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The following documents will be referred to as references

in this attachment:

- A. Memorandum, Chief I & R to DD/P dated 2 October 1953, subject "Survey of Demostic Operations Base (DOB) of SR Project AEACRE"
- B. Attachment to reference "A" entitled "Conclusions and Recommendations"

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- C. The full report "Survey of Domestic Operations Base (DOB) of SR, Project ABACRE", completed 2 October 1953.
- D. C/SR/Admin reply to CAO/Deputy Director (Plans) dated 9 January 1954, subject "Audit Report of Project AEACRE", copy attached.

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Ref. B. Page 2, para a. & b.

Recommendation:

a. "The establishment of a DOB for the purpose of training in the United States of "black" agents for the REDSOX program only be approved. This means the relatively long-term training of REDSOX agents who will be brought into the United States "black", trained under completely controlled conditions "black", and dispatched to target area "black".

b. DOB immediately cease the training in DOB of REDSKIN principal agent personnel.

Dissent on Recommendation:

SR dissent on these recommendations is based on their overseverity. While the recommendations are accepted as general policy, operational and security considerations will on occasion necessitate utilization of the assets of DOB for other purposes than only "the training of 'black' agents for the REDSOX program". This will be limited however to direct support of the REDSOX program and any other training which cannot be properly provided for by OTR.

Any exceptions to the above such as the use of safehouses, safehousekeepers, vehicles, personnel for special SR Division projects, e.g. debriefing, will be specifically approved by C/SR and the Senior Staffs as appropriate. All such exceptions will necessarily be based on maximum efficient use of SR Division assets and will not be allowed to detract from the capability of DOB to train REDSOX penetration agents.

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Cover stories and ground rules furthermore have been established by DOB specifically directed to the problems of handling and training REDSOX personnel in the military areas involved. Experience has shown that unless these measures are enforced by DOB personal representation, the security of the facilities for REDSOX training becomes immediately threatened.

In view therefore of these conditions, use of DOB obtained military facilities by other Agency units is limited by two factors: the ability of DOB to supply proper supervisory personnel for the time of use and the need to avoid official Army procedures.

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DOB weapons are of a great variety, of a specialized nature and consequently quite valuable. A greater need exists therefore for tight control and security measures covering their handling and storage. This can better be accomplished at DOB Headquarters where are located the personnel necessary for the proper care of these firearms and where exists a 2h hour guard of DOB personnel. Here also can be handled more efficiently the ordering and replacement of any defective mechanisms or parts.

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Because however of sudden and unforeseeable demands for safehouses which continue to arise, DOB cannot always dispose of a property under the conditions recommended. Safehouses meeting DOB requirements take several months to obtain and are difficult to find. To follow the recommendation as stated, would unduly jeopardize the ability of DOB to discharge the functions for which it was organized.

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At the time of the AEACRE andit ______ of the audit office noting the previous action taken, suggested that the accountings for \$11,425.93 be returned in their existing state to the area certifying officer for audit, despite the lack of an Administrative Plan. This was in fact done within two weeks after the audit.

Of the balance of \$1,851.38 for which was accountable, \$1,285.20 consisted of suspended accountings and \$505.18 was an apparent shortage. Resubmission or write-off of the suspended accountings was dependent on approval of the Administrative Plan and the apparent shortage of \$565.18 could not be reconciled until the accountings referred to above had been finally audited and settled.

Thus while, in a technical sense, the Finance Division had not finally settled on its books the amounts in question, and while it is admitted that these amounts were charged to _______ in name, it is also evident that _______ had on his part complied with his obligations to account. That these accountings had not been finally settled was due to the action of higher authority in returning the accountings to DOB, for holding until an AEACRE Administrative Plan had been approved.

Ref. B. Page 6, para g. Ref. C. Page 46, para 2.

Recommendation:

"Require to (a) prepare and submit proper accountings through August 1953 and (b) submit accountings for each subsequent month in sufficient time to reach Finance Division by the fifteenth of the following month."

Dissent on Facts, Conclusions and Recommendation

While a technical reply to this recommendation was furnished in Reference D, para 1 b, the following dissent is made to the recommendation based on its over-severity, omission of fact and conclusion.

From the wording of this recommendation the inference is made that had not properly discharged his duties as Finance Officer of LOB. The following material not included in the full I & R report is offered in this connection.

despite the advice of other officers of the Finance Division and SR. This was done within ten days.

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Ref. B. Page 6, para g. 4

Recommendation:

"That a firm policy be established and made the subject of an internal memorandum at DOB that personal checks will not be cashed for personnel under any circumstances."

Dissent on Recommendation

Reference E. para l. d. stated SR Division opinion on this matter. The dissent is based on an error in the conclusion leading to this recommendation.

It has been determined by SR with the concurrence of the Audit Office that the cashing of personal checks is feasible and is not in contradiction with normal agency procedure.

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Ref. B. Page 6, para g.

Recommendation:

"Apart from the audit report, it is recommended that entertainment of all forms be paid from the agent's personal funds and contracts with agents for the period of their training should adequately provide for these items. This will help prevent suspensions by Finance Division and keep the record clean."

