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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

15 November 1974

SUBJECT: Meeting with HRYNIOKH (L. BYRANIC/3)

1. On 11 and 12 November 1974 I met Reverend Ivan HRYNIOKH (L. BYRANIC/3) in New York, renewing our acquaintance formed a year ago. HRYNIOKH, President of the ZP/UNVR, lives in Herring, Bavaria, and has been in the US since 25 October 1974, having attended the ZP/UNVR conference at the Prolog offices on 25-27 October. For brief background on HRYNIOKH, see p. 4 and 5 of the attached contact report dated 1 Nov 1973. Our discussion concerned the present state of the ZP/UNVR, contacts with the Ukraine, and the situation of arrested Ukrainian dissidents and their families. We discussed the McMaster University Conference on Contemporary Ukraine, which I had attended in Hamilton, Ontario 25-27 October 1974, and many of the Ukrainian emigre academic persons I had met there.

2. I asked HRYNIOKH for his views on Borys LEMITZKYJ, the controversial Ukrainian emigre Sovietologist who lives in Munich, and whom I had met to assess in Hamilton. His assessment confirmed much of the background data in LEMITZKYJ's 201 file, and equally confirmed our belief that LEMITZKYJ enjoys certain Soviet official contacts in Germany whom he probably uses for his own purposes. The Reverend feels that LEMITZKYJ is quite naive if he does not fully understand that the Soviets are also using him as a channel of information on the emigre community in Western Europe. Although the Ukrainian emigre community does not consider LEMITZKYJ as a Soviet agent in the true sense of the word, and he does have the respect of many prominent emigres, he does have some associates whose bona fides would not stand up in the light of close scrutiny.

3. Reverend HRYNIOKH continues to be an unusually active person, which is exhausting for his 67 years. His European travels take him to Vienna and Rome occasionally; he has met with Cardinal Jozef HINDSZENTY in Vienna, and he lectures at the Free Ukrainian University in Munich and the Vatican University in Rome. The last few weeks have seen him in the mid-West and Canada, and he still has speaking engagements and conferences in Trenton, N.J., Chicago and Toronto. Before returning to Europe in December he will accompany his brother, Rev. Stefan Hrynuk of Oliphant, Banna, on a vacation trip to Caycos Island in the West Indies.

4. Before he left for Trenton on 12 November, he asked me whether there were "any problems with my people here," referring to his ZP/UNVR associates at Prolog. I assured him that I had no problems of any nature with them, that our relationship continues to be productive, and that my organization is most appreciative of the work being done by the ZP/UNVR. He expressed his deep thanks for the continuing support of the Agency.

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