

19 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: 18 April 1962 Meeting with AECASSOWARY-2

1. Undersigned met with AECASSOWARY-2 in NYC at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on 18 April 1962 from approximately 1900 to after midnight.
2. Initially ~~xxxx~~ AECASSOWARY-2 spoke about the illness of his wife's mother and about his problems with his daughter. ~~After~~ In analyzing some of the quirks of his daughter's relatively independent behaviour, AECASS-2 went into some detail about his own rebellious personality at the time that he packed up and left his family.
3. In a general discussion concerning the recent Uke defector, SEREDA, AECASS-2 opined that SEREDA may, after all, be an RIS agent. The recent developments include SEREDA's association with the editor of the Za Sinem Okeanon, ~~xx~~ a pro-Soviet publication printed in the USA, the editor of which is going to the Ukraine ~~xxxx~~ on an extended tour this summer (with SEREDA the likely replacement inasmuch as SEREDA has expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the publication).
4. Undersigned transmitted C/SR/CA's message that the latter will see AECASS-2 in the immediate future and that discussions will then ensue concerning AECASS-29's future.
5. Undersigned also queried AECASS-2, in behalf of C/SR/2/B in regard to the following: a) a bibliography or a book on the topic of present day Ukraine which would be an across the board study on the Ukraine including the social, economic, political, and cultural developments. b) the availability of any one individual, or "expert", in AECASS-2's group who would be knowledgeable on the topic of "Homo-Sovieticus" in the Ukraine. AECASS-2 explained first that a group of 12 authors were now in the process of preparing and collecting ~~xxxx~~ material on the topic of "Ukraine today" which would be printed in an almanac; the material would be ready o/a 15 May but AECASS-2 wondered out loud whether the Agency might not be interested in helping financially with the printing as there do not exist adequate funds for this at the present time. AECASS-2 was assured that we would be interested in the manuscript in advance if possible. Concerning the latter request, AECASS-2 first named PROKOP but then indicated that he would have to think the matter through; he feels that a number of individuals would probably be able to discuss the topic better than any one single individual. He promised to furnish Ann S with both the bibliography and with the names of the individuals.
6. The main reason for meeting with AECASSOWARY-2 was to discuss with him the new developments in the assassination of Lev ~~REBERT~~ REBET. The following is pertinent to this discussion concerning REBET and concerning AESKEWER-1's participation in the REBET-BANDERA assassinations:

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- a. AECASS-2 turned over the attached report concerning Lev REBET.
- b. AECASS-2 provided orally (he stated that he would not commit this to paper) the following concerning REBET's background: In late 1944 or early 1945 Daria REBET was injured while in a Vienna bomb shelter. The end of WW II found her in a Vienna hospital at the time that the Soviets occupied Vienna. REBET joined Daria sometime before the Soviet occupation. He left Vienna, together with his son, in the fall of 1945 under somewhat mysterious circumstances while his wife remained behind. The Bandera faction had at one time accused REBET of having entered into contact with the RIS while in Vienna and had agreed to work for the RIS in exchange for permission to leave Vienna. AECASS-2 feels that REBET, of course, never collaborated with the RIS even if it may be true that he may have been contacted by the RIS in 1945 at the time that he left Vienna.
- c. AECASS-2 feels that Ivan BESAHA had been dispatched by the RIS in order to get next to REBET in order to feel out REBET about collaboration with the RIS. BESAHA did in fact win the confidence of REBET with whom he was especially close and whose children he closely befriended (he was their constant companion during jaunts into Munich playgrounds, parks, etc). (We know from [ ] that Besaha ~~mission~~ did have as his mission the poisoning of REBET.)
- d. AECASS-2 learned about REBET's strange behaviour (immediately preceding his death) only relatively recently and from AECASS-29 with whom Daria REBET had spoken. When AECASS-2 wrote to Daria to get her to provide the details, she tarried until ~~the following day~~ <sup>three months later</sup> when she finally did provide the details (as given in the attached report), she made a statement which cast aspersions upon AECASS-29's loyalty and reliability. AECASS-2 is at a loss to understand what has motivated Daria to behave in this fashion. Moreover, Daria REBET accused AECASS-29 as being responsible for REBET's decision not to emigrate to the USA (AECASS-2 states that the facts ~~are~~ do not accord with Daria's statements). AECASS-2 knows from AECASS-3 that Daria REBET has reported that she has been under surveillance recently and that Mrs HORBACH has been accompanying her as a bodyguard.
- e. In view of the ~~preceding~~ foregoing and on the basis of Daria REBET's behaviour, AECASS-2 speculates that we do not yet see or know all the pieces of the puzzle surrounding REBET's (and BANDERA's) assassination. Though he admits that he is now speculating, he feels that the KGB may have approached REBET and made a recruitment attempt immediately preceding the assassination using the assassination as a threat if REBET declined the recruitment pitch (this would explain REBET's strange behaviour during the preceding day and on the day of his assassination). He feels that the KGB stood to lose nothing and to gain much by making such a last minute recruitment pitch.
- f. Based on the fact that [ ] story of his assassination of REBET differs from the facts (almost precisely the same difference which exists concerning the BANDERA assassination), AECASS-2 feels that [ ] has been less than truthful.
- g. AECASS-2 will undertake, through his sources in Munich, to

