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29 November 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY 2 and 4 Re: AEREADY.

1. On the contact trip to New York on 15 and 16 November, the undersigned Case Officer met with AECASSOWARY 2 and 4 to obtain from them the list of potential Hot War Cadre candidates and explain to them the conditions under which Project AEREADY would function. At that time it was tentatively agreed to meet on 26 November in Washington D.C. The Monday, 26 November meeting was held at the Hotel Releigh, Room 1210, with the following results:

- a. AECASSOWARY 2 felt obligated to decline operating under the terms of Project AEREADY.
- b. He stated that Project AEREADY should be implemented to incorporate a wider latitude of Hot War activities.
- c. He would not be willing to participate only as a recruiter of Ukrainians.

2. Prior to the actual discussion with AECASSOWARY 2 and 4, [] of the PP Staff met with AECASSOWARY 2 in the company of the undersigned and [] of SR/3/CE. [] left at approximately 1320 and the remaining members of the group retired to the dining room. The conversation during lunch was almost exclusively of CE interest and the remarks were directed to [] At approximately 1520 [] left and the undersigned returned to Room 1210 for the continuation of the 15 November meeting. AECASSOWARY 2 began the proceedings by repeating his original thesis that the basic structure of AEREADY, i.e. a W/T agent communicator only, was not feasible. To elaborate his contention, he presented the undersigned with the attached memorandum--Subject: Plan of Action. The undersigned read the memorandum and remarked on the finality of the contents. He further stated that it was obvious that the AECASSOWARY I organization did not wish to participate in the program. AECASSOWARY 2 immediately asserted that it was not his wish to curtail activities in our field, and further reemphasized his earlier statement that such cooperation was imperative. The undersigned told AECASSOWARY 2 that he could not make further commitments other than those noted at the 15 November meeting. He then reiterated to AECASSOWARY 2 that the program, as presented by AEREADY was based on the realistic capabilities of our present organization. The modest approach in training communicators would be the first step in determining actual conditions within the Ukraine in the event of a possible up-rising. It was further pointed out to AECASSOWARY 2 that before teams could be trained and dispatched into reception points, it was necessary that we obtain first-hand information from our own controlled sources. AECASSOWARY 2 stated that he had no objections or argument with this fact

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but repeated that the plan of action as outlined in AEREADY did not allow for any support activity in the Ukraine in the event of a revolution. He said: "What would happen if the communicator came on the air and said that we should dispatch 3 or 4 agents to a given reception point immediately." It was pointed out to him that, although the program may seem inadequate to him, it was a completely realistic approach based on a Project sanctioned by high authorities and could be the initial phase of a larger program along the lines indicated in his memorandum. He was further told that it had been the undersigned's sincere desire to incorporate elements of AECASSOWARY's I organization and ~~add~~ to them into a program along the lines of AEREADY.

3. AECASSOWARY 2 stipulated that the program under which he would want to operate should have a broader concept. He indicated that the communicator, once dispatched in a Hot War situation would be utilized by the indigenous contacts primarily as a W/T source and would not have a capability of expanding his activities along a clandestine line. He stated that the program he envisioned would send in teams consisting of as many as 3 people and in some cases 4. He felt that the communicator as an isolated source would shortly lose his motivation, since as AECASSOWARY 2 stated: "These people need a political and moral stimulus to build the morale necessary to complete the purpose." AECASSOWARY 2 felt that if these people were not trained under the program outlined in his memorandum they would be of little value. To bolster his argument he decried the incidents of the American policy toward the Soviet nationalities especially the Ukrainians. He said that the Ukrainian people would never forget the action of Issac Don Lavine on behalf of the American Committee, who, with 15,000 DM created 7 political parties over night and then announced that the Ukrainian emigration was divided into 2 factions - the Seperatists and the Federalists. Further, he stated that Radio Liberation and the American government have neglected the struggle by the Ukrainians for independence. He pointed out that this negatisism which reflects American policy and attitude toward the Ukrainians can only manifest itself in confusion among the Ukranian agent trainees. He brought in the case of ~~the~~ Taras Bulba-BUROVETZ, who ostensibly had an entree in to the Pentegon and may at this time be engaged in developing a hot war cadre for the Army. He asserted that the first task of the Bulba elements in the event of an open conflict in the Ukraine would be to expose the infiltrated AEREADY ~~and~~ ~~the~~ AECASSOWARY 1 elements since they are not politically compatible. He stated that the experiences with ~~Myron~~ "has served as an example to him (CO-note: Myron was a British trained agent dispatched under AECAVANTINA's auspices into Ukraine. He was doubled and succeeded in "blowing" some AECASSOWARY 1 personnel dispatched by the Agency).

