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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with AECASSOWARIES 2, 15 and 27
in New York - 22-24 May 1961

1. The main purpose of the trip was to run a series of surveillance problems in connection with the AECASSOWARY 39 operation. ([] and [] made the trip to New York for this purpose also.) The surveillance problems were planned on the evening of 22 May with AECASSOWARIES 15 and 2 and were run the following day and evening. AECASSOWARY 39 showed himself to be adroit in moving through the city and subtle in his attempts to spot surveillance. He was unable to spot the surveillance team on the afternoon problem but was able to spot the undersigned in the evening, when the pressure on him was considerably increased. In the evening AECASSOWARY 39 was much more obvious in his attempts to uncover the surveillance. AECASSOWARY 15 was asked to remind him that in the Soviet Union he should give no indication to his surveillants either of looking for or being aware of the presence of surveillance. Based on the comments made by AECASSOWARY 39 to AECASSOWARY 15 following the surveillance problems, the exercises seemed well worth the time and money expended. AECASSOWARY 39 apparently benefited significantly from the problems.

2. On 24 May the undersigned met with AECASSOWARIES 2 and 27 for clarification of AECASSOWARY 27's connection with the Austrian intelligence service in 1941 (a fact resulting from an INS name trace request with this Agency). Without hesitation and in the presence of AECASSOWARY 2, who was obviously aware of the facts, AECASSOWARY 27 gave the explanation which has already been reported.

3. AECASSOWARY 2 mentioned that the New York Times of that day had a story on the defection of a high official of the Polish intelligence service. The story apparently alleged that the defector was now in U.S. hands. AECASSOWARY 2 asked that if possible he be given access at some time to the defector in order to question him on subjects related to the Ukraine and the UPA. The undersigned, who knew nothing about the article or the defector at time, told AECASSOWARY 2 that he would look into the matter upon returning to Washington.

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4. AECASSOWARY 2 is very concerned with processes currently going on in Poland involving an alleged Bandera REDSOX team which was recently serviced there. He has various theories and background facts which would be of considerable interest to anyone following the Bandera puzzle closely and would like to discuss them with someone knowledgeable on that subject. The undersigned suggests that the next time AECASSOWARY 2 comes to Washington he be put in touch with [].

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