

CONTACT REPORT

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29 Jan. 1954

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CASS 2 and 15

1. At this meeting, held at Cass 15's home, the following topics were discussed:

a) AERANTER: Cass 2 was presented with our comments to his report on the "Aims and Objectives" of the clandestine radio. These comments, prepared by the PP Staff, were favorably received by Cass 2. A copy was retained by Cass 2. There were no major problems to discuss regarding the radio with the exception of of these two items; i) finding a proper location in NY in which to actually make the recordings, and ii) eventually hiring one and perhaps two people with acting ability to serve as announcers. Of these first two problems, Cass 2 suggested that he rent a house somewhere in Queens, N.Y. and there build a soundproof recording room. The hitch here is that since he is now paying 111.00 for his apt. that we would have to make up the difference between this amount and the 150.00 needed to rent a house. (he would live there, naturally.) The CO'S told him that this solution was the best considered and that clearance to do this would be requested. Of the second problem, C-2 suggested that he hire someone, preferably from the Eastern Ukraine, with either radio or stage experience, to serve as announcer. He mentioned Logush and his wife. The CO'S requested that C-2 try out those in the study group for announcing purposes before seeking new faces.

b) W/T: C-2 was asked for message material for Mak and Hruzin since by the 7 of Feb. the ops plan would have been completely sent to the field. C-2 suggested that in the event he has nothing, that the Bandera message as transmitted via British to Miron be sent. Instead of sending it as is, he ~~wants~~ wants to abbreviate it to make only one

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message. This would not be according to the agreement with the British of with Bandera for that matter since both stipulated that the entire message be sent and that ~~they~~ they be notified of any changes if they are made. This C-2 does not want to do..

c) Matla, Rebet, Bandera discussion in Germany: These discussions, on the establishment of the ~~triumvirate~~ triumvirate, are about to come to an end with no success in the formation of the group with the inclusion of Bandera. ~~Matla~~ Matla is due to return to the ~~United~~ States in the very near future. C-2 did not state exactly why Bandera still refuses to participate in the ~~triumvirate~~ triumvirate, but he did state that the duo is ready to reorganize the OUN/B, Zch, without Bandera's participation. C-2 also requested our financial aid to help those who are about to break from Bandera, Bor without this aid, many might be reluctant to do so for if they do break, they would no longer have any means of support for their families, etc. No commitment was given him on this financial support.

d) The Zch courier: C-2 stated that ~~Pidhainy~~ Pidhainy is prepared to turn over to the ZP the ZCH courier who recently arrived from Miron's HQ and who now is in England. C-2 sated that he would want to know more about the courier before he would "adopt" him, for he is not convinced that the courier is clean. C-2 was amazed that only one courier arrived instead of the usual two, an SOP practice of the Underground, for how can one man be checked for cleanliness without the presence of another. C-2 suspects MGB interest in light of the 1945 documents brought out by this courier. The courier himself might be clean and unwitting but those on top might very well be controlled.

e) Bill and Ollie: C-2 was told that Carthages 3 and 7 were to arrive on the SS Gripsholm on the 13th of Feb.

f) The PA'S: To get the story straight on the firing of the

PA's by Radek and especially from the Berlin office of ZUDAK, the CO'S asked C-2 what he knew about it. C-2 said that the whole problem revolved around Galan, head of the ZIDAK in the USA, who, when obtaining funds from the USEP was made to understand that no intelligence gathering was to be connected with the ZUDAK. This, based on Radeck's or Rodyk or Rodyk 's report that the PA'S were trained in US intelligence schools forced Galan to instruct Rodek to withdraw Rudko from the Berlin branch office of ZUDAK. Another consideration was the financial aspect of paying the PA'S. Galan said that if C-2 would obtain 1000.00 for the treasury of the ZUDAK, then Galan would gladly re-instate Rudko in Berlin. C-2 suggested that Lobby do what he can with Rodyk to straighten out the mess and from this side, some one should advise E. O'Connor to approach Galan on the matter since Galan would not dare refuse O'Connor's request in our behalf. (Note: We might approach O'Connor as a last resort but in the mean time we will advise Lobby to see what he can do.)

g) C-2 mentioned that the British approached Pidhainy to separate himself from Bandera and to work with the British exclusively in running the net in the Ukraine, without the participation of Bandera, et. al. The British probably realize that Bandera's star has fallen and that either the triumvirate will control the ZCH; ~~mm~~ that the british link will be eliminated if Miron subordinates himself to the homeland; ~~mm~~ that if Bandera refused to join the triumvirate then Matla and Rebet will reorganize the ZCh leaving Bandera without an organization and therefore nothing for the british to work with. Pidhainy refused any part of the British proposal. Pidhainy's request to turn the courier over to the ZP might mean that he is ready to come in with the ZP and close shop as far as the British are concerned.

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