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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARY-~~12~~

1. Following debriefing of the [ ] on the previous evening, I met AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ in my hotel room on the morning of 25 August. What was begun as a short meeting stretched on to 1600 hours that afternoon, as AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ had a lot on his mind and was in a philosophical mood.

2. First, he stated that he was most anxious to have access of some kind to the new defector in Frankfurt, SEREDA. AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ is very eager to find out about Soviet Ukrainian youth, how it thinks and what it thinks, for his Information Bulletin. (One of AECASSOWARY-~~12~~'s most <sup>desirable</sup> ~~advisable~~ characteristics is his open mind and curiosity about what actually is going on in the Ukraine.) I told him that, if appropriate, we intended to surface SEREDA along nationalist lines, but that we didn't yet know enough about the man to make definite plans. I asked AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ for any questions he might like to have asked which would further establish SEREDA's potential usefulness in the nationalist field. AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ promised to draft some and send them at the first opportunity. (The questions are now available.)

3. Professor Bohdan HALAJEZUK (our candidate for a political action slot in Africa) has agreed to come to New York in October to work with Prolog part-time on a six months' trial basis, leaving his family in Buenos Aires until a final decision on permanent employment has been reached by both himself and Prolog. HALAJEZUK will take over some of the responsibilities of AECASSOWARY-~~27~~. I believe he will be a good asset. AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ considers him a very hard worker and a highly competent writer. HALAJEZUK is applying for a Rockefeller Foundation scholarship for the period, which will defray most of the cost of his trip. He will do part of his research at Prolog.

4. Ivan KOSHELIVETS, one of the editors of Suchasnist is immigrating to the U.S. in October. He will continue to work on Suchasnist here, but AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ has not decided whether or not to take him into Prolog on a full-time basis. KOSHELIVETS' wife works for the American Committee.

5. AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ claims there will be a Soviet fair with a Ukrainian section in Montreal in October. (We have no information on such a fair.) He wants to do propaganda and contact work there in a low key. I encouraged him to begin his planning.

6. There are a number of Ukrainian emigre tourists returning from trips to the Ukraine to Winnipeg at the end of September. AECASSOWARY-~~12~~ and group will do some debriefing among the tourists. (Our FI recruits from such ops in Canada have been encouraging.)

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7. As a result of a lead from [ ] some time ago, we put AECASSOWARY-~~2~~'s Australian contact, BOLUCH, in touch with a visiting Soviet Ukrainian professor in Canberra. BOLUCH has seen the professor, P. H. KOSTYUK. A frank exchange of an hour took place, KOSTYUK finishing with the statement: "But we have to live with the Russians." KOSTYUK took a copy of the Australian UCC paper but refused to see BOLUCH again before his imminent departure.

8. AECASSOWARY-~~2~~ reported that the next issue of the Information Bulletin will discuss the Berlin crisis. The line pursued will accuse the Soviet regime of falsifying the issues ~~of~~ leading the Ukraine toward a <sup>plebiscite</sup> because of Khrushchev's folly. It will endorse an all-German plebiscite. The article will urge that Soviet Ukrainians oppose in any way possible the outrageous Soviet policy.

9. We spent several hours discussing Prolog personnel, their strengths and weaknesses. AECASSOWARY-~~2~~ seems completely sold on AECASSOWARY-29 and has been leaning on him heavily since the death of AECASSOWARY-27. It is clear that AECASSOWARY-~~2~~ and AECASSOWARY-15 do not get along well.

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