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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY/2 in Washington on 20 June 1962

1. A/2 came to Washington at his own request, stating he had an urgent matter to discuss which concerned a request for contact between him and a former underground member in the UkSSR. He was met by me at 9:30 at the Pick Lee House where the meeting was held. [] arrived about 10:30 and was present for most of the discussions. The following subjects were discussed.

2. A/43 received from Daria Petrovna ZAYATS a letter dated 20 May from Stryy. A/43 met Daria in the Intourist Office in Uzhgorod in May of 1961. They talked alone on one occasion at which time she warned him that "they" were very sensitive about photography and warned him not to do anything which might be harmful to him. She said she recognized him as a fellow Ukrainian and wanted to warn him to be careful. During their conversation they exchanged addresses (she giving him her mother's address), and she asked him to drop her a card. They saw each other again before he left Uzhgorod. When A/43 returned to Germany, he mailed her a card to which she replied. In her letter she expressed her attraction to him and her desire to see him again. A/43 was advised by A/29 to reply and to mention the fact that he was planning to attend the festival in Helsinki. In her reply to this letter, Daria reveals her great love for him and the fact that she would very much like to meet with him "any place on this earth." The letter is very personal. She writes she is happy he will have opportunity to go to Helsinki as she expects it will be very interesting. She does not mention that she will be there, although she asks him to speak of her when he is there. (She writes, "zhadayty tam chasto pro mene," which could also mean think of me often when you are there).

A/43 mailed the letter to A/29 in New York, thinking A/29 was still here. A/2 has kept a photostatic copy and has mailed the original to A/29 in Brussels.

It is believed this correspondence might be controlled and A/29 is treating the contact accordingly. However, A/43 is planning to go to Helsinki and will look for Daria there. There is on file in headquarters a copy of her photograph and first letter to A/43.

3. [] inquired about how DS/960 was coming along. A/2 said he had not talked to him for several weeks but that Roman MAC and (fnu) HOLUBNYTCHY have frequent contact with him. DS/960 is attending Columbia University where he is studying English full time. He and HOLUBNYTCHY seem to share pretty much the same views politically. DS/960 told HOLUBNYTCHY that he had approached A/2 for a loan for his schooling and that A/2 wanted him to apply in writing. Although Roman MAC had advised him similarly, it may have been HOLUBNYTCHY who convinced DS/960 that there was nothing unusual in A/2's request and recommended that 960 comply with the request if he wanted to continue his studies. It was five days after his conversation with HOLUBNYTCHY when 960 returned and told A/2 he was ready to put his request in writing, which means he had time to check with another source which A/2 thinks he may have done. HOLUBNYTCHY, who is presently working on his Ph.D in Soviet economy at Columbia, is a Bahriany (URDP) sympathizer. He also has contacts with the American Socialist group (Norman Thomas' group). He is a Marxist in favor of Ukrainian independence.

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[] inquired whether A/2 thought 960 could be talked to (under any pretext) by a former KGB officer or someone similar. A/2 was of the opinion he could, although he might delay agreeing to such an encounter if he were asked about it in advance. Usually, when 960 is hesitant about or unfamiliar with something when it is first discussed with him, he seems well versed on the subject and prepared to make decisions a week or so later. It appears he might be checking with someone when he is unsure about what stand to take, although he is intelligent and quite shrewd on his own.

4. The name Aleksei Ivanovich POLTORATSKI, writer, appears on a list of Soviet tourists coming to the United States for 8 days starting 26 June. POLTORATSKI is Editor of the Ukrainian-language journal VSESVIT and was in charge of the group with which DS/960 came to Vienna in 1961. A/2 speculated on the possibility that POLTORATSKI may try to get in touch with DS/960 and wondered whether a surveillance could be placed on 960 when POLTORATSKI is in New York.

