out of the Seviet Ukraine. We still have W/T contact and our initial steps will be to reinforce and resupply this contact in the Ukraine. We will thereby be able to develop the clandestime potential of the underground movement for limited use in the present situation and for full-scale effort in the event of war. The exploitation of the Ukrainian movement for resistance and intelligence purposes will be increased on a priority basis.

2. An operation, separate from the present Western Ukraine operation utilizing the UHVR and UPA, is underway. The agent involved is to infiltrate into Eastern Ukraine and recruit several persons who are to exfiltrate with him. After a short but intensive training period they are to return to the Ukraine, live legally, and serve as support points as well as an intelligence collection net.

3. Favorable political relations have been established with ZPUHVR and it is possible that the major Ukrainian groups may combine as one center. The possibility of getting these major groups into the Political Center program will be thoroughly explored during the current year.

4. A training program, not connected with current operations, but giving guerrilla warfare training for men provided by Misia UPA is being planned. In the event of war, all personnel trained under this program

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will be sarmarked exclusively for partisan tasks, for bolstering or organizing activity in the Ukraine, and not for covert military action.

5. The groundwork has been initiated for spotting and rechnitment of non-political agents for operations into the Ukraine; this program is to be carried on independently of ZPUHVR since the personnel of the type generally available to ZPUHVR would not make suitable singleton agents.

6. In addition, a scholar in the Ukrainian field has agreed, on a part-time basis, to perform research tasks which cannot otherwise be accomplished here and which are required in support of SE/W operations abroad. This agent will also fulfill needs in the nature of limited political reporting, agent spotting and assessment as requested by the Case Officer.

SPECIAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. Liaison with the Air Force, both in Washington and with USAFE A-2 locally, to determine the feasibility of air drops as needed and lay on training program of crew, procurement of and servicing of the aircraft, dry run flight, etc.

2. Other departments and agencies of the United States for the collecting of information pertinent to the security of the operations.

3. State Department, on Washington level, for utilization of VOA to to convey/W/T contacts, important information disguised as innocent text. CURRENT STATUS

1. Project AERODYNAMIC - There is at present W/T contact with the Ukraine and preparations are being made to reinforce and resupply it in the near future. At present, five agents are available to be dispatched as needed. Excellent political relations have been established with ZPUHVR and ground work is under way to have the major Ukrainian groups discuss means of combining their efforts as one center. When this is accomplished, there is a strong possibility that the center will come into the QKACTIVE program.

2. An operation by a (singleton) agent, not connected with any political group, is under way to establish a network in the Eastern Ukraine, separate from the operation now in effect in Western Ukraine. This will strengthen communications into the Soviet Union and Ukraine, and also it will open new avenues for the procurement of intelligence information.

3. Project PECRUET/AERODYNAMIC - To date the subsidized Ukrainian newspaper <u>Suchasna Ukraina</u> has established a very favorable reputation among the Ukrainian emigration. Of special interest is the fact that liveliest reaction in a positive sense comes from those circles who were never influenced by party politics and from circles which either never read the Ukrainian press or which, for their own reasons, had ceased to read it. The staff has a high editorial level in comparison with other Ukrainian papers and periodicals.

4. Project AE-CHAOS - The part-time CIA employee, who performs research tasks as requested by the case officer, recently produced an article which received very favorable comments in high circles of CIA. It can be assumed that any future work completed by this agent will continue to be of the same quality.

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5. The above projects, amendments thereto, and any additional Ukrainian projects which may be formulated will be combined and executed under a single all-inclusive Ukrainian operation.

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BUDGET

Intelligence Procurement Agents, cut-outs, contract agents, etc. \$40,000.00 Foreign materials staffing and service training facilities 15,000.00 Pay and subsistance for agent trainees 15.000.00 Sub-Total \$70,000.00

2. POLITICAL Warfare

a. Newspaper SUCHASNA UKRAINE \$36,000.00

- b. Information Center staff, printing expanses, etc. <u>40.000.00</u>
 - Sub-Total \$76,000.00

3. Psychological Warfare

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b.	Commo Equipment	3,000.00
C.	Medical Equipment	10,000.00
d.	Ordnance Equipment	15,000.00
8.	Cuartermaster supplies	52,000.00
I.	Special Devices	29,000.00
8.	Other expenses	45.000.00
		Sub-Total \$514,000.00

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