

8 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 in Washington
on 20 November 1957.

1. Subject arrived in Washington at 12 noon and was met at the National Airport by ☐ and ☐. AECASSOWARY-15 who had received word from New York on the change of AECASSOWARY-2's flight too late to transmit it to the case officers concerned, also appeared on the scene. The party drove to Hozates Restaurant for lunch where they were joined by ☐. After luncheon a meeting was conducted at the home of AECASSOWARY-15. ☐ arrived to sit in on the meeting.

2. The following business was conducted at the meeting:

a. AEREADY candidate ROGUSH. AECASSOWARY-2 was informed that ROGUSH's recent attitude was causing concern to the AEREADY case officers, that he was being closely watched and if his reaction wasn't favorable, he would have to be dismissed from the program.

b. AECUPBOARD. Operations to date were reviewed to determine future and present operational potential. Dates and excerpts of letters of acknowledgment of receipt of parcels mailed under the Project were made available by AECASSOWARY-2. He was asked to produce similar data on packages acknowledgment of which are still pending.

c. Details on REDSKIN and REDSOX operations for F.Y. 1958, specifically ☐ were discussed with AECASSOWARY-2.

3. During the luncheon, AECASSOWARY-2 was apprized (at the suggestion of COP/DOB) that AEREADY candidate, ROGUSH, recommended by AECASSOWARY-4, seemed to be having a problem which appeared to be one of drinking and that he was going to be closely watched for the next few days to see how things develop. AECASSOWARY-2 was told that ROGUSH had complained of muscular soreness, chills and a headache last week. He was taken to a doctor who could detect no infections but gave ROGUSH some medication to take just in case he was coming down with a cold. ROGUSH told his case officer that what he needed was some liquor in hot tea. The case officer gave him a pint of cogniac all of which he drank that afternoon. He continued to complain of headaches on succeeding days and stated that some liquor would "fix him up". He also had refused to participate in a field problem on Tuesday but played ping-pong vigorously all afternoon. AECASSOWARY-2 was told to pass this information on to AECASSOWARY-4 but to request that AECASSOWARY-4 not let ROGUSH know that we had reported this information to them. He was told that AECASSOWARY-4 will be advised of ROGUSH's future progress. AECASSOWARY-2 stated that he personally never met ROGUSH but said he was surprised to hear that such a young man

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should have this problem. AECASSOWARY-2 was told that ROGUSH had been doing very well in the training program previous to this incident and that he seemed to be grasping the training without too much effort.

4. AECASSOWARY-2 was given \$15.33 for which he signed a receipt and which he promised to transmit to AECASSOWARY-4. This money was to reimburse AECASSOWARY-4 for a trip made to Philadelphia. The receipt for the money was handed to ☐ by ☐ on Thursday, 21 November 1957.

5. The package program activities were discussed, details of which are given in Attachment-A to this memorandum.

CONTACT FOR POLAND

~~X~~HORBOVA, Fm, former head of a committee which was concerned with all those Ukrainians who were imprisoned by the Soviets. She separated from her first husband, ~~X~~PAVENSKI, and married ~~X~~HORBOVEY who presently is in Siberia.

In 1946, HORBOVEY came from Poland to Austria where he supposedly had contact with the British and the Americans on behalf of UPA. AECASSOWARY-2 met with HORBOVEY on the border of Italy and Switzerland. HORBOVEY stated that the UPA had sent him to engage in UPA external affairs. HORBOVEY told AECASSOWARY-2 that Bandera wanted him (AECASSOWARY-2) to transfer his functions to him (HORBOVEY). AECASSOWARY-2 sent HORBOVEY for a contact to Switzerland. HORBOVEY returned, met AECASSOWARY-2 one night and reported that he had made the contact. Immediately thereafter, HORBOVEY escaped to Czechoslovakia. AECASSOWARY-2 is of the opinion that HORBOVEY had been in contact with the MVD but stated that he hopes he is wrong in his thinking. AECASSOWARY-2 said it is suspected that HORBOVEY had been sent by the MVD from one prison camp to another to "look around" and report on anti-communist activities.

HORBOVA now lives under the name of her first husband, PAVENSKA.

~~X~~Irena VILDA, a Ukrainian writer who works in a library in Lviv, is a friend of PAVENSKA. Irena VILDA's sister-in-law lives in Trenton, New Jersey (name not available).

After the death of Stalin, there was a period of silence on the part of VILDA but since KRUSHCHEV came to power she was presented with a "red banner" and a three months vacation at a rest camp.

A Ukrainian from Crakow (name not available) spoke to both VILDA and PAVENSKA in Lviv. He stated that it is more difficult to get to see VILDA than it is to see Gemulka. PAVENSKA requested help. She told the man from Crakow that packages should not be mailed to her directly but gave the address of a Polish woman in Crakow who would be willing to transmit material to her via a friend who is a deputy in the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet who travels to East Germany 3-4 times a year, stopping off to visit with family friends in Western Poland. VILDA requested that no

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correspondence be sent to her directly because all her mail is censored by the MVD. She gave the man several of her books to be mailed to her sister-in-law in Trenton.

