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SUBJECT: Negotiation with Mykola LEBED

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1. On 13 July the undersigned asked the permanent ZPUHVR Washington representative, "Charlie", to discuss three points with LEBED in New York. These points were:

- a. the proper method for passing the message of thanks to Prof. DOBRIANSKY
- b. the possibility of our arranging conferences for LEBED with such person as Allen Dulles, Messers Davis and Reinhardt and perhaps Mr. Foy Kohler
- c. the feasibility of expanding SUCHASNA UKRAINA, the newspaper in Munich, to include an English language supplement.

2. Concerning the message to Prof. Dobriansky, LEBED believed that the main precaution against security repercussions can be efficiently dealt with merely by informing Prof. Dobriansky that the message in question was received by letter from the Ukraine. LEBED will add that as soon as the edition of the UHVR Information Bureau publication (in which the announcement appeared in the Ukraine) is received in the emigration, Dobriansky will be able to have a copy. To date LEBED can take no steps to release this message to Dobriansky, because the exact text has not been released to him. If the persons in OSO and OPC who are connected with this case agree with the undersigned that LEBED's method of presentation is satisfactory, the undersigned will release the message in a slightly paraphrased form. LEBED will inform us of Dobriansky's reactions.

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3. LEBED would appreciate very much the opportunity to speak with Dulles, Davis, Reinhardt and Kohler. He adds, however, that at the present Saturday and Sunday are his only free days from work at a steel plant in New York where he is on the 3 - 11 p.m. shift. This brings up the very important point of LEBED's job which handicaps him in his political activities. He believes that the moral prestige of earning his own living is an advantage to himself and his political group and he would not have it otherwise at this time. Furthermore, he feels that from the security standpoint it is also desirable that he be able to account for where he spends his time. He hopes thus to allay the suspicions of other Ukrainian groups which believe that the ZPUHVR has been taken rather completely under the wing of the AIS. LEBED is and always has been adamant about accepting on an individual basis salary or remuneration from the United States. On the other hand he has always been ready since September 1949 to have funds placed at the disposal of the ZPUHVR to be accounted for by that organization in general rather than in detail. The system of signing for receipts and accounting for each ten cent piece that goes into the subway turnstile is the thing that irks all members of the ZPUHVR, not because it makes them feel like small boys on an allowance but because it places specific persons within the group in a position of being paid employees of an intelligence service, i.e. agents. This complicated attitude toward subsidization has existed for the past three years and the accounting procedures employed by ZPUHVR have never been those recommended in CIA regulations. A compromise solution would appear to involve the following: a bank account in New York City or

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Washington from which either LEBED or "Charlie" can withdraw funds. Funds thus withdrawn would be accounted for generically in round figures rather than down to the last cent. This would be a ZPUHVR bank account rather than LEBED's or "Charlie's".

4. Although LEBED still thinks that a ZPUHVR publication in English is warranted and highly desirable, he does not wish to be given a salary through Dr. Hrinioch and Suchasna Ukraina in Munich. As far as he is concerned this would merely be a circuitous way of putting him on the American payroll by allotting more money to Suchasna Ukraina. The funds in Suchasna Ukraina are currently accounted for in detail and therefore money transferred to him would probably be listed as "salary to Mr. LEBED," which is exactly what he is trying to avoid. LEBED and "Charlie" seem to have jumped to the conclusion that the case officer brought the subject of the bulletin up only in reference to LEBED's personal problems which was not the case at all. LEBED's only other comment was that he would like to talk about this subject more at length on his next trip to Washington which he hopes to make in conjunction with interviews with the persons named in para 1 b.

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