

CONTACT REPORT

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SUBJECT: Operational Meeting with AECASSOWARIES 2 and 15

1. The following operational matters were discussed:

a) MGB-UB control of an Ukrainian Net in Poland; The CO's advised Cass 2 and 15 that according to a reliable source (source not identified) an Ukrainian net running through Poland into the Western Ukraine was and has been controlled by the MGB and the UB. Further, that the MGB had liquidated an Ukrainian net in 1952, revived it again in 1952 and had planned to expose this net publicly but called off this move for some unexplained reason. Also that a courier dispatched from Munich in the fall of 1952 was met by the MGB in Poland and a conversation he had with his reception in Poland was monitored by the MGB, following which this courier was permitted to continue his trip to the Ukraine. Cass 2 was told that this information was passed on to Javelin. CO divulged no further information regarding the control of this net by the MGB.

b) Cass 2's reaction to this information was a sign of satisfaction in having analyzed the situation of the Javelin-Miron net and its probable control long before it was more or less confirmed by the information given him by the CO. Cass 2 repeated his theory on the control as follows: 1. One courier would never be dispatched by the Homeland as in the case of the recently arrived courier to Bandera-Javelin. 2. The dated (1945) pouch material brought out by the courier could only have been supplied by the MGB for it was not important enough for ~~Miron~~ or Chernets to keep this long to transmit West. 3. No couriers to-date have had any difficulty crossing the Polish-USSR border enroute either to or from Bandera, however, when any couriers did fail in their trip West, this failure occurred in the vicinity of either the Czech-German border or at other points near their final destinations. Cass 2 believes this is a logical tactic of the MGB in permitting couriers to cross the Polish-USSR border in order to establish the identity of their immediate contacts on both sides of the border and then liquidating those not necessary for further control of the net. 4. The last courier, although not seen by Cass 2, claims to have come from Cass 2's home town and claims to know quite a bit about Cass 2 and his relatives. Cass 2 feels certain that due to the terrain surrounding his home town, this courier, if a legitimate member of the underground, could not have been there in the past several years and therefore the information he had regarding Cass 2's relatives must have been given him by the MGB to make certain Cass 2 would request to see this courier out of curiosity and thus afford the courier a means of making contact with a member of the ZP. 5. The courier, although dispatched to Bandera, claims he has orders to report at the ZP for dispatch back to the Ukraine. Since the MGB was unable to penetrate the Homeland headquarters it was planned via the courier to do this after the courier was sent back by the ZP. 6. ~~Chernets~~ has suggested, according to recent pouch materials, that due to his own illness Miron should take over his functions. Why? If the MGB control Chernets and not Miron

and if Chernets is cut off from Homeland HQ making it impossible for the MGB to reach HQ, then if Miron is given authority over his terrain and at the same time passes word to HQ that he will subordinate to it, HQ will again resume contact with this now cut-off area which would permit the MGB some facility in penetrating the top.

c) Cass 2 said that ~~X~~ Matla informed him the British want him to come to London in the near future, presumably to check the courier, among other reasons. Cass 2 did not say whether he would do this or not. He said he would communicate with Pidhainy soon and would advise him not to say anything to Miron but instead wait until Miron made contact with him. Cass 2 said that Pidhainy is willing to divulge to him and him only the contents of W/T traffic between Miron and himself. Cass 2 is undecided as to what steps to take in this respect, but feels that this information should be gotten in order to determine the status of Miron and to safeguard the ZP channel.

d) Cass 2 said that in the near future, but not until Carthage 5 comes on the air, Cassowary 5 should be advised about the MGB control of the Ukrainian net mentioned above.

2. Information Matla gave Cassowary 2 after his talks with the British;

a) Matla said that the British had officially severed all relationship with ~~X~~ Bandera, ~~X~~ Stetsko and ~~X~~ Lenkavsky, both operationally and politically, forbade them from coming to England and had officially stated that they would give support to the DUO of Matla and Rebet and the reorganized ZCh. It was revealed by Cass 2 that the British had been supporting the "Samostinyk" and would continue supporting it financially for the DUO after the beginning of their fiscal year which begins in April.

b) Matla said that almost all former ZCh sympathizers in England have gone over to the opposition and because of this and Pidhainy's influence with ex-UPA members in this category many potential agent recruits would possibly become available for training under the auspices of the ZP. Cass 2 wanted to know whether we could accommodate these agent recruits if and when they became available. The CO's said yes.

c) Matla said that he did not want anything to do with the courier now in the hands of ~~X~~ Pidhainy since that is not his field of interest. Regarding this, Cass 2 thought it would be wise to take over this courier for debriefing and suggested that Shirline, posing as an affiliate of the Z^P rather than a member of the US, give him a carriage to determine his status, etc.

d) Cass 2 showed concern over financial backing for Matla between now and when the British are able to support him and the DUO, suggesting that we give him this support. This support was also needed for the Samostinyk for the same length of time. No commitments were made by the CO's in this respect.

e) Matla said that the English language "Observer", formerly published by the Bandera people in England, could be taken over by the ZP if it so desired. However, Cass 2 said that he had no interest in this publication at this time.

3. Legalization of the ZCh followers in the US.

a) In a discussion Cass 2 had with Matla, the problem of legalizing the ZCh and OUN members in the United States was brought up. At present, these members are united without a charter, meet in what they consider a clandestine manner, solicit funds for the ZCh and the OUN which in the past they have sent abroad for the organization, and Matla himself, as an official representative of a foreign country, is not registered as an agent in accordance with the law. Matla, because of the reorganization of the ZCh, now wants to legalize all aspect of this activity in the states and wants our advice, given through Cass 2, how to go about it. The CO's said they would consult with those concerned in these matters and would let him know the procedure to follow.

4. Cassowary 3-5 W/T Indicators.

Cass 2 said that he did not have the indicators nor the system from which to derive same and therefore requested CO's to inform Cass 3 via to send th here via our channels.

5. The AERANTER Project:

a) Cass 2 said that the study group has already prepared several scripts for the broadcast and was in the process of preparing more. However, he is having trouble finding a house to rent to be used to store the tape recorders, make the recordings, etc. The CO's said they would look into the matter of renting a house in the NY area (this to be done via OO)

b) Cass 2 also asked about clearances for Logush and his wife wife who are to be used as announcers in making the tapes. The CO's told him that request for clearance was submitted and that it would be a matter of a month or so before completed.

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