

middle-course. The following course suggests itself as best suited to avoid either pitfall.

4) You should contact the Lynx group and, referring back to your last meeting when you made an abortive attempt at drawing them out regarding BANDERA's present whereabouts, point out that the secrecy surrounding his movements would in the long view create more harm than good. You would point out that rather than asking a direct question and courting another rebuff, you preferred to place yourself squarely on record as greatly concerned as regards BANDERA's security but equally unable to materially contribute to its preservation, because you had not been taken into the complete confidence of the UHVR. You did not share the view that irreparable damage would be caused by BANDERA's extradition, although it would doubtlessly constitute a heavy blow to the prestige for the Ukrainian movement. Your main concern was, however, to establish a perfect understanding with the UHVR that BANDERA, once captured, would inevitably be handed over to the Soviets by the U.S. authorities. It would then be too late to intervene and ~~planning~~ protests would be absolutely to no avail. The UHVR would only have to blame itself in that case. Any demands made on you for a specific undertaking to guarantee BANDERA's security, vis a vis the U.S. authorities, should be declined, even if UHVR sees fit to let you in on the secret of his whereabouts.

5) In case STEPSKOC should come forward with information containing a lead to BANDERA's hiding place, we shall try to inform you on time. If we have reason to believe that coverage of that lead is likely to result in BANDERA's capture, we shall have to lay out our course of action in the light of our conflicting interests in the matter. Tipping off BANDERA, if this should be decided upon, would have to be done with utmost discretion obviating the remotest possibility that his escape is traced back to a U.S. agency. In anticipation of such contingency, you should now cast about for secure means of passing such information, taking into account, of course, that should any intimation of our connivance in BANDERA's escape reach the ears of the UHVR, we could expect with certainty that the Soviets would learn about it sooner or later. This dilemma could best be avoided, we believe, if the tip-off be launched into UHVR channels through an elaborate chain of fictional and/or actual cutouts.

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