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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AERODYNAMIC Contact Report, 29 June 1955

PRESENT: AECASSOWARY 4
AECASSOWARY 15

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1. The "Karmen" Letter. AECASSOWARY 4 gave the following account of what he knows about the "Karmen" affair (AECASSOWARY 4 just returned from Munich): Sometime in May, probably 23 May 1955, a letter arrived at Dachauerstrasse, Munich, at the address of the anti-Bandera ZChOUN weekly Ukrain-skyv Samostiynyk, which letter was addressed to BYLYCHO (BANDERA). The letter fell into the hands of anti-Bandera people, who, in turn, gave it to ZPUHVR, where it aroused the interest particularly of Fedir YUREVICH, ZPUHVR intelligence specialist. YUREVICH had it photo-copied and, among others, informed AECAPELIN. Because an eager-beaver stamp collector at the Samostiynyk office had cut out the Austrian stamps on the envelope, it was impossible for the anti-Bandera people to deliver the letter to the Bandera people without revealing the letter had been tampered with. Therefore, the letter was not turned over to the Bandera faction. Subsequent information suggests to the ZP that this letter is, in fact, a second letter, that a first letter from "Karmen" had been addressed to BYLYCHO, for some employees at the Samostiynyk recalled that sometime previously a similarly addressed letter had arrived and had, in fact, been turned over to the Bandera group. This "second" KARMEN letter obtained by ZP was in German, with a return Viennese address, and suggested further contact through an ad in a Salzburg newspaper. Same letter named around six Soviet agents in Austria, warned of danger to BANDERA, etc. AECASSOWARY 4 stated that the whole affair apparently is a Soviet deception operation, involving perhaps the BANDERA contacts built up in Austria by KASHUBA, most probably involving MURCHIK, also known as BORODAYEVICH. AECASSOWARY 4 stated that he does not know whether VIDHAYNY informed the British about the KARMEN affair; also, he stated that it is probable that BANDERA will use the letter as a talking point in any future meeting he may have with the British. OKA

It is to be noted that neither AECASSOWARY 3 or 4 withheld any information they had about the KARMEN affair from MOB. However, it is possible that YUREVICH informed AECAPELIN about the letter before AECASSOWARY 3 learned of it; that AECAPELIN passed on the data to MOB, which, in turn, asked AECASSOWARY 3 for data before he knew about the case. If that is the case, or even if it isn't, the correct MOB approach should be to ask AECASSOWARY 3 whether he knows about any such affair or can learn something about it in the next few days, rather than to "needle" him on the theory that he is deliberately withholding information. In the past he has never practiced such reticence, and it is difficult to see what AECASSOWARY 3 can expect to gain for himself, or for his group, by withholding such data.

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2. PIDHAYNY and the British. AECASSOWARY 4 gave the following account of the PIDHAYNY-British relationship: PIDHAYNY returned to Munich around 23-24-25 June 1955 from London, where he cooled his heels for around two weeks waiting to see his usual British contacts. In that period he saw [] only, who stated that he had been transferred recently to "policy matters" only and had no more to do with "technical matters." [] also told him to wait because his (PIDHAYNY's) usual contacts were on vacation, and that their return was delayed by a strike. So PIDHAYNY waited, and when the desired contacts arrived, they told PIDHAYNY to return to Munich, divulging to him no inkling of their plans and discussing no operational matters. They told PIDHAYNY that he should return to London "around 28 June," by which time they, the British, will have had time to elaborate their final operational plans. The British also told PIDHAYNY that they expected him to "stick to their 'line'" at any future talks with the Americans or ZPUHVR representatives. These British persons did not tell PIDHAYNY that they had been in America discussing the SKOB affair, and as of the time AECASSOWARY 4 left Munich, PIDHAYNY did not know the British had been discussing the SKOB affair in Washington.

Because of the waiting and indecision, PIDHAYNY returned to Munich highly discouraged. AECASSOWARY 4 advanced the following theories in explanation of the alleged coolness:

a. PIDHAYNY was discouraged because during his fruitless stay in London the British asked him nothing, discussed nothing.

b. The fact the British did not inform PIDHAYNY that they were negotiating with the Americans suggests some degree of coldness.

c. The British are highly perplexed by the SKOB affair and simply don't know what to do.

d. The British feared that PIDHAYNY might spill anything they might tell him to AECASSOWARY 4. Therefore, the British deliberately refrained from telling PIDHAYNY anything, telling him to return to Munich and inviting him back to London after AECASSOWARY 4 had left Munich, thus making it impossible for PIDHAYNY to tell AECASSOWARY 4 (and also AECASSOWARY 2) anything the British do not desire the AECASSOWARIES to know.

e. The SKOB frustration and the death of ^ACHERNETS might have so damaged British assets that they are ready to roll up the operation.

3. BANDERA-British Talks. AECASSOWARY 4 stated that to the best of PIDHAYNY's knowledge the BANDERA-British talks have not, as yet, taken place. He stated that the British told PIDHAYNY that they will agree to have a final talk with BANDERA, pointing out the error of his ways, and that the British insist that the talk take place in Germany, not England, as BANDERA desired.

