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29-30 April 1954

SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARIES 2 and 15.

1. Following topics were discussed at this meeting:

a) Information from JAVELIN re capture of UHVR leader as reported by Miron. The Case Officer told AECASS 2 and 15 that JAVELIN had informed us that in a W/T message from Miron it was reported that the UHVR leader in the field had been captured alive late in 1953. (This information was later corrected to read that AECASSOWARY 5 was captured instead of AECAWNPORE 5, however AECASS 2 had departed for New York when this information arrived. The Case Officer called AECASS 15 and related to him the new report with instructions that he call AECASS 2 in New York to advise him of it.)

b) AECASS 2 comments to the above information. He said that he had gotten a letter from Pidhainy in which Pidhainy said he had some very important information to give him but since it was rather sensitive he could not include it in a letter. This information, AECASS 2, believes, must have been re ~~Koval's~~ capture. AECASS 2 thought it rather strange that Miron would know about Koval's capture, or AECASS 5's for that matter, since Miron was reported cutoff from this contact. AECASS 2 thought that perhaps this info, if true, could have been given Miron by the Soviets for transmission to the West. On the other hand, Miron could have passed word to Koval in 1953 that he was ready to subordinate to Koval and when a meeting of these two was arranged, ~~Miron~~ might have tipped off the Soviets in order that they might capture him. It must be remembered that this interpretation was based on information that Koval was captured. Since he was not, according to JAVELIN, it is not applicable here--only for the record.

c) Pidhainy: AECASS 2 has exchanged some correspondence with Pidhainy regarding Pidhainy's connection with JAVELIN and his future role there. AECASS 2 said that he advised Pidhainy not to make any commitments to JAVELIN re operations until he, AECASS 2, has had an opportunity to discuss homeland contacts with him in person. AECASS 2 said that he suspects that a recent letter he got from Pidhainy was censored by the British. He reached this conclusion because of the time it took for the letter to reach him after it was mailed in London. AECASS 2 said that in compliance with the homeland directive re homeland contact, which the ZCh honors, he is responsible for this contact and assumes and has been assured by Pidhainy of his cooperation. Pidhainy is merely holding the fort, so to speak, until AECASS 2 can talk to him regarding the future. AECASS 2 said that in the event Pidhainy does decide to go it alone with JAVELIN then AECASS 2 will make it be known to the ZCh and ZP leaders concerned that he will not answer for what Pidhainy does in his work with the British.

d) The ZCh: AECASS 2 said that the new ZCh has not yet received the financial support from JAVELIN it had expected and once given Bandera. He thought that if this aid is not forthcoming soon, the "Samostyynik", the ZCh newspaper, would probably fold. AECASS 2 requested US aid for the ZCh and implied the desirability of support similar to that given to ZP.

AECASS 2 said that if JAVELIN does not come through with support for the ZCh then he will advise the ZCh leadership to sever operational cooperation with the British.

The Case Officer told AECASS 2 that it was important for Matla, member of the "Duo", to present in writing to us the new stand of the ZCh which will show the difference between this organization and the one run by Bandera. This was suggested by Natirbov as a step in perhaps entering into a working arrangement with the new ZCh.

e) Answer to AECARTHAGE 12 via post: During AECASS 2's visit here, an open text letter to AECARTHAGE 12 was composed. The contents of the letter is not included here but will be handled separately.

f) AECASS 2 trip to Europe: AECASS was told that it will be impossible at this time to travel to Germany since the German Government no longer issues visas to holders of affidavits in lieu of passports. AECASS 2 was very disappointed to learn that we were unable to do something about arranging his trip to Germany but consented to visit either Switzerland, France or Italy for the purpose of talking business with AECAVATINAS 5 and 10 and AECASSOWARLES 3 and 9, providing of course, that these people can make arrangements to visit any of these countries. AECASS 2 said he definitely did not want to visit England and Pidhainy only; that if he in fact only wanted to see Pidhainy and if the British wanted to see him, as he claims, then they could come here or to Canada for this purpose.

\* g) Other: Case Officer questioned AECASS 2 on his knowledge of Josip KRUTIJ, recently defected to the Soviets. He said that he did not know KRUTIJ personally but had talked with people that did know him; that KRUTIJ was a Socialist of long standing who following World War I was connected with the Ukrainian Social Democratic Party in Przemysl, Poland where he worked on the publication "Vpered." He said that KRUTIJ came to Germany sometime after the end of World War II where he was connected with the Ukrainian Socialist Party of which Fedenko is Secretary General. KRUTIJ held the post of Technical Secretary. KRUTIJ's closest ties with other Ukrainian groups was through Spiridon Dovhal, present Director of Economy and Finance in the UN RADA and a leading figure in the Ukrainian socialist Party. AECASS 2 also said that the UCC had wired both Dovhal and Pelensky for information about KRUTIJ with only Dovhal answering that he knew him. AECASS 2 did not know anymore about KRUTIJ. He said that it was possible that KRUTIJ might have been gathering information re Ukrainian groups in Germany but that he had no connections with groups other than his own.

h) Other: AECASS 2 said that if he is to make the trip to Europe he would like to do it as soon as possible, preferable prior to 28 May, for at that time he expects to go on vacation with AECASS 15 for approximately one month during which time both will travel to California. This is, of course, aside from the more important reasons for wanting to visit Europe to resolve operational problems for the ZCh-ZP and to take up political problems as well. While on vacation during the month of June, AECASS 4 will probably reside in AECASS 15's house in Washington to handle liaison with us.

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