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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3
FROM: SR3/W2
Subject: Contact Report: Meeting 28 April 1953 with
CASSOWARIES 2 and 15.

1. On the evening of 28 April 1953 [] and
[] met with CASSOWARIES 2 and 15.

2. CASSOWARY 2 stated that he believed he had determined the identity of the "CHERNEL" mentioned in the last message received. According to CASSOWARY 2, CHERNEL is a local OUN man (Homeland) who has a brother, a Bandera adherent, in the emigration in Germany. CASSOWARY 2's sources indicate that the brother wrote a letter which was carried into the Homeland in 1951 by ZCh couriers to CHERNEL. The letter probably stated that the brother felt strongly about Bandera's cause and appealed to CHERNEL to help Miron MATVIYEKO in every way possible. CASSOWARY 2 is making further efforts to positively ascertain identity of CHERNEL and will inform us name and details when he is certain he has the right man.

3. CASSOWARY 2 stated that Bandera circles in New York are circulating the "news" that a memorial service was held in Munich for Miron MATVIYEKO. The service was allegedly attended by Miron's wife and brother.

(Note: In the event it is true that Miron is dead: it is important that we establish soonest through BROADWAY whether the W/T link still exists between latter and the ZCh team. This information will help us plan strategy for the BROADWAY-U.S. meeting in June. Also, in the event that Miron is actually dead, CASSOWARY 2 stated that he might convince CHERNEL's brother to write a letter to CHERNEL explaining the mistake he (brother) made in advising CHERNEL to cooperate with MATVIEYKO.)

4. CASSOWARY 2 expressed his concern over the possibility of Soviet provocation in the activities of the ZCh team. CASSOWARY 2 agrees with CASSOWARY 3's interpretation that the "friends

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of SCHIPAVKA" refers to BROADWAY, and feels that we should make a strong presentation to the British in which we should point out to them that they are contributing to the liquidation of the underground. CASSOWARY 2 threw out as a possibility a personal protest by him to the British Embassy in the event that our discussions with the British and the ZP approach to Bandera should fail to solve the situation inside, and should the British insist on sending additional couriers this year. Should all our attempts to restrain BROADWAY and Bandera fail, CASSOWARY 2 mentioned the possibility of a public appeal (newspaper) to the OUN in the emigration setting forth Bandera's attempt to eliminate the underground leadership. CASSOWARY 2 felt that he could get MATIA and LENKAVSKY to sign such an appeal, and would even try to get PIDHAINY's cooperation.

5. CASSOWARY 2 also stated that it might be better to make the public appeal prior to the ZchOUN conference scheduled in England during May. According to information, MATIA, LENKAVSKY, and PIDHAINY may be relegated to minor roles after the conference, thus any public announcement by these men would reflect to the emigration that they were only striking at ZchOUN because of demotion in the ZchOUN organization.

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6. With regard to the possibility of MGB provocation CASSOWARY pointed out that of the three groups dropped by the British only the one led by MATVIYEKO survived. It is CASSOWARY 3's theory that POLTAVA was killed when he went to the LVOV area to meet with MATVIYEKO, and that MATVIYEKO may have been instrumental in causing POLTAVA's death.

7. CASSOWARY 3 states that Bandera circles in New York revealed that when BROADWAY saw the 1950 mandate, they (BROADWAY) told Bandera that latter's influence seemed to be on the wane in the Homeland, but that he still had the authority to maintain contact with the Homeland. CASSOWARY 3 felt that in saying the above BROADWAY might have been trying to put themselves in a better bargaining position with Bandera.

8. After STETSKO was refused a visa to the United States in June of 1952, it has been alleged by Bandera circles that he came into the United States anyway and visited Buffalo, New York, as well as possibly Philadelphia and New York City. CASSOWARY 3 claims that the FBI or the Buffalo police should know more about STETSKO's "black" visit, since it was probably one of these two services that got him into the country. CASSOWARY 3 stated that STETSKO will again probably try to come from Canada to the United States in order to do some agitating among

OUN circles here prior to the OUN conference scheduled to take place in late May in England.

9. CASSOWARY 3 brought up the names of Mikolo BAZHAN, a Ukrainian poet who is a member of the Ukrainian delegation to the U.N. and Josef HIRNYAK, former regisseur of the KHARKOV theatre, now living in New York. During an anti-Soviet manifestation at the U.N. in 1952 HIRNYAK, who was carrying an anti-Soviet banner, caught sight of his old comrade BAZHAN sitting in a Soviet auto parked at the curb. HIRNYAK's first impulse was to run up to his old friend, but he restrained himself and made no sign of recognizing BAZHAN for fear of causing latter trouble. HIRNYAK is a sympathizer of ZP. Boris HOPTIAK is aware of the above and will discuss with Ed SMITH.

10. CASSOWARY 2 asked if we could provide him with some recording apparatus which would permit him to record conversations with various Ukrainian emigres. He claims that he often hears interesting things about activities of MVD and matters of general interest to us, but whenever he attempts to take notes his visitors clam up. Will check on the possibility of acquiring a suitable recorder.

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