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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Information on the Ukraine

The following information was transmitted to the undersigned by
AECASSOWARY 2 via AECASSOWARY 27:

1: Received from professor in Germany two letters from ~~Mykola SYWITSKY~~,
former editor of Ukrainian language NASHE SLOVO in Poland, on 3 November,
stating that he had visited Kiev twice and had many discussions with various
editors and professors. They were very frank with him, especially Professor
fnu BULAHOVSKY, Director of the Language Institute of the Ukrainian Academy
of Sciences. They claim to be working toward further nationalism in the
Ukraine. AECASSOWARY-2 is interested in sending as a tourist a Ukrainian-
speaking American to Kiev (i.e., Agency sponsored) to meet with these people.

2. ~~AECASSOWARY~~ ^{ZP/OUVR} representative in Stockholm (~~fnu SKOBOVICH~~, orthopedic
doctor) has reported the following to AECASSOWARY-2. In late September 1958,
30 Soviet visitors arrived in Stockholm. Among them was a Ukrainian, herein-
after Ivan, (no other name supplied by CASS-2); a former UPA member, who is
a dentist in Lviv. During his visit in Stockholm, Ivan met with SKOBOVICH,
and told him the following: Ivan was a member of the Division Zalizhniak
in the UPA. Together with other members of his division, Ivan was ordered
to legalize. Having been a former student of medicine, he managed to obtain
employment with a Soviet army unit somewhere near Lviv. When the unit
departed, he was given a statement showing that he had been employed with
the unit. This document opened the "legal" door for him and he was able
to complete his medical studies and graduated as a dentist. As a reward
for outstanding work in his field, he was given permission to travel with
a group of tourists going to one of the following places: any of the
satellite countries; Switzerland; Sweden or Italy. Ivan discussed this
opportunity with the chief of his medical section who happened to be a
Ukrainian woman, an acquaintance of SKOBOVICH's mother in ~~Stockholm~~. She
recommended that he go to Sweden and while there to contact SKOBOVICH.
~~She~~. The Ukrainian woman (Ivan's chief) informed the SKOBOVICH's
that he would be in Stockholm and asked them to contact him at his hotel
in Stockholm.

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Additional information supplied by Ivan: In 1955 the UPA suffered
very heavy losses in its active cadres. Therefore, the UPA went deeper
underground. There is no organized active net as such now. There is only
a chief administration who keep contact among themselves. If members of
the underground meet anyplace or see each other on the street, they do not

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acknowledge each other's presence. This does not mean, according to Ivan, that nothing is being done. There are people placed in strategic positions who can be called on when necessary.

The Polish language in Lviv has become extinct. One hears only Russian and Ukrainian. Ukrainianization began when Khrushchev came into office but it is questionable how long this will last. The Russians are dissatisfied with Khrushchev. They say he is not a Russian and refer to him as the "the little Russian". There are growing fears that if the Stalinists return to power all achievements reached during Khrushchev's time will be lost and there will be much bloodshed.

As far as living conditions are concerned, there have been improvements in the food situation but the clothing situation is still very bad. Clothing is very expensive and the workers cannot afford to buy it.

Ukrainization of schools continues. Former OUN and UPA members are returning from Siberia.

In response to the question as to whether there were any student demonstrations in Lviv during the Hungarian Revolution, Ivan said that there was only one case where a single Ukrainian student, in a speech to his colleagues, asked whether this was a democratic way, to send armored tanks and guns against people who are seeking freedom and independence. The others decided at first to have him shot immediately for his outspokenness but the result was that he was dismissed from the university and forbidden to study further.

3. SKOBOVICH informed Ivan about the Ukrainian emigre situation, about the split with Bandera, etc. At first Ivan was shocked but when explained why this was done he remarked that this was a good move. Ivan has returned to Lviv. SKOBOVICH made arrangements for future contact with him through Prague. When asked by what means, correspondence or personal, AECASSOWARY-27 just shrugged his shoulders and said he did not know.

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