[] suggested that the AECASSOWARIES try to keep a close watch on 960's movements during that period. Roman MAC could undoubtedly be of great help in this respect by inviting 960 to lunch with him, etc. A/2 also will ask Roman MAC whether it is possible for him to check on 960's mail so that we will know when or if he receives any letters and from whom. MAC and 960 both live in the same rooming house at 253 W. 112th Street, New York 4, N.Y.: Tel: UN 4-53900.

5. Roman OLYNYK, 11446 92nd Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, received a letter from Mykhailo OLYNYK, Stanislav, postmarked 1 June 1962, Conakry, Republique de Guinea. The letter written to "Dear Maksym" (A/2), was not dated and had no return address. It was mailed by Mykhailo's son-in-law who works on the Soviet merchant vessel, Falekty which cruises between Kherson and Italian ports. Mykhailo requests contact with A/2 via his son-in-law who Mykhailo states has continued in his present job only because Mykhailo has urged him to do so, but claims that he will soon leave the job as it keeps him away from his wife and child. Mykhailo writes that his son-in-law is not aware of the contents of the letter he will mail, but knows that its interception would be harmful to both himself and his father-in-law.

Mykhailo writes he has learned that his brother Osyp Olynyk of Mexico has become heir to an estate and plans to visit Poland in the near future. It is not clear whether the inheritance is in Poland or in Mexico. Mykhailo has a friend who wishes to travel to Poland to arrange for his immigration to the West where he would join his family. The friend needs money to obtain the necessary visas. (Evidently they have contacts from whom visas can be purchased). Mykhailo also suggests that, if Osyp comes to Poland, contact could be established between Osyp and Mykhailo's friend so that Osyp can deliver to them the necessary funds. (Mykhailo, in a previous letter, hinted that he could purchase the necessary visas for getting A/2's father to Poland if A/2 would arrange to get him from Poland to the West).

A/2 would like to have A/29 meet the son-in-law in Italy to deliver to him a letter from A/2 for Mykhailo. A/2 will ask Roman to check all his correspondence from Mykhailo to see if the son-in-law's name is mentioned. Otherwise, Roman will be asked to write a letter and enclose a photograph of his entire family with full names written on the back identifying the individuals and request that Mykhailo do likewise. It is expected that Mykhailo will know the reason behind this

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request and will in turn provide A/2 with the name and picture of his son-in-law.

Because of the caution with which Mykhailo seems to have handled his correspondence, it is believed this is a clean contact and an effort will be made to develop it. A/2 is anxious to establish contact with Mykhailo and his friend, a former member of the underground whom A/2 believes will have detailed information on the fate of many former UPA leaders and on the present plans and activities of the surviving leadership.

Enclosed with a letter from Mykhailo written in late 1959 was another letter written to "My friends" by an old underground member who said he personally knew A/2, Lev Rebet, Tiushka and others. The letter contained information on the status of the underground in the Ukraine and about the dissatisfaction and activities among former Ukrainian prisoners. It indicated that the Soviets have been working toward utilizing the former prisoners against the underground and against the Ukrainian emigration.

Background on Mykhailo OLYNYK: Mykhailo is a former sympathizer of the OUN, since about 1933. His wife and A/2's mother were sisters. Mykhailo lives in Stanislav and works as a bookkeeper. A/2 first met Mykhailo in 1933 when A/2 was a fugitive from Polish authorities and Mykhailo arranged for A/2 to meet with his mother in Mykhailo's home. Mykhailo ~~EXCHANGES~~ has two brothers living abroad. One, Roman OLYNYK, lives in Edmonton. It is through him A/2 corresponds with Mykhailo. In this correspondence A/2 is referred to as Maxym, a pseudonym from underground days which Mykhailo recognizes. The other brother, Osyp OLYNYK, lives in Acapulco, Mexico, where he operates a restaurant.

