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**EXTERNAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT**  
**INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

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*Sylvan Bandera*  
 SPECIFIC - UHWR and UFA

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**SOURCE** KILKENNY (sub-source KALEN)

1. UHWR is the only Ukrainian organization created on national soil which has contact with the homeland. It is considered by the founders as a provisional national assembly. It's organs are the UFA - Ukrainian resistance group, still fighting in the Ukraine, and the General Secretariat which is the executive organ abroad. The General Secretariat is headed by Nicholas' LEBED, living in Rome under the name of Roman ZAHLENIG, Via D'Amato 4, int. 14. LEBED was born 10 November 1909 in Polish Ukraine. He was sentenced to death in Warsaw in 1931 for conspiracy. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and in 1934 he was liberated by amnesty. LEBED and Ivan HREBNICHO, a Greek-Catholic Ukrainian priest, organized further fighting for Ukrainian independence. He left Ukraine before the Russians took Lemberg, going to Germany where he went into hiding. LEBED arrived in Rome in August 1945 from a transit camp in Klagenfurt.

2. UHWR has representatives in Munich, Innsbruck, Paris, Brussels, Stockholm, Rome, London, Shanghai, Switzerland and will have representatives in United States shortly. At present UHWR is not in contact with its representatives in Yugoslavia. They are officers in Tito's army and UHWR does not have safe means to contact them. They have representatives in Shanghai because of the number of Ukrainians in the Red Army and the many Ukrainians that have recently settled in Manchuria.

3. UHWR has its own Intelligence Center doing all types of operations. The main purpose of their center (located in Munich) is to protect not only UHWR but other Ukrainian organizations from Soviet penetration. UHWR has agents in D.P. camps and in national movements. Their association with A.B.N. (Anti-Bolshevik block of Nations) is only for propoganda purposes. They do not share the results of their intelligence work with any other organization.

4. For the last five months negotiations have taken place to reach a general agreement with Ukrainian emigre organizations abroad. Most of these attempts were concerned with the UPR, headed by LEVITZKIJ and UPR group headed by GEN. HREBNICHO. UPR has been the nucleus of the Ukrainian government since 1947, but in the world War II, UPR was the largest Ukrainian nationalist organization. In the course of these negotiations, both LEBED and the UPR representative signed a declaration handed over to Mr. BECHES in Paris. Source was asked by UHWR and BECHES to give a Paris address to UHWR for this purpose.

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5. Source and Lunich are in contact with ULR intelligence section and is delivering reports on its activity. German agents are selected and in process. Almost all propaganda material in US Zone, Germany, was spotted.

6. ULR's financial support is coming in monthly (according to source) from the Ukrainian refugees in Europe. The last payment was made in April 1946, when from Germany only, ULR received 1 million and five hundred thousand marks.

7. HRIJNICCH (in Munich) and LEBED (in Rome) as top leaders, are ready and willing to

- a. give the names of their representatives;
- b. cooperate in every possible way to spot Soviet agents (This is already working.)
- c. collect intelligence in Ukraina, Poland, Slovakia through proper agents (in effect);
- d. Penetrate Red Army where Ukrainian nationals hold important posts.
- e. attempt to approach high Soviet officials of Ukrainian origin, abroad, or to try out as "agent provocateurs" and high Soviet official abroad. (for example TILCSHERYCO)
- f. to help uncover Soviet agents of Ukrainian origin in the United States and Canada or try to convert them if there is an indication of such a possibility. (For instance STEPANEK, a member of the Soviet Ukrainian delegation in Canada.)
- g. to continue the fighting in Ukraina through UPA.

8. UPA is not headed by BANDERA but the largest group is UPA as the BANDERA group. BANDERA is a man about 36-38 years old and a former officer in the Polish Army. Since the groups organized by him and his friends are the most active within the UPA, NKVD has from the beginning called the whole UPA organization "BANDERCVCI" i.e., BANDERA's people. As a Ukrainian, BANDERA was approached by Soviets in 1941 but failed to satisfy them and was sent to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, but later liberated.

All reports which arrived in June 1946 via courier from UPA are in Ukraina were presented to source. These reports showed evidence of a well but active military organization. Their greatest problems are

- a. to get medical supplies
- b. to spot Soviet penetration into their ranks.

9. HRIJNICCH and LEBED are interested in getting some kind of support for their fight from the USA. In their opinion a great change will soon take place among the displaced persons throughout Europe. The Poles, Ukrainians, Hungarians, etc., are deeply disillusioned and many of them are ready to go home and accept Soviet rule if their personal safety is guaranteed. After two years of deportations, these people have reached the limit of their patience and cannot stand Soviet penetration.

10. Dr. Vasilij LUDRIJ, vice president of ULR, is not involved in intelligence activity. As president of the Ukrainian Relief in Germany he has been exposed and source's contact with him has almost ceased.

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Mgr. MUCKO, Ukrainian Catholic Bishop, is sponsoring ULR from Rome. He is not involved in intelligence. BRINICCH and LEBED are using him as an authority and contact to get Vatican support if necessary. MUCKO is an opponent of the Jesuits and violently anti-Russian. He is willing to check on information which originates from Jesuit sources. MUCKO not only works for the welfare of Ukrainians in Rome but tries to handicap the Vatican's pro-Russian policy everywhere in the world.

11. Father DYMCHYSYN, previously mentioned, is out of the picture. Father BLANICH, formerly used by source as a lead, left Europe for the United States.

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