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FIELD STATION ASSET REPORT - QRPLUMB

HQS FY 1989

1. IDENTIFICATION DATA:

A. OBJECTIVE: T

B. FAN: 28-4544

C. (1) ACTIVITY: QRPLUMB FILE: 200-124-207

(2) AGENTS:

QRPLUMB/57  
QRPLUMB/75  
QRPLUMB/103

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D. ASSET CLASSIFICATION: Media

E. TYPE: Unilateral

F. CATEGORY: Covert Action

G. STATUS CHANGE: None

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

2. BASIC OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

A. OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENT: QRPLUMB publishes a monthly journal in the Ukrainian language, books and several periodicals for infiltration into USSR. The assets have extensive contacts with individuals and groups in Ukraine and provide material support to internal independent groups and publishers.

B. OPERATIONAL AUTHORIZATION/CLEARANCES:

QRPLUMB/57: OA was issued on 5 April 1972. Certain problems of a CI/security nature arose during a routine SGSWIRL of QRPLUMB/57 in FY-85 which resulted in the OA being cancelled. While these issues have not been resolved, they are not considered to impact negatively on QRPLUMB or its operations because they do not indicate hostile control. If another SGSWIRL resolves outstanding issues, an OA will be reissued. (As QRPLUMB/57 is a U.S. citizen, further details on this matter are kept in a separate file.)

QRPLUMB/75 - CSA 10 September 1985  
QRPLUMB/103 - CSA 21 June 1985

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C. CONTROL AND COMMITMENTS: Control is through funds which the Agency provides on a quarterly basis. No commitments other than funding through FY-89.

D. SECURITY/CI CONSIDERATIONS: There were no apparent CI problems during the reporting period. A CI review of the QRPLUMB operation is now being concluded.

3. STATUS OF ASSET VALIDATION:

QRPLUMB/57 is considered an established agent. He has been collaborating with the Agency since 1971 and has been responsive to tasking. His product satisfies the Agency's objectives set for the operation. There is no evidence of hostile control. Another SGSWIRL examination will be scheduled in FY-90 to resolve the problems which arose during the previous examination.

QRPLUMB/75 and QRPLUMB/103 are both considered established agents. As witting collaborators, they have been responsive to tasking and direction. They have been vetted with SGSWIRL examination with no hostile control indicated.

4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANS:

Publications:

a. "Suchasnist": A Ukrainian language monthly covering such diverse topics as politics, literature, arts and social affairs. It is published 11 times a year (one double issue) in an average press run of 1,800 of which an estimated 50 percent reaches the USSR. In FY-89, the double issue was entirely devoted to the Millennium of Christianity in Rus-Ukraine. Due to great demand for this issue, additional 2,000 copies in a pocket version were produced at headquarters. Another 500 copies were reprinted in Poland and distributed in Ukraine.

b. "Forum": A Russian language journal published twice yearly, dealing primarily with nationality questions. Approximately 750 copies per issue go to the USSR.

c. "Soviet Ukrainian Affairs": A quarterly in English dealing primarily with Soviet Ukrainian topics, contains translations from the Ukrainian press and analytical articles. Geared to East and West European audiences.

d. "Soviet Nationality Survey": A monthly bulletin in English which deals with all major Soviet nationalities. It is distributed primarily to Third World countries, East and West European libraries and scholars.

e. Polish language "Suchasnist": A special double issue of Suchasnist in Polish has been prepared in FY-89 and will be printed in early FY-90. The projected press run is 1,000 copies printed in the West and another 1,000 copies printed in Poland.

f. Books: Four new books in Ukrainian were published in FY-89 and an

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earlier edition was reprinted in Poland. The ninth issue of the internal publication, "Ukrainian Herald", was also reprinted in Poland.

g. Reprints: The Program of the Lithuanian Popular Front and the program of the Ukrainian Popular Movement for Perestroyka (Rukh) were reprinted in 2,000 copies each and infiltrated into Ukraine.