There has already been clandestine contact between Mykhailo and A/2. First Mykhailo sent a message hidden in a picture frame via his brother Roman in Edmonton. He sent another message in the handle of a darning spool and a third hidden in the binding of a book. In return, A/2 sent a message hidden in a razor box via Roman and a Canadian-Ukrainian repatriate. Mykhailo had acknowledged receipt of the message which the repatriate unwittingly carried in the razor box along with other contents of a trunk he agreed to deliver to Mykhailo.

A/2 is of the opinion that Mykhailo is not under RIS control, and that if he were, he would find some way to alert A/2 in his messages to A/2, if for no other reason than his blood relationship.

Background on Osyp OLYNYK: A/2 remembers that Mykhailo OLYNYK had a sister employed as a housemaid in Mexico. About 1929 or '30, she visited her family in Poland (western Ukraine) and was accompanied by her husband, a Mexican, the man in whose home she had worked as a housemaid previous to their marriage. Her husband, so it was said, had been a candidate for the presidency in Mexico but lost the election. While in Poland, he purchased a large estate which he gave to the OLYNYK brothers, his brothers-in-law. When he and his wife returned to Mexico, they took with them one of the brothers, Osyp, who remained in Mexico and later married and made his home there.

6. Olga HANETSKA: HANETSKA, who has been visiting in the United States, is returning to Austria 25 June. She plans to travel to the Soviet Union later this summer and will visit her former fiance, a former member of the Ukrainian underground and friend of A/2. He is Dmytro STEPANYAK, Stanislav Oblast, village Juryn. STEPANYAK is a former member of the OUN provid. He is presently at

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Truskavits', suffering with a liver ailment. STEPANYAK has maintained correspondence with HANETSKA via his sister and a relative of HANETSKA's in Poland. A/2 has copies of all the letters.

STEPANYAK was an early member of the Communist Party in Poland. He was imprisoned by the Poles for his communist activities and later released. In 1939 he became a member of the Ukrainian underground and later became leader of a group in western Ukraine. In 1944, General Tchuprynka sent him to Volynia and in 1946, A/2 learned that he had been wounded and was in Kiev.

A/2 asked that A/29 be given permission to visit HANETSKA in Innsbruck after she obtains her visa. A/2 would like to give her, via a mutual acquaintance in New York, \$200 to help pay for her trip to the USSR and to ask her to deliver a small gift, containing a message from A/2, to STEPANYAK. A/2 was asked to do the following before A/29 approaches HANETSKA about her contemplated trip to the USSR: (a) collect all the information he can get on STEPANYAK and members of his family or people living with him; (b) supply us with all information about any individual that would be involved in HANETSKA's visit to the USSR; (c) give us copies of all correspondence between STEPANYAK and HANETSKA.

7. Spanish-language Issue of Prologue. The first issue is almost ready for printing. Professor HALAJCZUK will determine printing costs in Ruenos Aires. A/2 told Prof. HALAJCZUK that he will set aside \$500 for the first issue but that it is up to the Prof to see that futute issues pay for themselves through sales and subscriptions of the magazine. The attachment contains A/2's reasons for establishing a Spanish-language issue and the preliminary research on distribution, contributors, etc. done by Prof. HALAJCZUK. A/2 was told that our project did not provide funds for this activity and that every effort should be made to have the magazine pay for itself if it is to be continued. He also was told that when the first issue is available, we will determine the interest in the publication of those in our organization concerned with the Latin American countries.

A/2 said that the reason for the absence of any recent issues of the English-language issue of PROLOGUE was that there had not been sufficient response subscription-wise and, therefore, they feel they have neither the time or money to continue working on it.

8. I asked whether A/2 knew if A/34 or his mother in Sweden maintain any correspondence with friends in the Soviet Union. He said that A/34's mother does. He assumed she has filed for Swedish citizenship but did not know the present status of her application. He said A/34 would not object to ZP/UHVR making use of information supplied by his mother during her debriefing by A/29, but he was not sure how the mother would feel about it. A/29 will be asked to determine this when he is next in Sweden.

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