4. PIDHAYNY Emigration. A qualified mechanical engineer, PIDHAYNY wants to chuck intelligence work and emigrate to the U. S. or Canada. He has already applied for an American visa. The British advised him to chose Canada

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instead of the U. S. AECASSOWARY 4 advised PIDHAYNY to apply for a Canadian visa immediately in order to cut short any British complaint that he (PIDHAYNY) desires to cut himself loose from British control. AECASSOWARY 4 question: "If the British get wind that PIDHAYNY is applying for emigration to the U. S., and if then the British formally request the U. S. not to allow PIDHAYNY to emigrate to the U. S., what will the American stand be? Will we extend the British that courtesy?"

5. AECASSOWARY 3 Emigration to the U.S. AECASSOWARY 3 is seriously considering emigration to the U. S. He is an Oriental-rite Catholic priest, and in order to have some freedom of movement in America (specifically, to escape the jurisdiction of Bishop BOHACHEVSKY of Philadelphia), it has been suggested that he apply at an American Catholic University for an appointment as a visiting professor of Eastern Church history or dogmatics for a year or so. This would enable him to do scholarly work, and to engage in activities as well. AECASSOWARY 3 wrote a long letter to AECASSOWARY 15 outlining his plan, which, in essence, amounts to AECASSOWARY 3 writing to several Catholic universities, enclosing his curriculum vitae, etc. and proposing his services.

Question: Do we have any contact with American Catholic church circles that would help grease this idea in any way?

6. Stoppage of Literature from the USSR. AECASSOWARY 15 stated that sometime in January, 1955, all the Soviet literature ordered by the Study Group has failed to arrive. He theorized that the new postal regulation which limits the flow of Soviet literature to qualified universities, libraries, etc. might have resulted in their stoppage. AECASSOWARY 15 requested that we use our good offices to the end that the address the Study Group uses be approved for obtaining Soviet publications. He was advised that we would investigate; in the meantime, he was told, the Study Group should contact the New York Post Office or appropriate agency in order to ascertain what an institution desiring such literature should do in order to meet governmental requirements.

7. Shifting of Personnel of "Suchasna Ukraina." AECASSOWARY 4 stated that the personnel reorganization being effected within the past 4 to 6 weeks by "Suchasna Ukraina" is just about completed. AECASSOWARY 4 merely brought up-to-date developments previously given to [] by AECASSOWARY 3. Changes are as follows: The administrative and business side of the paper was put under the control of a triumvirate consisting of the following "younger" men: Fedir YUREVICH, ~~and~~ TIMKEVICH, and ~~Imu~~ MARTINETS. These three, in conjunction with Eugene VRETSIONA, who resides in Basel, Switzerland, were to pick the editorial staff. VRETSIONA and AECASSOWARY 3 had conferred several days in Germany prior to Shirline's departure from Munich, and AECASSOWARY 3 related that their plan was to remove Zenon MARTSYUK (because he was considered an "intrigant"), Ivan HUTSUL-BUTKOVSKY (because he is very sick), and Lev REBET (because REBET is getting too big for his britches -- big shot with "Suchasna Ukrina," big shot with ZPUHVR, big shot in the anti-Bandera ZChOUN) from influential positions with the paper. Moreover, AECASSOWARY 3 stated in Munich, friction has arisen because both the UPA Mission tied in to ZPUHVR

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(HUTSUL-BUKTOVSKY and MARTSYUK) and the anti-Bandera ZChOUN (PIDHAYNY) planned to set up separate printing plants. VRETSYONA and AECASSOWARY 3 insisted that one joint plant for both groups would suffice. PIDHAYNY agreed, but BUTKOVSKYY, MARTSYUK and Volodymyr STAKHIV (UPA Mission boys) felt they would thus lose an empire, and so they insisted on separate plants. VRESIONA was delegated to iron out the situation, which he did in close consultation with AECASSOWARY 3 (who cannot act openly politically since his public resignation from ZPUHVR) and Daria REBET. VRETSYONA insisted that one printing plant only could be countenanced; he also returned to Switzerland, promising to return to Munich in several weeks to effect the final reorganization. (Note: All of the above was given to [] by AECASSOWARY 3 in Munich; much of it was repeated by AECASSOWARY 4 at the 29 June contact).

AECASSOWARY 4 added the following subsequent developments: Volodymyr STAKHIV is no longer the responsible editor; instead an editorial board consisting of three senior members with the right to vote (STAKHIV, ~~Vyubomyr~~ ORTYNSKY, MARTINETS) and two young advisory members without the right to vote (Eugene ~~PRIRVA~~ and ~~Yaroslav~~ PELENSKY) was set up. Policy decisions will be made by majority vote of the three senior members. Lev REBET is completely dissociated from "Suchasna Ukraina," going over as an editor of "Ukrainsky Samostiynyk," along with Roman ILMITSKYI.

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