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The Establishment of Domestic Training Facilities

I. Nature and Scope of Domestic Facilities

All training will be conducted at individual houses suitable for handling training units composed of from one to eight agents. The housing will be located within a maximum of one-and-a-half hours drive from Washington. The site presently being used for Project WARKNACK is an example of an ideal facility.

For types of training requiring large open areas or a higher degree of security (i.e. small arms firing, parachute training, etc.) access to adjacent military establishments or camping trips to national parks would be adequate.

II. Organization of Training Control Staff, USSR Division

The training control staff would be responsible for administering the training program of the several branches, for procurement and control of housing, for liaison with TRD and Office of Communications, for inspection and supervision of actual training activity, etc. This control staff will also assume the responsibility for coordinating the preparation of training materials which to date has been divided between Support and a special project being worked out by []

As the size of the domestic training program increases it would be advisable to establish this training control staff in another building in the Washington area such as the Pentagon, thus minimizing movement directly from training sites to J Building. However, it should be pointed out that some training officer consultation within the Division is mandatory and therefore this movement cannot be altogether eliminated.

[] will assume responsibility temporarily for establishing the control staff. We will transfer [] PCS to Washington by February to also participate in this training staff.

III. Allocation of Training Responsibility within Area Branches

In general the area branch chiefs and section chiefs will have the same relationship to project training officers as they now have to field installations. The system of duality must be maintained in order to insure that training officers will not become bogged down in the pattern of desk work and that desk officers remain free to support adequately the new domestic facilities and the still functioning overseas stations.

IV. Responsibility of the Operational Support Branch to Domestic Training Program

The relationship now existing between the Support Branch, the area branches and field stations will remain the same and the domestic training

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facilities will fall into that pattern as though they were additional field stations. Responsibility for city briefs, legend material, target information, etc., will be channeled to the domestic facility through the area branch desk.

V. Operational Responsibilities Remaining with Field Stations

a. [] of the USSR Division will be located in [] Germany, [] and, although to a limited extent, [] []

b. The tasks remaining to these field stations will be:

1. spotting, assessment and recruitment of agents
2. training of singletons, short term or "turn around" agents
3. operation of holding and dispatch facilities
4. maintenance of operational contact with emigre group headquarters which remain in the field.

VI. Projected Schedule for Phasing into Domestic Training Activity

a. General principles to be observed:

1. No field station will take on any new training commitments of types which would normally fall to the domestic facility.
2. Personnel presently located at headquarters would be retained for assignment to domestic training if considered suitable.
3. Certain qualified personnel now in the field would be transferred to headquarters for duty with the domestic training facility even though their normal two year tour may not yet have ended.

b. Specific schedules by area:

1. Far East - No new training commitments are anticipated. WARKNACK will continue as presently established. The project building around the Suvorov Union will be initiated for training purposes here.
2. Middle East [] and [] presently in Ankara, will return to headquarters to form the nucleus of training units for Caucasian and Central Asiatic agents recruited in Germany. Personnel presently in Washington will be assigned to this specific unit thereby achieving the dual aim of training agents and training new training officers through contact with these two well-qualified trainers.

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3. Germany -

(a) Both CASPIAN and CARCAJOU will have completed their two year contracts in the spring of 1952. They will be transferred to the domestic training facility upon completion of their tours in Germany.

(b) In terms of projects the schedule is as follows:

Lithuanian - Upon final dispatch of CAPSTAN team in Germany all Lithuanian training will be carried out here. *OK.*

Estonian - If it appears feasible it is strongly advised that the Estonian group now preparing to leave Stockholm for training in Germany be trained here since we have neither training personnel nor secure housing to handle them. *NOT THIS GROUP BOT BY FALL 1952*

Latvian - The Latvian team now in training should be the last team trained in Germany. *OK.*

NTS - The present cycle of agents are to be completed in Germany. All NTS training including that for WARKNACK will be established on a domestic basis. *OK.*

Ukrainian - Do not anticipate transferring CARTHAGE (current ops) fully to U.S. until fall 1952. However, a training nucleus should be built around personnel now here, with the exception of [redacted], which will be able to absorb agents recruited for Eastern Ukrainian operations either in U.S. or abroad. ✓

Byelorussian - No plans for transfer of Byelorussian training to domestic facility prior to fall 1952 are contemplated since the bulk of recruitable agent personnel appears to be abroad.

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