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TO : Chief, SR/3  
FROM : SR/3 W-2  
SUBJECT: Report of meeting with AECASSOWARY 2

NOTE: AECASSOWARY 2 has just returned from a six weeks' visit to Europe and England where he discussed Ukrainian matters with leaders of the ZP and ZCh and operational matters with AECAVATINA 5 and SMYOPIA representatives.

1. As is known, it was impossible for AECASSOWARY 2 to obtain a German visa in the United States on the basis of an affidavit in lieu of passport. For this reason, arrangements were made whereby AECASSOWARY 2 would first visit Italy where he would meet AECASSOWARY 3 at Bishop Buczko's residence and then proceed to Switzerland for talks with AECAVATINA 5 and others from the ZP and ZCh. Upon notification from the SR representative in Munich that those with whom AECASSOWARY 2 was to confer were expecting visas to visit Switzerland, AECASSOWARY 2 departed from the United States. Some time after he had arrived in Italy he was notified that AECAVATIAN 5 et al could not obtain Swiss visas as expected. Nevertheless, AECASSOWARY 2, along with AECASSOWARY 3, went to Switzerland where he hoped to obtain a German visa from the German Consulate in Basel. At the Consulate AECASSOWARY 2 explained his situation, i.e. that he desired to visit Germany but that he had no Passport, only an affidavit in lieu of one. He learned that the reason the Germans did not issue visas on the basis of affidavits was that these affidavits were usually not official since the only semblance of validity on them was the Notary Public cachet which, the German authorities claimed, could be obtained by anyone, anywhere, for twenty-five cents. Armed with this information, AECASSOWARY 2 went to the American Consulate, explained his problem and was issued an affidavit in lieu of passport identical to the one he had but bearing the official cachet and signature of the vice-consul. This document the German authorities honored immediately and without question and issued the desired visa. (Note: It seems that an official cachet from the Department of State in Washington for affidavits in lieu of passports could be gotten via Hazel Haight and German visas obtained here. This information will be passed on to Hazel Haight in the event she does not know about it.)

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2. From Switzerland, AECASSOWARY 2 went to Lindau, Germany where he first held meetings with AECAVATIAN 5, Rebet, Kordiuk, AECASSOWARY 3 and perhaps others. Following talks here, he again held meetings in the Tegernsee area and met with other leaders in Munich. Upon completion of his business in Germany, AECASSOWARY 2 went to London where he was joined by AECAVATINA 5, Rebet, Kordiuk and Shirline for talks with Ukrainian leaders in England and SMYOPIA representatives. His first meeting with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Rosdol of SMYOPIA was on 9 July and his next and last meeting was on 16 July, the day after the completion of SMYOPIA-KUBARK talks.

3. The results of AECASSOWARY 2-SMYOPIA talks are as follows:

a) Mr. Gibson informed AECASSOWARY 2 that he and others from his organization had completed discussing the Ukrainian operations with American Representatives. (AECASSOWARY 2 told the undersigned the American Representatives were [ ] and Mr. Murphy although he did not call them by these names. It is assumed this information was gotten from Mr. Gibson. The undersigned did not press for details but it was a bit awkward for him since, when AECASSOWARY 2 stated he believed that SMYOPIA and KUBARK had somewhat joined forces in deciding future Ukrainian operations and political support and pressed for details on the American stand, the undersigned, himself lacking information as to what took place at the meeting, could not offer alibis without revealing matters of no concern to him or to AECASSOWARY 2.)

b) Upon the request of AECASSOWARY 2 and colleagues, Mr. Gibson thought it possible that SMYOPIA would permit three Ukrainians to serve as official representatives of the ZP in England. These three would be Ilnitsky, Pidhainy and an unnamed person now living in England. Mr. Gibson said he would notify the ZP of the official stand regarding this request, but he himself thought it would be granted.

c) Gibson made it clear that SMYOPIA would not resume relationship with Bandera under any circumstances.

