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TO: AB-43, Munich  
FROM: AB-51, Amzon  
SUBJECT: LYNX Group Security - Alleged CIC Contacts

1) S/A Ivan J. Alton of CIC, Bad Reichenhall, informs us that he recently met a Ukrainian calling himself "TARNISKY" (Alton does not believe that this was his true name). This meeting had been arranged by Michael Alchibaya, a prominent Georgian emigre. "TARNISKY" (whose personal description you will find below) claimed to represent the BANDERA Movement. He told Alton that "his group" was in touch with the Americans, but that no final agreement had been reached. Rather than giving Alton material which had already been passed to the Americans and which might, therefore, lead to duplication. "TARNISKY" offered to get in touch with his American contact and suggest to him to get together with Alton in the matter. PERSONAL DESCRIPTION OF "TARNISKY": Age 35/40 years; height 5' 10"; build slim; red-blond kinky hair, combed back tightly, red-blond moustache; blue eyes, small slanting; protruding chin and forehead with middle portion of face receding - bashed-in fashion.

2) In the course of the conversation, "TARNISKY" stated - according to Alton - that he believed his group would view collaboration with Alton more favorably than with the American group they are in touch with now, because he, Alton, "is in the confidence of Alchibaya, Sr., whom the Ukrainians venerate".

3) The whole occurrence, as related by Alton, strikes us as utterly preposterous and we are inclined to discount most of Alton's assertions, in particular that it was "TARNISKY" who propositioned him. Alton, for your information, is a young, immature man, whose intelligence training is rudimentary and who is suffering from a spymaster complex that leaves him floundering in the bog of dissident groups, trying to hawk their services to the highest bidder. From the description of the circumstances surrounding this meeting, as given to us by Alton, it appears, however, that there is some substance of truth in his account: to the extent that he actually did meet a UHVR representative. We infer this from the fact that "TARNISKY" mentioned STETSKO's name and apparently placed him correctly in the UHVR hierarchy.

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4) We are anxious to spare Alton embarrassment of any kind. To all intents and purposes he acted in good faith. At the same time we believe that we cannot embark on any kind of long range project with the "LYNX Group", unless we have the assurance that they will punctiliously abide by the terms of the original understanding, viz that all contacts with other U.S. intelligence agencies would be severed and would remain severed.

→ 5) Kilkeny has in the meanwhile informed us that you are aware of goings-on in Bad Reichenhall and that there is some indication that in more than one case local CIC offices have been putting pressure on individual Ukrainians to render informant services. In the light of this circumstance, not previously known to us, it would appear that "TARNISKY" conducted himself with circumspection and adroitly avoided to commit himself or his organization without antagonizing CIC. May we ask you to keep us posted on similar instances of CIC interference? In this particular case we were placed in a rather awkward position due to inadequate background knowledge, and it took us practically a day to get to the bottom of Alton's phantastic scheme.

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6) Alton, we understand, also told his story to a Mr. Benson, a former OSS member, and at present member of a Senate investigation committee touring Germany. Benson, it appears, took Alton's story at face value, put him in touch with Commander Green and promised to pass Alton's information to Washington direct.

7) There will no doubt be a recurrence of this type of "muscling-in" attempts by other intelligence agencies. We could, of course, try to forestall this by making known to G-2, USFET, the scope and nature of our interests in UHVR. We prefer, however, to do so only as a last resort, i.e. if a really serious attempt should be made by another agency to take over the security branch of the UHVR lock, stock and barrel. In this connection you are probably aware that the British are becoming increasingly conscious of the intelligence potential of dissident groups in Amzon. Thus far they seem to have confined themselves to exploratory contacts with NTS and Georgian representatives. You should, therefore, bear in mind that sooner or later British feelers are bound to be stretched out in the direction of the UHVR

8) A final word of caution - Alton may try to get in touch with you direct. We would advise you to discourage any such attempts on his part. His standards of security

are low to the vanishing point. He is entirely under the sway of a German named Götze, supposedly one of Major Vic Layton's discoveries, a former German test pilot whom he brought along to his meeting with us. Götze, according to Alton, knows 90% of the secrets of CIC. In case he should ever decide to quit CIC - and here we are quoting Alton - Layton is said to have given explicit instructions to liquidate him. c

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