Video project: Due to limited funding, video activity during FY-89 consisted mainly of distribution of existing films produced in multiple copies at headquarters facilities. QRPLUMB obtained a number of video recordings from inside Ukraine made with camcorders provided by the project. Some were duplicated at headquarters and reinfiltated. Some footage is being edited and will be compiled into a feature film at a later date. Additional 200 copies of "Harvest of Despair", dubbed in Ukrainian in FY-88, were reproduced and infiltrated.

The Ukrainian Peace Committee (UPC): In FY-89, the UPC was asked by the Lvov Peace Group to be its Western representative. The UPC established a working contact with a group of Finnish citizens involved in the peace movement who took literature into Ukraine and placed a number of articles on the situation in Ukraine in the Finnish left wing press.

The Ukrainian Press Agency (UPA): The UPA issued some 60 press releases on the situation in Ukraine during FY-89. It maintains contacts with the European press as well as with the Western press corps in Moscow. During FY-89, it has set up a representative in Moscow who has access to telefax and is able to provide information on timely basis. Another telefax contact was established in Warsaw to forward materials brought or sent through telefax from Ukraine. The UPA is part of the QRPLUMB office in London but it covers most of its operating cost by selling subscriptions to press releases to West European press. Releases are sent to Eastern Europe free of charge.

Election Campaign: In preparation for the local elections in Ukraine scheduled for the spring of 1990, QRPLUMB began preparations to provide informal groups with literature and equipment to give them means to compete on more equal basis with the party apparat in promoting independent candidates. A pamphlet on how to conduct an election campaign and a book of articles on the American democratic process were published and will be infiltrated. Computer and printing equipment as well as instructions on how to build simple silk screen printers will be provided to internal groups.

Equipment Transfer: Some fifteen video camcorders, five computers, two photocopiers and Ukrainian language computer software were provided to internal groups.

With travel becoming easier between Ukraine and the West, the QRPLUMB assets have a more direct access to information on the situation in Ukraine from tourists and other visitors. During FY-89, they have regularly provided copies of samizdat publications and background material useful to headquarters analysts.

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In FY-90, QRPLUMB will continue its publishing activity. It will maintain contact with internal groups and provide support to promote political pluralism in Ukraine. QRPLUMB/103 will travel to Munich in early 1990 for an extended stay in order to build a stronger operational base from Western Europe. Both London and Munich offices will be expanded by one person.

Effective 1 October 1989, QRPLUMB converted from a proprietary to a controlled subsidiary.

5. CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS:

A. BASIC INFORMATION:

(1) QRPLUMB/57, QRPLUMB/75 and QRPLUMB/103 know the current case officer, [ ] in first true name. In the past year, they have met with former C/O, [ ], known to them in true name. They also know [ ] in alias [ ] [ ] in first true name, [ ] in true name and [ ] in alias [ ]. They have also met several officers from Office of Security and Office of Technical Services, some in alias, others in first true name.

(2) The three assets are witting of Agency affiliation.

(3) Cover for meeting is social. The current C/O is of Eastern European origin and has common interests with the assets.

(4) English language is used in meetings.

B. PRIMARY CONTACT PLAN: Meetings are arranged at previous meetings or by phone calls originated from public phones. Meetings are in hotels in Washington area or in New York/Newark area. A code phrase is used to indicate meeting place on the phone.

C. ALTERNATE CONTACT PLAN: Asset calls C/O on ops line.

D. EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN: Asset or C/O triggers meeting by a phone call.

E. CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Assets: 201-622-0542 (office); 201-622-3323 (office private line); 201-674-5888 (principal agent's home). Ops line used by assets: [ ] C/O's home number: [ ]

F. IMPERSONAL COMMO: N/A

G. STAY BEHIND STATUS: N/A

H. COMMENTS: N/A

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6. COSTS:

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SOC	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
2552	LC	3E	3C	3
2570	LC	3E	3C	3
TOTAL	C	3C	3C	3

B. FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Funds for the activity are provided by covert bank transfers from five Agency devised facilities based in the U.S. All funds are accounted for in accordance with Agency regulations and the QRPLUMB Admin Plan.

C. MANPOWER: .3 workyears.