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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT : AERODYNAMIC/FI Opportunities in 1959

1. The specific FI opportunities listed below plus the expansion of AERODYNAMIC's FI collection mechanism could not be exploited for lack of adequate case officer personnel in SR/3-PP. At present [redacted] is the AERODYNAMIC case officer and [redacted] occasionally assists her. There are no case officers overseas. To all intents and purposes the headquarters of the AERODYNAMIC project is in New York.

2. REDSKIN Travelers. During 1959 to date approximately 100 U.S. or Canadian citizens of Ukrainian origin have traveled to the USSR. The overwhelming majority of these have been Canadian citizens. Canada's REDSKIN program is still in the embryo stage. The following four U.S. citizens were spotted by AECASSOWARY 2 in the hope that CIA could use them:

A. ~~X~~ Nikolas HLADUN, an old Ukrainian emigre and businessman in New York who traveled in June 1959 to Kiev and Lvov where he visited his relatives. We had about 45 days lead time on this one. It was known in advance that he would visit his relatives and that he would also have personal contact with the First Secretary of the CPSU for Lvov Oblast. While HLADUN turned out to be a rather simple old man lacking in security discretion, we would not have been able to handle his training and briefing for lack of case officer time. (SR/10 steers clear of American citizens born in the USSR.)

B. ~~X~~ William TARASKO, member of the New York Police Force at the United Nations Building, traveled to the Ukraine in Spring 1959 where he was hosted by high officers of the Soviet Ukrainian uniformed police (Militsia).

C. ~~X~~ Evhen STAKHIV, Ukrainian born American businessman, traveled to Poland and Soviet Ukraine in August 1959. AECASSOWARY 2 assessed him as talented in the contact operational field. He was a member of the AERODYNAMIC team at LCOUTBOUND.

D. ~~X~~ Stefan OLENYK, research analyst at the Library of Congress, traveled to Poland and Soviet Ukraine in August 1959 after participating on the AERODYNAMIC team at LCOUTBOUND. Had numerous interesting contacts with Ukrainian nationalists in Poland and USSR.

At the beginning of 1959, AECASSOWARY 2's views re what Ukrainian emigres could and could not do while traveling in the USSR were very old-

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fashioned: he thought they would be just as restricted as they were during the Stalin era. He is now interested in mounting further travelers. Both HLADUN and TARASKO would have been piggy-back operations. STAKHIV and OLENYK were encouraged to apply for Soviet visas by AECASSOWARY 2 and their trips were partly financed by AECASSOWARY 2. All except TARASKO received a briefing and some low-level requirements from AECASSOWARY 2. These briefings included some questions from CIA.

3. Contact Operations. Experience to date in this field demonstrates that of the Soviet Ukrainians traveling abroad there is a higher percentage who are approachable, and presumably recruitable, than among Great Russians. The AERODYNAMIC team at the Brussels Fair was considered by [] to be the best asset in the contact operational field which we had available. Aside from Brussels and Vienna, the following contact operational opportunities have cropped up in 1959 but could not be supervised or exploited by CIA in any-where near the proper manner for lack of case officer time.

A. When the Bolshoi Ballet was in New York, one of the sympathizers of the AECASSOWARIES, on whom we already have a POA, found that his cousin was one of the principal dancers. He had several meetings with his Soviet cousin but we had no case officer whom we could send to New York to assist in the supervision of these contacts.

B. AECASSOWARY 2 mounted a Ukrainian journalist to contact Soviet Ukrainian athletes during the Philadelphia track meet. Again, no case officer on the spot to take advantage of any opportunities which might have developed. (As noted in our dispatch reviewing contact operations, no recruitment of a Soviet spotted by an emigre group has yet been possible without the participation of a CIA case officer. [] is the only exception to this statement.)

C. ~~Professor~~ Professor KUCHER, fnu, a chemistry professor at the University of Lvov with whom the AECASSOWARIES established friendly personal contact both at the Moscow Youth Festival in 1957 and again in Eastern Germany in 1958, has expressed the desire to attend a macro-molecular chemistry symposium in Western Europe in Autumn 1959. He has kept in letter correspondence since 1957 with the AECASSOWARY agent who initially met him. He has been assessed as susceptible to recruitment not by CIA but by the AECASSOWARIES.