4. Case Officer Comments:

In the opinion of the undersigned the action taken by AECASSOWARY 2 in regard to AEREADY program finds its roots in the earlier attempts to organize a Hot War cadre and the over-ambitious programs, which planned though were never implemented. Further, AECASSOWARY 2 thinks himself in the enviable position of "being ~~in~~". The AEREADY program outlined to

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Plan of Action

1. In answer to your proposition of November 15, 1956, we wish to bring to your attention that your request for personnel has been given a careful consideration, but before any action could be taken, we wish to clarify several important points:

a. The action you contemplate could be successful only when it constitutes an integral part of a much broader plan including the political, psychological as well as the military and technical aspects of the action. It might be that such a plan has been already formulated by you, but unless such a plan is in existence, we would not be willing to participate only as the recruiters and the contragents for the enlistment of the Ukrainian nationalists.

b. At this point we wish to recall the fact that in the past we have repeatedly pointed out the necessity for the systematic and organized build up of the manpower resources and reserves that might be needed for active work. Our suggestions and proposals were not heeded.

c. We would be most anxious to cooperate with you at the present time but we feel that such action as you propose could be worth while and successful only in case when it has a sufficient amplitude in size, in planning, and in organization.

d. We are compelled to decline your proposal because of the considerations above and also because of the fact that the recruitment of the people you need could not be carried out in the short time stipulated by you.

In addition, we wish to offer our suggestions as to the practical means by which your aims and purposes could be in our opinion successfully fulfilled.

2. The prerequisites for such a plan should be as follows:

a. Coordination and pulling together of the available assets of the Ukrainian emigration.

b. We feel that the present international development has created a favorable atmosphere for unifying of various Ukrainian groups and we propose to undertake uniting of the following factions: OUN (Col. Melnik), UDRP - Ivan Bahrianny & others, ZCH OUN (Stepan Bandera & Yaroslav Stetsko), UNRada, etc.

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c. Expansion and coordination of all available means for communications with the Ukrainian nationals in the USSR and in satellites:

Radio programs in the Ukrainian language from several strategic points converging on the Ukrainian people in the USSR. The present available facilities should be largely increased because nationalism as it has been shown by the events in Hungary is the strongest social force opposing the Soviets at present.

The communications by leaflets which has been stopped for some time past at this crucial moment presents a vital possibility of effecting the discontented Ukrainian nationals among the Soviet troops in the satellites. The mounting of a letter campaign to the USSR is another way of communicating the essential facts and stirring up the discontent with the Soviet regime.

d. Selection and preparation of human reserves necessary for the execution of all the activities mentioned previously and directed towards the active liberation fight against the Soviets.

e. Establishment of a training program for a sufficient number of the Ukrainian nationals who would be able to carry the following functions:

- (1) Organization of military units;
- (2) Propaganda and contact with local population;
- (3) Contact and communication with the supporting base;

Considering that the working team should consist of minimum 3 people of the following categories: (1) Headman, organizer, group leader with training for guerilla warfare and tactics, (2) Propagandist with training for writing, speech-making and organizing political action, (3) Technical support man with extensive knowledge of means of communications (radio, telegraph, telephone), and basing our estimates on the potential requirement for the working teams mentioned above, we should realized that in the event of revolution or war there are only certain strategic locations that could be successfully used for the infiltration of these teams. The list of the geographical locations considered by us as suitable for this purpose is as follows: (1) Province of Drohobych: the triangle between the mountains Parashka -Magura-Makivka in the Carpathians; (2) Province of Stanislav: the triangle between the Mountains Hoverla and Pip Ivan and the locality of Burkut in the Carpathians; (3) Province of Rivne: Pustometski Forests between the Sluch and Horyn Rivers; (4) Province of Rivne: the triangle between localities Morochno-Visotske and Khinochi in the Polissia Marshes; (5) Province of Ternopil - Hurbenski Forests in the region of Kremianets; (6) Province of Zhitomir: Malinski Forests along the Rivers Irsha and Teterev; (7) Province of Chernigov: Osterski Forests along the Rivers Oster and Desna; (8) Province of Zaporizhzhya: Bulrushes along the Dnieper River to the south of the cities of Zaporizhzhya and Nikopil.

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