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TO : Assistant Director for Special Operations

DATE: 23 January 1951

FROM : Chief, Contact Division, O/O

SUBJECT: Reverend GRINIOKH (HRYNOCH)

REFERENCE: Telephone conversation, 19 January 1951, []

1. A reliable contact of this Division has advised that on 10 January 1951, he received a letter from a Dr. Tacov M. Zozula containing the following information concerning subjects

"We received from Europe information that there was summoned (from Europe) to Washington, and left on plane Rev. GRINIOKH, a Greek-Catholic priest and military chaplain of the division 'Halychina', who later became a well-known Benderovay leader. Still later he has become opposed to Bandera, and joined Lebid. Do you know something about this visit? Our friends ask to verify this rumor as if this turns then it would show a definite interest in the spheres in regard to the group of Lebid. In connection with this matter, our friends advise us to find opportunities for talks with the US officials because if we will not be informed about the talks of Lebid, we nevertheless will not be free from responsibility for following eventual mistakes. We are ready for such talks, but do not see how to arrange them. What is your opinion about the possibility of such interviews?"

2. Our contact states that Dr. Zozula is a Ukrainian refugee, who was admitted to the US about one year ago from Germany. He is now living at 216 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York. According to our contact, Zozula is a man of high moral integrity and a life-long adherent of democracy.

3. Additionally, Walter Dushnyk has reported contacting a Ukrainian priest of the Eastern Catholic Rite, Father HRYNOCH by name, who arrived in New York either on 31 December 1950 or 1 January 1951. Father HRYNOCH and the Reverend GRINIOKH are presumably the same individual.

4. Dushnyk reports that HRYNOCH is the head of the foreign representation of the Ukrainian Liberation Council in Germany, and, according to Lebid, plays an important role in the foreign network of the Ukrainian underground. The impression conveyed by Dushnyk was that HRYNOCH is an operations officer of some kind who receives and dispatches couriers to the Ukraine, and channels information to various Ukrainian groups.

5. Father HRYNOCH is scheduled to visit his brother, Reverend Stephen Hrynoch, 1400 Rhode Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., for a few days. He will pass through New York prior to returning to Germany.

6. A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to the Office for Policy and Coordination for their information.

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