D. According to AECASSOWARY 2, a Soviet Ukrainian exhibition at the Marseilles Trade Fair will constitute the entire USSR exhibit. The Trade Fair is scheduled for 12-24 September 1959. Two or three AECASSOWARY agents will attend but we have to date selected no case officer to have contact with them in case any opportunities arise. Note that in this operational field CIA has no assets aside from the AECASSOWARIES capable of fielding teams of agents to contact Soviet Ukrainians while abroad. Ideally the AECASSOWARIES should keep on tap a mobile pool of some ten or twelve operatives (say, eight in Europe and four in North America) who are trained to conduct contact operations and

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who are available for TDY use virtually anywhere and any time groups of Soviet Ukrainians appear. Case officer time is badly needed to set this team up.

4. Expansion of FI Collection Mechanism. The following types of expansion seem desirable:

A. Similar to the NTS, the AECASSOWARIES have sought for several years to create operational residenturas in various Free World areas to which Soviet Ukrainians normally travel, e.g., Istanbul, Athens, Rome, Naples, Paris, London, Helsinki, Stockholm, etc. So far, residenturas exist only in New York, Munich, Paris, Istanbul (one man who is having a rough time with it), Stockholm, London, Winnipeg and Edmonton. Lack of funds and case officer time to help push this AECASSOWARY effort have been the main obstacles. Young, intelligent and highly motivated men and women are available for these jobs. On our side we do not have people available to handle the training and briefing of resident agents nor have we selected anyone to be in contact with them in their area of operations.

B. At the AECASSOWARY headquarters in New York, AECASSOWARIES 2, 27 and to a much lesser extent 4, are involved in FI operations. FI operations are, however, only one of about 20 duties these people have. AECASSOWARY 2 has long recognized his need for a clandestine operations deputy. He does not want to give this job to AECASSOWARY 27 because he is the best public speaker the group has as well as being one of the best writers. The operational deputy should be a man who is able to devote full time exclusively to one job. AECASSOWARY 27 will probably remain the chief of AECASSOWARY's ^{SECRET} operational efforts since he is their most experienced PA in this field.

C. Package mailing operations to the Ukraine have produced mail correspondences and FI leads. It will take some case officer time to exploit this channel efficiently. The agency in New York which mails the packages is headed by an old Ukrainian emigre who is known to be anti-Communist.

D. By far the largest volume of international mail from the Western Ukraine goes to Canada. For lack of time the AECASSOWARIES have not exploited this mail as aggressively as they should.

E. FI reports and reports on FI operational leads usually come from the AECASSOWARIES verbally and take up a good deal of the present case officer's time. Now that PYREX tapes will no longer take up AECASSOWARY's time, a case officer should train the AECASSOWARIES in the type of reporting we require and which we get in greater volume from the NTS. What good are FI leads and FI information if not properly reported? To improve the AECASSOWARIES' reporting ability will be a tedious and time-consuming job.

5. Liaison. In the Ukrainian field there are two other services aside from ourselves, namely UPSWING and the Canadians. UPSWING is dealing with the Bandera group and is allegedly getting some good FI reports on the Soviet

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Ukraine. SR/3-PP has never seen any of these reports and is thus not able to comment on them. Some case officer time should be spent to see how best UPSWING's Ukrainian activities can benefit CIA.

As the third largest national group in Canada, it is not surprising that the Ukrainians offer a fertile FI operational field, particularly in the REDSKIN field. According to a report from AECASSOWARY 2, at least 100 Ukrainian Canadians planned to travel to the Soviet Ukraine during 1959. The AECASSOWARIES have representatives in Canada including a man who is a lieutenant in the Canadian military intelligence. The new Canadian service interested in FI operations into the Ukraine seems cautious and primarily interested in observation and description operations to produce military intelligence. It is extremely doubtful, in my opinion, that the Canadians are interested in recruiting Soviet Ukrainian citizens. Thus the leads in the FI field produced by Ukrainian Canadians traveling to the USSR are not being utilized but could be siphoned off via the AECASSOWARIES. The new Canadian service seems willing and anxious to produce intelligence and to get into the USSR operational field. If they are as willing to take our advice, as they seem to be, it is not inconceivable that we can help them run some operations which lead to recruitment of Soviets. From my and []'s talks with the chief of this new Canadian service, we would judge that they are quite naive in the operational field.

6. Special Operations. In early 1959 the AECASSOWARIES received news that a member of the Ukrainian underground had recently been repatriated to Poland from the USSR as a Polish citizen. The AECASSOWARIES have been running an operation to try to allow this former underground member to immigrate to the United States. He allegedly has important FI information in his head and in writing regarding the present status of the Ukrainian nationalist underground. He is scheduled to immigrate to the United States in November 1959. As of late 1958 he was in a prison camp in Siberia.

Chief, SR/3-PP

P.S. Most of the above items were contained in [] list which I added to and amplified.

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