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Interviews with Belo-Russians and Ukrainians in the U.K.

1. When  was last in London, he informed me that he had discussed with SMASH the necessary arrangements for having a BYCLAIM representative interview Belo-Russians and Ukrainians in the U.K. with the view of selecting qualified individuals for operational employment.  stated that SMASH had told him that Broadway was unable to agree to putting our representative in direct touch with prospective employees but that Broadway would conduct interviews with selected individuals in our behalf.  expressed the opinion that this arrangement would not be satisfactory since direct personal appraisal of the candidates was essential prior to accepting them for our work.  further informed me that SMASH had agreed to put the Broadway position in writing.

2. Under date of 13 August 1952, I received a letter from Broadway confirming the conversation which  had had with SMASH. Shortly after the receipt of this note, I had a talk with SMASH during which I expressed surprise at the Broadway position in view of existing arrangements which we have with JACKPOT for direct contact with individuals in the U.K. after clearance with JACKPOT. I outlined to SMASH in some detail what these arrangements with JACKPOT comprised and he agreed that such arrangements appeared entirely reasonable and that he would personally support such a procedure in regard to Russians whom we wish to see in the U.K. Shortly after our conversation, SMASH left London on holiday. When SMEDDUM returned to his desk, I raised this question with him. He was informed regarding it and I believe that SMASH probably left a note for SMEDDUM on the subject prior to SMASH's departure. SMEDDUM informed me that our request for personal contact with Russians was a reasonable one and that Broadway really could see no objection to the arrangement which we had requested. However, SMEDDUM stated that he could not approve this request until the entire matter of BYCLAIM contact with individuals in the U.K. had been discussed and clarified. He stated that BYCLAVIER was at present in touch with numerous people in the U.K. for a variety of purposes; that these activities came to the attention of Broadway indirectly through reports from the police and reports from individuals who suspected certain activities in which representatives of BYCLAVIER were engaged. SMEDDUM told me that he had discussed this general problem with Martin H. Lyden and that he hoped in the immediate future to be able to come to an agreement which hereafter would control such activities by BYCLAIM in the U.K. When these broad arrangements are agreed, SMEDDUM indicated that Jewett's request for direct contact with Russians in the U.K. would be in order.

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3. It is requested that Headquarters approve a comprehensive discussion with Broadway of the problem of contact by WYCLAIN representatives with individuals in the U.K. and operations which WYCLAIN is currently conducting in the U.K. It is proposed that after discussing this matter with [ ] we together pursue the matter with the appropriate Broadway officers.

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