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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

DC/SR/DOB []

NO.

DATE

20 SEP 1956

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1.	CSR/7/DOB	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS
		REC'D	FWD'D	
2.	SR/CUP		20 SEP 1956	[]
3.	DC/SR			
4.	C/SR			
5.	SR/7	3 OCT 1956	8 OCT 1956	
6.	DOB		OCT 1956	
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A TRAGEDY IN 14 ACTS ENTITLED: "IF IT RAINS" for [] info. The FI Staff normally processes a project in 10 days as compared to the 10 weeks it takes us to normally process a project thru our own SR Division Staff.

1 to 2, 3, and 4: I wish to push projects only as hard as the Division wants me to, and I do not wish to become embroiled in what you may consider premature criticism of the operating methods of the Division Staff. However, I do believe that there are grounds for the attached report, and that it should be brought to your attention.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/7/DOB

SUBJECT: Coordination of AEACRE Project with SR/COP/CE

1. As you are aware and on your order, the undersigned attempted to coordinate the AEACRE Project for FY '57 with the SR Division Staff in your absence from 26 August to 10 September. A brief chronology is necessary here.

On 3 September SR/COP/PP signed.

On 4 September SR/COP/CE was asked when he could look at the project. He stated that he could not look at it until Thursday, 6 September. On Thursday, 6 September, however, it was in SR/Admin/Budget and Finance.

On 7 September, Friday, the undersigned recovered the project from SR/Admin. and asked CSR/CE if he could read the project on Saturday, 8 September. SR/CE stated that as he had not had it on Thursday, 6 September, he did not know when he could get to it. He stated that if "it rained" on Saturday he might have time for it.

On Monday, 10 September, ^{SR/COP/FI signed and} DC/SR signed the project for CSR.

On Monday, 10 September, the undersigned hand carried the project to CSR/CE.

On 11 September the undersigned asked CSR/CE if he approved the project. CSR/CE idly leafed through the project and spotting a reference to Ukrainian operations said, "They are all Soviet agents anyway and why do you want to get entangled in REDSOX operations with Ukrainians." At this time CSR/CE jocularly asked what I would give him if he signed the project.

On Wednesday, 12 September, the undersigned asked again whether or not the CSR/CE had read and signed the project. Again CSR/CE idly leafed through the project and made some comments to the effect that it cost entirely too much to run useless REDSOX operations.

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On Friday, 14 September, after the CSR/CE had had the project for four (4) days, the undersigned asked again whether he had read or signed the project. Discussion now was as to the feasibility of working with Byelo-Russian emigre outfits. There was also some umbrage as to the necessity of including the AECANARY operation in the project. He stated that I had no right to show the project which included the AECANARY operation information to SR/Admin. The CSR/CE again stated if it rained on Saturday he might look at it. At this time, after four days, I asked him to record his objections to this FI project officially or sign it. He refused to do either. Later in the day, on Friday, when the undersigned saw CSR/CE in the hall, he again asked him as to the status of the project. CSR/CE stated he had "signed one initial to it" and was still thinking about it." It did not rain on Saturday, 15 September.

On Monday, 17 September, with the project already 77 days late, I called DCSR and told him that as CSR/CE did not look as though he was about to sign the project that I was picking it up from his office and was forwarding it to the FI Staff for their approval. In keeping with DC/SR recommendations, I had prepared a briefing for [] of the FI Staff as DC/SR felt "he" [] "would carry the ball for us in the staff." DC/SR okayed my taking the project from CSR/CE. I gave the project to [] to hand carry to the FI Staff for their approval without the initials of CSR/CE on the cover sheet but with the concurrence of the DC/SR.

2. Now as you know we have good reason for wanting the project to be submitted soonest. They are:

a. We have three vehicles out of order which are needed to be turned in. The project must be approved before we can replace them.

b. We have completed assessments on two (2) contract agents whom we cannot hire because we do not have approval to do so. This is not bad in itself, but these contract agents recently returned from Germany and we have promised SR/3 and SR/6 to pick them up by 1 October.

c. [] of the FI/Admin shop was called and stated that as of the 20th of September she will not be able to extend our 8 housekeeping couples salary or contracts as the project has not been approved.

d. The AEACRE project provides the funds for all our REDSOX activities including hiring REDSOX spotters as recommended by the last IG report.

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e. If it is not approved the information contained therein will be dated.

f. We have been operating on an FI tentative approval for the first quarter FY '57 which expires on 1 October 1956.

g. *We can't add the 2 necessary housekeepers it took us 10 months to find until we have the project approved.*

3. On 17 September [] from FI Admin called the undersigned and told him he had received the project and with [] recommendation would speed it on its way. However, later in the day, on Monday, 17 September, CSR/CE wrathfully reprimanded the undersigned for taking the project back. CSR/CE stated that he was calling it back. I volunteered to give him a copy of it to read. He said the project was going to CI Staff and they would expect him to have read it. My rejoinder was that he could tell them that he had read it after he had seen the copy I would provide him. In a rather childish pique, he picked up the telephone and ordered [] to send it back. I informed SR/COP/FI of the matter, he made a notation and stated he would take it up at the staff meeting.

4. On Thursday, 19 September, 9 days after CSR/CE had the project, I saw DC/SR at 1730 hours and informed him of the situation. He saw the humorous aspects of the problem. CSR/CE entered his office while I was there and he stated that the project is now in his hands and he would "get around to reading it." DC/SR stated that he "would give him a couple of days" and then "hit him again on it."

5. I am not totally without humor. However, when a case officer in this Division must cajole a staff official to sign his project; when such coordination depends on the whims or anti-REDSOX caprice of the CSR/CE or still worse on the vagaries of the weather, I feel that CSR should be apprized of the facts. This is an additionally onerous obstruction in view of the fact that we took the time and trouble of coordinating the FI project in rough draft with DC/SR, SR/COP, SR/COP/FI, and SR/Admin before we prepared the final draft. The DOB REDSOX job is beset by enough difficulties and curiously enough it has been hindered and obstructed most by our own SR Division CE elements. Sloppy staff work can be forgiven but this is the crudest type of "wrecking" and obstructionism.

6. Thus on Thursday, 20 September, the [] AREACRE PROJECT still languishes on [] desk. His secretary informed me at 1400 hours that he had the project recalled and it arrived in his office on Wednesday, 19 September. He is concerned with a lecture this afternoon at OTR and she, his secretary, optimistically feels he might get to it on Friday, 21 September, or Saturday, 22 September, that is "if it rains."

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