Masent on Recommendation

1. This recommendation although not so stated in the $I \triangleq R$ report is presumably supported by the fact that vouchers for entertainment made up the majority of suspended accountings at the time of the audit. This fact has apparently led to the conclusion that the solution is to handle entertainment as stated in the recommendation. SR dissents for the following reasons:

a. The Admin Plan approved on 21 Jan 195k gives the Chief DOB authority and responsibility for the expenditure of funds for the entertainment of agents. This provision recognizes the need that exists for entertainment funds and charges the Chief DOB with properly supervising such expenditures. This clause will prevent any future suspended accountings covering entertainment expenses.

b. A specific provision for entertainment in the agent's contract would necessarily involve a discussion with the agent at the time of contracting of the how, when and where entertainment would take place. This is not a fit subject to discuss with an agent who is being contracted for training and dispatch into a denied area and who in any event is not going to be allowed to decide the conditions or terms of any entertainment he may have during his training. It should be noted here that most of the agents trained in 90B are in the U.3. "black", and consequently are virtual hostages of the Agency.

c. To include funds for entertainment in the agent's contract would detract from the authority of the Chief DOB and the senior case officer over the agent trainee and give to the agent an undesirable degree of decision in the, at best, difficult relationship that the Agency must maintain with this type of agent.

2. As a matter of practice, entertainment of all forms is being closely supervised and adequate safeguards have been instituted by Chief, DOB to prevent any excesses in the future. In addition, the Admin Plan provides for quarterly review by SR and the Office of the Comptroller of entertainment vouchers for the purpose of furnishing policy guidance on these matters.

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Ref. B. Page 7, para 1.

Recommendation:

"That as a matter of doctrine "black" airdrops of agents into denied areas be used only as a last resort as a means of entry, and that W/T be used only for priority communications such as early warning, compromise, etc."

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Dissent on Recommendation

Ref. B. Page 8, para m., subpara 5

Recommendation:

"That upon completion of training cycle, the above records of DOB be forwarded to the appropriate SR branch and there destroyed after a determination that the case file is complete."

Dissent on Recommendation

The following dissent is based on the overseverity of the recommendation.

DOB cannot properly conduct its affairs without ready access to the record of its past experience in training. Such records are vitally necessary to provide continuity of methods of handling and training and to enable DOB to profit by and correct any errors committed in the past.

No paper however directly bearing on the training of an agent is produced in DOB which is not available to the SR branch concerned and as presently regulated, the branch receives copies of all formal reports written on an agent.

The publication of all papers concerning an agent training unit is also being controlled on distribution and in filing. Upon termination of the training of an agent, existing files on the training unit are consolidated in one file and retired as a DOE file to EI Archives after a 6 months period, with access to such files thereafter being limited to DOB. This assures the branch controlling the agent at the target that the material existing at DOE after dispatch is rigidly and securely held. All file material is also screened at the time files are consolidated, in order to remove any operational information leading to the agent's identity or target.

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Bof. B. Page 8, para p.

Recommendation:

"That the technical recommendations of these specialized officers as to type of equipment, weight of equipment to be saddled on agents, be considered final in the absence of overriding considerations, and not be overruled willy-nilly by the branch case officers."

Dissent on Recommendation

This following dissent is based on impracticality.

Since the question of equipment to be taken by an agent on his mission is an operational and not a training decision, disagreement can only be resolved by higher authority. SR/COP will be that authority for resolution of differences between ODE and an SR branch as in the recommendation concerning assessments of agents, Ref. B., page 5, para h.



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Ref. B. Page 9, para q.

Recommendation:

"That on the completion of a training cycle, Commo records be forwarded to Headquarters, those from the Commo section to Commo, and those from DOB to the appropriate branch of SR."

Dissent on Recommendation

As in the case of the recommendation concerning training records, Ref. B., page 8, para. m, sub-para 5, the following dissent is based on the over-severity of the recommendation.

Upon termination or dispatch of an agent, his commo training records will be consolidated in the appropriate training unit file and retired to RI Archives after a 6 months period, with access to such files thereafter being limited to DOS. Copies of all commo reports are as a matter of course furnished to the responsible branch of SR and, as appropriate, to Commo itself.

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Ref. B. Page 9, para r.

Recommendation:

Section IX, 9, (b), 2

"That Chief, DOB be held responsible for a more efficient use of personnel rectifying such practices as are described in this section."

Dissent on Recommendation

The following dissent is registered to the conclusions prompting this recommendation.

The personnel practices referred to in the recommendation all have become an operational necessity at one time or another and are only resorted to as the most practical and secure expedient under the existing circumstances. In attempting to administer an organization such as DOB with its widely scattered installations, each with its own cover story and special security problems, the occasions will arise again when personnel are called on to perform a task not provided in their job descriptions. The only alternative for instance to asking a finance assistant to keep the furnace going in a house temporarily vacated by a training unit, where a regular housekeeper is not on duty, may possibly be to let the pipes freeze.

Good management practices will over a period of time reduce to a minimum any unusual demands by DOB on its personnel and it is not the intent of this dissent to condene permanent mishandling of personnel. It is rather our aim to register the unusual nature of DOB's activity and the recurrent possibility of emergency conditions. To increase the DOB staff to include sufficient personnel at all times to take care of peak loads of activity would unjustifiably increase the cost of the project to CIA and also increase the security and administrative problems of this sensitive activity.

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