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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR

SUBJECT: I & R Report on Project ARACRE

1. Attached herewith is a draft of a memorandum from SR to DD/P covering SR dissents to the I & R Report on ARACRE. Annex 1 (in triplicate) of the proposed memorandum consists of individual dissents which SR/DOB believes should be registered with DD/P. Although in some cases grounds for dissent are not major in importance, they are nevertheless listed in order not to have SR put in the position of having to implement any recommendation by default for not having dissented. Your particular attention is drawn to the recommendation concerning airdrops and W/T being used only as last resorts. Page #17 of Annex 1 has been prepared but the dissent has not been worded by DOB as this is strictly an SR policy matter. To our knowledge however, the only successful dispatches of DOB trained agents have been by air-drop and with W/T communication.

2. SR attention is called to:

a. Ref. B., Page 8, para m, subpara 6, lists a recommendation re agent contracts, which is outside of the jurisdiction of DOB to implement.

b. Ref. B., Page 8, para e., lists a recommendation concerning DOB's being included on the distribution of source material of possible application to training. Ref. B., Page 8, para p. includes a recommendation that SR through its branches keep DOB informed on field operations experience on Tradecraft subjects. While these can be implemented in part by specific requests from DOB, little headway can be made until direction is given by SR itself. DOB cannot be aware of all current materials being processed through SR/6 or of current field experience which may have a possible application in agent training. This concerns particularly such materials as defector debriefings which in general should have direct bearing on DOB instruction on Soviet Reality and Tradecraft subjects.

c. Ref. B., Page 8 & 9, para q. covers recommendations re communication. To our knowledge these recommendations have not been submitted to Commo itself.

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3. a. DOB further wishes to draw the attention of SR to the overall conclusions of I & R as set forth in Ref. A. In response to one part of the two-fold purpose of the survey, I & R has concluded

"that the physical assets and many of the personnel so painfully gathered together could be used in training operations of "black" agents for other than penetration of the Soviet Union. These should be limited to Caucasians, hence, European Satellite nationalities to avoid undue attention in the Washington area. Such support from DOB for training operations of other Area Divisions would require language case officers and other personnel on temporary assignment. The physical assets of DOB are quite adaptable, however, to fulfill the support function."

This conclusion although not made the subject of a specific recommendation was that referred to by C/FI/OPS during the FI staff meeting which recently approved AEACRE project. In the original version of the recommendation attached to the FI staffs written approval of the project, similar language to this I & R conclusion was used.

b. SR may wish to dissent to this conclusion inasmuch as it represents the basis for opinions that DOB not only could but should train agents for other divisions. If SR does in fact wish to develop counter argument to this proposition, it could be done in the attached draft memorandum to DD/P and DOB will be pleased to furnish material as required. The argument can be raised on several grounds, not the least of which are security and economy.

c. If on the other hand, the I & R conclusion as stated is to be accepted by SR, and DOB is to assume responsibility for training agents from other divisions, we believe that detailed planning and delineation of DOB responsibilities in such training should take place at this time and before any further agents from other divisions are introduced into the DOB complex.

4. Of the remaining I & R recommendations not mentioned above, the greatest majority have been fully implemented and it is felt that DOB stands in a good position to undergo any recheck which the I & R staff may wish to undertake.

SR/DOB [] vh

[] Chief, SR/DOB

Attachments:

1. Draft memo to DD/P from SR, subj.
SR Div Reply to I&R Survey of Project AEACRE (1 copy)
2. cc. Ref D. to above memo (trip.)
3. Annex 1 - Dissents to Recommendations, I&R Report(trip.)

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