d) Gibson, following the meeting with KUBARK personnel, said that SMYOPIA had agreed to the following four points regarding AECASSOWARY 2 and future Homeland communications:

- i) They recognize AECASSOWARY 2 to be the Foreign Secretary of the UHVR and responsible person for contact with the Homeland.
- ii) They agree to pass on to AECASSOWARY 2 all political material received from the Homeland via their W/T and other links and to transmit to the Homeland via their links any political-organizational material which AECASSOWARY 2 may want to send.
- iii) That all messages AECASSOWARY 2 wants transmitted via SMYOPIA's links must be channeled via KUBARK and all incoming messages for AECASSOWARY 2 will likewise be handled through KUBARK.
- iv) SMYOPIA recognizes and favors the rapprochement between the ZP and the reorganized ZCh.

e) AECASSOWARY 2 and colleagues asked SMYOPIA for support in continuing the English language Ukrainian publication "Observer." This request was turned down.

f) GIBSON made it be known that SYMOPIA would continue to support the ZCh and its publication "Samostyink" at the rate of 6,000 Dm, the same amount formerly given Bandera, to 1 September ~~40~~ which time they would investigate and make a study of current operations being run in cooperation with the ZCh. In the event it was decided on 1 September not to continue these operations or this operational cooperation, then SMYOPIA would cut off this financial support entirely. In the meantime, Gibson suggested that the ZCh look to KUBARK for additional support now and for the future in the event SMYOPIA ended its support. (Note: AECASSOWARY 2 and friends did not tell Gibson but they agreed among themselves that in the event the British cut off support of the ZCh then it would withdraw completely from operational cooperation with the British, Myron and his link with the British be damned.)

g) Shirline sat in on the talks between AECASSOWARY 2 and SMYOPIA representatives but did not participate in them nor did he attempt to present the American side of the picture.

4. The results of AECASSOWARY 2's meetings with AECAVATINA 5 are as follows:

- a) AECAVATINA 5 told AECASSOWARY 2 that SMYOPIA has three W/T contacts in the Western Ukraine, two affiliated with Myron which he uses interchangeably and depending on the situation, and one

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in the Drohobych area consisting of two operators dispatched overland in 1952 who have subordinated themselves to a nadraionovi called "Vsevelod". Myron does not know the existence of the "Vsevelod" link. This link is somewhat of an enigma to both AECAVATINA 5 and the British for:

- i) only infrequently does it contact base (last time on 2 July 1954).
- ii) no one knows who "Vsevelod" is nor has anyone attempted to find out.
- iii) the W/T operators have never signed off on any messages themselves, instead "Vsevelod" has done this for them.
- iv) although this Vsevelod reported in 1953 that a "Kuzma" (AECASSOWARY 5) took over as Zakarpatski Krai chief following the death of the former Krai chief, he did not report on the capture of AECASSOWARY 5.

b) AECAVATINA 5 showed AECASSOWARY 2 most, if not all, incoming and outgoing SMYOPIA W/T traffic to all its W/T contacts in the Ukraine. (Note: AECASSOWARY 2 has made notes of or has copied verbatim all these messages and will present us a copy of them along with comments and interpretations. This will be written up as a separate report.)

c) AECAVATINA 5 told AECASSOWARY 2 that, at the present time, SMYOPIA has only two agents in training, the recently arrived courier and another recruit. However, there is no mission planned for them and AECAVATINA 5 does not know how and when they will be used. AECAVATINA 5 said that until recently there were about six men in training (other than the courier) but all but one had to be dismissed for ill health, i.e. nervous disorders or ulcers. There were no attempts being made to recruit additional agent personnel.

d) AECAVATINA 5 reported that SMYOPIA feared all their operations into Poland and Ukraine were penetrated. He also stated that Zenon (chief of the net in Poland) has not been heard from or about since the recent blow-up in Poland. Myron, incidentally, has been informed of the UB/MVD action in Poland.

