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A. HISTORY OF THE OPERATION

1. Operation Belladonna originated in April 1946 with the introduction of source to members of the Oriental (Catholic) Church familiar with Eastern affairs. Through Father Ivo Zeizer, at that time special adviser to the chief of the Vatican Mission to USFET at Kronberg, source was introduced to Father Diaczisyn, formerly also on the staff of the Vatican Mission but then in Rome. Through Diaczisyn in Rome, source met the Ukrainian Catholic Bishop Buczko, adviser to the Vatican on Ukrainian affairs and a long-standing member of Ukrainian nationalist movements, who supplied information and introductions to other informants. Eventually both Buczko and Diaczisyn withdrew as active contacts, after sending source on to a leader of the Ukrainian organization in Germany, Vasily Mudry, former vice-president of the Polish Sejm. After considerable contact with source, Mudry also withdrew from the operation, on the grounds that, although he is a vice-president of UHVR, he is only an overt Ukrainian political representative and does not deal with any secret affairs. He passed source on to the real leaders, Father Ivan Hrinioch and Yury Lopatinsky, who accorded source their confidence and agreed to collaborate on intelligence operations.

2. Contact was thus established with the UHVR for the purpose of obtaining intelligence concerning the USSR and Soviet operations at home and abroad. It was understood from the beginning that the Ukrainians considered themselves not agents but collaborators of the Americans and that their subordinate agents should remain ignorant of the American aspects of their work. On this basis, contact has been maintained with the representatives of the UHVR at the highest level: Hrinioch, Lopatinsky, and Lebed. An additional contact is a Ukrainian, Michael Korzan, an ABN representative in Austria, whom source employs as an informant and liaison man. Source is known by his real name to Hrinioch, Mudry, Buczko, and Lebed, but with Hrinioch he also uses the name Dr. Felix Novak and with Lebed Dr. Michell. Incidental information has been supplied by Mudry, Bishop Buczko, Father Diaczisyn, and other less prominent Ukrainians.

After mutual confidence had been established, Hrinioch delivered to source two long, detailed reports on Ukrainian centers, as well as much other information, and agreed to furnish agents to enter the Ukraine. A questionnaire submitted to Lopatinsky in May 1946, however, was not answered owing to the UHVR group's understanding that they were to deal directly with source and with no one else in his absence. That difficulty was resolved, and satisfactory arrangements were made for contacts through other means in source's

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