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Ukrainian Underground Activity

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1. In reply to our cable (Wash 09/19, not sent to Munich) in which we paraphrased briefly the contents of MUNI 5147 with a disguised description of the source, JAYHAWK has passed the following to us through SMEDDUM:

"We have had no information stating that 50 (or any other number) of members and leaders of the Ukrainian underground have been arrested between the dates mentioned. We do know from our group with which we are in regular touch that MGB activity has been intense for some time past and that in some districts this has caused the underground organization virtually to cease to exist.

"Are we right in understanding your statement that underground contacts have been broken off to mean that the ZCh OUN representatives in the homeland have had to interrupt their own contact with the underground?"

2. We are querying JAYHAWK for clarification of the cessation of the underground "in some districts."

3. Since we have received no further amplification of GAFELIN's original report contained in your cable, we are unable to answer JAYHAWK's query. We believe that JAYHAWK has misinterpreted the cryptic statement that "all underground contacts broken off." We assume this means that the unit to unit courier liaison has broken down because of enemy activity. We will not answer JAYHAWK's query until we have heard from you.

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