establish, if possible, whether REBET had paid a visit to the Dachauerstr office on the day of his death. (NOTE: [ ]'s story is that REBET came to Karlsplatz not from his home but from the direction of the Bachauerstr office.) If REBET did pay a visit to Dachauerstr, there must be someone in that office who was the last to see REBET before his death. According to the info we now have, REBET was last seen ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (by his wife) when he left home and was next seen sprawled on the stairs; however, the wife is unable to account for approximately 20 minutes of his time.

h. AECASS-2 feels that [ ] has been less than truthful concerning his story about having to engage in the relatively extensive operation to get a photo of BANDERA (or to catch ~~up~~ a glimpse of BANDERA) by going to Rotterdam, by going to vic of church, etc, when, according to AECASS-2, the KGB has recent and past photographs of BANDERA. According to AECASS-2, he recently uncovered in his own files the photographs of BANDERA which the RIS supplied the two German agents who came to the FedRep in ~~XXX~~ 1951 (or 1954) to assassinate BANDERA. Also, AECASS-2 states that the Uce encyclopaedia has a relatively recent photograph of BANDERA which would have been adequate for almost any purpose.

7. AECASS-2 commented that both STAKHIV and KOSHELEVITS have invited him (separate from each other) to Munich. STAKHIV wrote again more recently, injecting a more urgent tone into the letter, to ask AECASS-2 to be in Munich for 5-7 May 1962 for the elections. AECASS-2 stated that he would not attend.

8. Concerning ~~XXX~~ STAKHIV, AECASS-2 feels that STAKHIV is either a ~~XXXX~~ BND agent or in contact with the BND. He bases his feeling on the fact that STAKHIV knew more about the death of ORTINSKIY than anyone else before this became public. STAKHIV confirmed as much in replying to AECASS-2's letter in which the query was posed by AECASS-2.

9. AECASS-2 called my attention to an article (not seen by me yet) which he says he turned over to Am in which the Sovs made reference to the fact that "the American officer who debriefed him [ ] quickly decided that he was not telling the truth and then turned him over to the Germans". Reference is being made to me. This particular article had named some 50 individuals who are identified as BND or AIS agents.

10. In reply to my query, AECASS-2 commented that AECASS-29 is awaiting our decision. AECASS-29's son is undergoing an operation on 2-3 May 1962.

11. AECASS-2 has ordered his people in Munich to make no appearance at the [ ] trial as he feels that the Sovs have yet several aces up their sleeves. AECASS-2 does not feel that the case will even come to trial and that the Sovs will exchange [ ] for several Germans whom they are now holding. Moreover, AECASS-2 feels that the Sovs are in possession of considerable material which is derogatory to the Germans which they could, or would ~~threaten~~ threaten to, release if the trial were to take place. In general, AECASS-2 feels that, whatever purpose the KGB may have had in mind, [ ] is a dispatched KGB agent.

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Death of Dr. Lee HENRI

Only after having familiarized herself with the proceedings of the coroner's inquest, Mrs. Marie HENRI, wife of Dr. Lee HENRI, was able to explain more clearly the psychological state of her husband at the time of his death (12 Oct 1957). Her observations are set forth below.

On the morning of Oct 11, 1957, Dr. Lee HENRI was in the office of the coroner, where he was seen by the coroner and the coroner's jury.

Dr. HENRI was seen by the coroner and the coroner's jury at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Oct 11, 1957. At that time, Dr. HENRI was in a state of extreme nervousness and was unable to give a clear account of the events of the previous day. He stated that he had been in the office of the coroner since approximately 8:00 a.m. and had been waiting for the coroner to arrive. He stated that he had been in the office of the coroner since approximately 8:00 a.m. and had been waiting for the coroner to arrive. He stated that he had been in the office of the coroner since approximately 8:00 a.m. and had been waiting for the coroner to arrive.

Between 10:00 and 20:00 hrs Mrs. HENRI remained with the Airport and was surprised when she found her husband in the coroner's office. She stated that she had been in the office of the coroner since approximately 8:00 a.m. and had been waiting for the coroner to arrive. She stated that she had been in the office of the coroner since approximately 8:00 a.m. and had been waiting for the coroner to arrive.

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