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DIVISION FDS PROJECT AEQUOR DATE _____
 BRANCH FDS/West FIELD STATION Munich FIELD BASE _____
 CASE OFFICER FIELD CASE OFFICER
 TARGET AREA Byelorussian SSR, USSR DATE ACTIVATED Approximately 1 April 1951

PURPOSE OF OPERATION: Utilization of the Byelorussian National Council (BNR), a self-styled emigre government-in-exile, and its auxiliary organizations as a pool of agent and consultant recruiting candidates, as a sounding-board and informant on emigre political activity, and as a political "partner" in the development of any anti-Soviet resistance movement contacts that are made in Byelorussia.

CHARACTER OF OPERATION: Non-American agents (see CAMPOSANTO agent data sheets) are trained, briefed and dispatched by American case officers in the field who are assisted by CAMBISTA 2 who acts as the project's chief consultant and liaison man between U.S. and BNR representatives.

AGENT OR PRINCIPAL AGENT:
Cryptonym or pseudonym CAMBISTA 2 Age 31
Byelorussian (Pole)refugee
Nationality now resident in Belgium Occupation Medical Doctor Location Louvain, Belgium

Manner of CSO Control: Our control is ideological and financial; in addition to providing financing and technical aid (transportation and communications) for the realization of this group's long desired contact with the homeland - BNR hopes to enlist, through present covert operational cooperation, American interest and support for an independent Byelorussian state.
Manner of Access:

BNR and its auxiliaries have direct access to Byelorussian emigre circles in Western Europe and this hemisphere and serves as a clearing house for such events and individuals.

Basis for this info: Observation and research.

Security Estimate: Knowledge of this operation is limited to a small group of key officials within the BNR hierarchy. No serious breach of security or compromise of this operation has been reported to date.

Number of ~~all~~ agents 2 * Number on which essential big. info available 2

 To date, three agents have been recruited by CAMBISTA 2 and two

SUCCESS OF OPERATION TO DATE: have been accepted by us. Of these two accepted for training, the first was dispatched by air to Byelorussia on 21 September 1951 and the second agent is receiving communications and other training in Germany preparatory to dispatch. Approximately sixty additional names of possible agent or partisan-warfare trainees collected under CAMBISTA 2's direction this summer are currently being reviewed in the field and Washington for future operational employment.

OUTLOOK: The enthusiastic cooperation of CAMBISTA 2, the high quality of the two agents accepted from among his candidates, and the "pool" of sixty possible recruits now being studied permit an optimistic AEQUOR outlook. The success of the dispatch of the first agent in September 1951 is also promising, but a firm estimate must await the results of that mission.

ANNUAL COST: Per Project \$ 52,000 I.O. MANPOWER REQUIRED 2 full-time field case officers,
 Last full fiscal year \$ _____ 1 part-time field case officer and
agent training personnel

*Total AEQUOR budget for FY 1952
COMMUNICATIONS USED:
 No communications to date. Secret writing will be used by the first agent dispatched (CAMPOSANTO 1) using regular mail channels; ~~the~~ the second agent now in training is being instructed in W/T.

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ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS: The Byelorussian National Council (Byelorusskaya Natsional'naya Rada, BNR) considers itself as legatee of the Byelorussian National Government elected by the people of that area in 1917 during their brief fling of freedom. This government fled into exile in December 1917 when the Soviet Army invaded Minsk and is now resident in Paris. This self-styled government-in-exile consists of the BNR with approximately 165 members resident in Europe and the Western Hemisphere and a Cabinet of 9 ministers created in 1947. The Council is intended to function as a parliament but in reality because of the distances separating members, the actual organizational authority rests in Paris. A member of the BNR has been appointed in each country to represent the interests of the Council and to coordinate the activities of the sprawling world-wide network of Byelorussian groups and organizations. Important parts of this network include: The International Union of Byelorussians with branches in many European and American countries carrying on largely cultural and benevolent activities; The Union de Combattants Byelorussian, at present a dormant "paper" organization but significant as a league of former Byelorussian military personnel available for service in the event of war; Byelorussian University Organization, headquartered in Belgium, supplies financial aid and scholarships for Byelorussian students and facilitates their travel between countries and enrollment in educational institutions.

KEY PERSONALITIES: ABRAMTCHIK, Mikola - President of the BNR
GRABINSKI, Bronislaw - 1st Vice President
STAHANOWITCH, Aleksandr - 2nd Vice President
RAHULA, Michel - Secretary General
KACHANOUSKI, Auhien - Foreign Minister and Premier
KUSHAL, Col. Frantisek - Military "expert" and adviser to the BNR

POLITICAL ASPECTS: Extremely nationalistic and decisively anti-Russian, BNR has demanded an independent Byelorussian state based upon ethnographical principles with access to the Baltic Sea by incorporation of a portion of East Prussia. Economic and social planning for such a state has been subordinated to the achievement of BNR's first goal - the state itself. Conversations in late summer 1951 with representatives of this group have favourably impressed American officials with the political maturity of this group, the lack of fanaticism (even in their anti-Russian bias) and their sense of political "realism" that suggest BNR would be receptive to compromise, negotiation, and limited cooperation with certain other anti-Soviet emigre groups.

RELATIONS WITH INTERIOR: No substantiated contact with the interior since the immediate post-war period.

OPERATIONS: Outside USSR: none
Within USSR: cooperation with us in dispatch of CAMPOSANTO 1 on 22 September 1951.

AGENT PERSONNEL: (See separate Agent Data forms)

CRYPTONIM: CAMPOSANTO 1	Recruited June 1951	on mission in USSR
CAMPOSANTO 2	Recruited June 1951	being trained in Germany

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