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<p>1. Attached is a translation of the UPSWING memorandum, noted in the reference, passed to us by HERDAHL. We regret that we are so late in forwarding it, but were holding off in the hope of getting possible additional data orally from HERDAHL, particularly further information concerning the progress of the current UPSWING/BANDERA operation into the USSR. As noted in reference, information has been rather slow in coming and it has not been possible to get together with HERDAHL subsequent to reference to get any more recent information that might be available.</p> <p>2. It will be clearly apparent from the attached, and from the reference, that HERDAHL has not made a particularly detailed case, most probably because HERDAHL is thinking mostly in terms of the good that the issuance of a visa to BANDERA would do for UPSWING's present and future relationship with BANDERA, especially as regards further UPSWING/BANDERA joint operations. However, in addition to this aspect of the problem, there is no doubt that HERDAHL feels it should be a simple matter for us to influence the issuing of a visa and that many less desirable and less "exploitable" individuals have been able to get visitor's visas to the U.S. For our part, we have told HERDAHL only that our headquarters is very interested in the matter, especially as regards indications that BANDERA has "reformed" and ideas concerning his future operational usefulness. HERDAHL has stated orally that he is aware of BANDERA's earlier reputation and, as indicated in the attachment, is aware of nothing that has happened during the period of UPSWING's association, indicating that BANDERA still is using his earlier rough tactics. Although he is relatively cautious on the subject, no doubt pending the availability of data on the current joint operation, HERDAHL also feels that, in principle, BANDERA has more to offer operationally than most if not all other Russian emigre groups in the West today.</p> <p>3. We would appreciate any views that Headquarters may have on the possibility that BANDERA may be able to obtain a visa, specifically including comments that we could pass along to HERDAHL. It seems certain that HERDAHL has encouraged BANDERA in the belief that HERDAHL may be able to influence the granting of a visa. Therefore we anticipate that BANDERA will be needing HERDAHL and HERDAHL, in turn, needing KUBARK with monotonous regularity in the very near future. It should be a simple matter to stall for a while with observations about the complex and extensive ramifications of his request, but it would be helpful to have a more or less definite yes or no answer in the not too distant future. Although it is up to Headquarters to decide the equities involved, it seems quite certain that if the visa can be granted, we would be kept very well informed on the future collaboration between UPSWING and BANDERA. If the visa is not granted, it seems likely that HERDAHL will slam the door on this aspect of UPSWING operational activities in a bit of a huff.</p>		
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ATTACHMENT TO RGMA-45003

TRANSLATION

27 August 1959

SUBJECT: Visit of BANDERA to the USA.

At one of the last discussions of our officers with Bandera's OUN representatives Dr. Gregorius Waskowycz and Jaroslaw Benzal, Bandera's wish was expressed that he have a chance to take his long-planned trip to the USA. UPSWING supports this plan to visit the USA for several months for the following reasons:

a. Bandera, who has been known to us for about 20 years, had proved again and again his clearly western political orientation. His strong will not to be inactive in the battle against the common enemy of Bolshevism, has placed him at the head of the Ukrainian nationalists. He enjoys considerable popularity among Ukrainians outside of the Federal Republic and within and without Germany he has over half a million followers.

b. Since March 1956 UPSWING has been in more or less close contact with Bandera. His political orientation has been subjected to continuing scrutiny. Also, during this period, no character flaws have been noted. Bandera's claims have been determined to be true.

How high can the pop. be?

c. Bandera states that the reason for his proposed trip to the USA is to visit relatives. However, UPSWING would consider it useful if Bandera also had the opportunity, in the course of such a trip, to talk with his nationalistic Ukrainian followers in the USA and thereby strengthen and give a new impetus to their battle against Bolshevism. As far as UPSWING knows, the number of OUN members in the USA is about 800. On the other hand, the number of Bandera followers in the USA might be as many as 3 or 400,000. In UPSWING's view, these latter figures speak for the popularity and favor enjoyed by Bandera. So high a number of like-minded can be held together and directed toward a goal only if the leader personally concerns himself with the goal and has contact with his followers. If Bandera's effort to obtain a visitor's visa is turned down, this fact could be propagandistically exploited by Bandera's opponents, especially those with Soviet support, to produce uncertainty in the ranks of Bandera's followers and to damage their unity.

d. Finally, UPSWING would like to point out the possibility to utilize the opportunity presented by a trip by Bandera to the USA to have talks between Bandera and members of the U.S. State Department that might result in alleviating the differences and reservations that may influence the American attitude toward Bandera. Bandera himself would welcome an opportunity to attempt to clarify certain things in such discussions.

For the above reasons, UPSWING suggests that KUBARK intervene in order to enable Bandera and his party to make a three month visit to the USA. Bandera has applied for a visa through the American General Consulate in Munich, using his presently used name Stefan POPEL. Travelling with him would be Dr. WASKOWYCYZ and Prof. Stefan LERKOWSKYJ.

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