5. Without the knowledge of SMYOPIA but through the aid of AECAVATINA 5 AECASSOWARY 2 debriefed the recently arrived courier from Myron's headquarters. A complete report of this debriefing is now being prepared by AECASSOWARY 2 and will be submitted as a separate report as soon as it is received by the undersigned. This report will contain the courier's account of his trip west, his biography, information on the reorganization of the Ukrainian Underground, his connection with Myron, situation report and other subjects.

6. AECASSOWARY 2 presented a plan, drawn up by members of the ZP and ACh in Munich, for the creation of an English language bulletin after the pattern of the ABN Journal to be called "Eastern European Affairs and Ukrainian Review". A staff has been selected to include members from various Eastern European countries and plans for the first issue have already been completed. (A translation of the complete plans for this bulletin is being made and will be presented upon completion.) The bulletin is planned to be published every other month in Munich by the present "Suchasna" staff, and it is estimated it will cost approximately 30,000 DM a year. Naturally, AECASSOWARY 2 requested our support in publishing this journal. No commitments were made to him regarding support of this journal although he was told that his plan would be presented to those interested as soon as his complete plan was translated and submitted for consideration.

7. In line with support of the ZCh, AECASSOWARY 2 suggested that we help the ZP and the "SUCHASNA" buy its own printing press on which both the current ZP and ZCh papers could be printed. This, according to AECASSOWARY 2, would not only save money for the ZP, but would also afford employment for several members of the ZCh and would decrease the amount of financial aid now needed by the ZCh. Also, with additional printing jobs that could be handled by the press, the ZP could help pay some of its own costs. AECASSOWARY 2 calculates that about 40,000 DM are needed for the purchase of printing equipment. In the event this suggestion receives favorable comment, he will submit a more exact budget.

8. AECASSOWARY 2 reported that AECASSOWARY 3 finds himself in a difficult situation in that on the basis of letters written by Bandera and some of his followers, AECASSOWARY 3 has been given an ultimatum by his church superior (Bishop Buczko) either to desist from political activity in the emigration or be expelled from the church. AECASSOWARY 3 has gotten an extension on the ultimatum but nevertheless must sooner or later make a decision regarding his problem. It was suggested to him that he emigrate either to Canada or to America thereby coming under the jurisdiction of another more understanding Bishop, however, he does not believe this will solve his problem. The problem is further complicated by the fact that AECASSOWARY 3's brother, also a priest, is in line for a high position in Rome and he therefore feels that what he might do now which would not please the church officials might hinder his brother's career. AECASSOWARY 2 suggested that through our offices an approach be made to officials of the Vatican in behalf of AECASSOWARY 3. This, of course, means approaching someone other than Buczko.

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9. The courier (see paragraph 5) reported, among other things, that he had seen leaflets in the Ukraine which were balloon dropped for Czech consumption written in the Czech language. The reaction to these leaflets was favorable, however, the people who saw and read them wondered why the West did not drop more into the Ukraine but written in the Ukrainian language. Because of this, AECASSOWARY 2 suggested that we initiate a similar leaflet dropping program, using the present Soviet Study group or any member thereof for writing the necessary propaganda.

10. The undersigned requests comments on the following points made in the above report:

- a) Para 3f, regarding request of our aid of the ZCh.
- b) Para 6, regarding request for our support of the English language bulletin.
- c) Para 7, regarding request for our aid in purchasing printing equipment for the ZP.
- d) Para 8, regarding request for our help in behalf of AECASSOWARY 3.
- e) Para 9, regarding the dropping of leaflets into the Ukraine.

11. Although already mentioned in other parts of this report, it is repeated here that AECASSOWARY 2 will present us with a complete debriefing of the courier who recently arrived in the West from Myron's headquarters and also a copy of all SMYOPIA W/T traffic to and from Myron and Vsevelod.

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