The Polish woman in Crakow has a Jewish friend, ^{*}GRISHA, who has contact with the MVD. GRISHA's brother works for the MVD in the section where they have on file records of all those people who were ever sentenced by the MVD. The records show why the people were sentenced and this disposition. GRISHA reportedly stated that his brother would make this information available to him upon request.

[] briefed AECASSOWARY-2 and 15 on the proposed area to be used for the cashing and observation mission to be performed by []. This was outlined as phase 1 of the overall plan, [] as the 2nd phase and [] as the third. Official cryptonyms, were of course, not used. AECASSOWARY-2 said that he had five towns where in reside persons believed to have contact with the underground. These are: Cracow, Lublin, Warsaw, Jelenia Gora, and Peremyal. There are three such contacts in Peremyal. AECASSOWARY-2 is of the opinion however, that more packages should be sent to persons and further checks made of them prior to the approach by [].

AECASSOWARY-2 stated that the crossing point for [] agents from Poland into the Ukraine could well be made north or south of the line Peremyal-Gorodok. There is a border check point here and at Brest. Controls are less stringent at Brest but the route Peremyal-Gorodok is heavily traveled by black marketeers. The traffic is mainly in such articles as television sets and wrist-watches from the Ukraine being bartered for shoes and clothing produced in Poland. The most acceptable medium of exchange is the U.S. dollar. Some of the more desirable articles to be used for bribery of the border guards are Swiss wrist-watches (must have SWITZERLAND printed on the face) women's finery, and scope-sighted rifles.

AECASSOWARY-2 proposed another cadre of potentials. These are students who live in the Ukraine but who study in Polish universities at Dancig, Cracow and Lublin. Approximately 250 such students have gone on leave to Kiev alone. AECASSOWARY-2 claims as "his man" a person in Cracow, Poland who is responsible for selecting Ukrainian students to attend the university in Kiev. A ranking professor on the faculty of the university at Dancig furnished AECASSOWARY-2 with the name of one reliable student who visits him home in the Ukraine when time and schooling permit. This professor has promised to send AECASSOWARY-2 the names of three other students.

In answer to a query by [], AECASSOWARY-2 replied that he had received a letter from ^{*}BOLYUKH in Australia. [] said he'd like to be cognizant of all such letters since he was planning a trip to Australia in February. At this point AECASSOWARY-2 jumped up and exploded into an accusation that [] was planning to run a unilateral operation and cut AECASSOWARY-2 completely out of the picture.

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He said that he would never stand for such an arrangement - that if need be he would pay his fare to Australia and further that if he thought it necessary he would finance and run the operation himself. He ridiculed the length of time it takes for a clearance and our method of name checks which prove little since so many emigres change names and biographic data at will. [] denied all the accusations and attempted to restore order in the mind of AECASSOWARY-2. AECASSOWARY-2 was too tightly wound-up and continued on the responsibility involved, saying that if he was to have his name involved then the responsibility should be his, since it would be any way, in the minds of the other emigres if anything should go wrong. Further, he said that to have only us go to Australia would be foolish since if we brought the candidates to the U.S. and they were not acceptable to AECASSOWARY-2 and his organization they would have to be disposed of, which is another problem. AECASSOWARY-2 suggested that we take some one of his group to go to Australia and to make a complete assessment there. In due course AECASSOWARY-2 finally calmed down and upon the suggestion of [] agreed to the use of pouch for the transmittal of mail to Australia. Via this means AECASSOWARY-2 feels that he can transmit briefing data which would assist BOLXUEH in proper selection of candidates.

[] re-affirmed his faith in AECASSOWARY-2 and his organization and swore that we were not planning unilateral operations of any sort, and that he had no idea where AECASSOWARY-2 could have gotten such information, since it was fact that this operation was to be joint. AECASSOWARY-2 concurred in the joint operation, saying that perhaps it was a misunderstanding he suggested a tape recorder be used to keep track of things. [] then asked AECASSOWARY-2 that, since he seemed to be so concerned about unilateral operations, how many agents had he run in the last year without our knowledge. AECASSOWARY-2 grinned sheepishly and replied something to the effect that "only the potatoes know". [] then proceeded to re-iterate step-by-step our stand vis-a-vis the CASSOWARIES and their organization.

Harmony was restored somewhat and the conversation reverted to operational matters. AECASSOWARY-2 requested our aid in obtaining two Ukrainian newspapers. One, Novi Vik is published in Rumania, the other Novye Zhita is from Czechoslovakia. In addition, AECASSOWARY-2 suggested that a list of Ukrainians entering the U.S. on visitors visas or leaving the U.S. for travel in Poland or Ukraine, if these could be obtained from Immigration and Naturalization people, would be of great help in obtaining contacts for briefing, debriefing, recruitment, etc.

It was answered that we would attempt to fulfill both requests.

Following this the conversation drifted to non-operational matters and eventually the meeting was terminated at 1930 hours.

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