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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/Plans

SUBJECT: Project AEACRE

1. On 10 May 1954, a meeting was held between representatives of the FI staffs, I & R, and DOB, for the following purposes: (a) to determine the extent to which SR/DOB has met the recommendations of I & R, and (b) to iron out <sup>remaining</sup> any problems with respect to AEACRE insofar as the SR Division, FI staffs, or I & R are concerned. Present at the meeting were:

- C/FI/Plans
- C/Plans/Projects
- Plans/Projects
- C/FI/OPS
- FI/OPS
- FI/Training
- FI/STG/SPB
- I & R Staff
- C/DOB
- DOB

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2. The I & R general recommendations were ~~then~~ discussed, in turn. A copy of the I & R recommendations is attached hereto for reference purposes. However, in each case where a specific answer is given below we have quoted pertinent parts of the ~~specific~~ recommendation to which it refers:

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(a) I & R Recommendation:

That DOB engage in the training in the United States of "black agents" for the REDSOX program only.

DOB Answer:

DOB is now concentrating on REDSOX and REDSOX ~~and~~ <sup>support</sup> training, but with some ~~peripheral~~ <sup>peripheral</sup> training as necessary. [ ]

[ ] pointed out that DOB has undertaken some other training activities, notably REDSKIN, in order to fill a positive need which could not be filled anywhere else. The exact future status of DOB's training activities is still under discussion. During Fiscal Year 1954, up to 10 May 1954, the following was accomplished: four principal agents were fully trained; four penetration agents were fully trained; one principal agent was partially trained and withdrawn; three penetration agents were partially trained and withdrawn; two agents were held for disposal; one agent was held for another Division; seven bodies were safehoused. At the

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present moment four penetration agents are still in training and one is being held for disposal.

Chief, FI/Plans stated a criterion that FI would like to have accepted by the various interested parties: If DOB can fill a training need outside REDSOX, the request for fulfillment of this need must be processed through the proper Agency training channels, and may not be filled as a result of direct negotiation between DOB and an Area Branch or Division.

Chief, FI/OPS asked how DOB happened to get into the disposal field. [ ] replied that DOB did so to fill a gap in facilities, and that DOB is not eager to

continue in the disposal field. [ ] <sup>noted</sup> ~~requested~~ <sup>while</sup> that only eleven of the twenty-seven agents <sup>penetration,</sup> ~~sent to~~ DOB in Fiscal Year 1954 have been REDSOX, these eleven required

two-thirds of the DOB total effort. ~~take out training.~~ DOB <sup>penetration</sup> has found that six months <sup>to train each REDSOX agent,</sup> ~~training~~ is required ~~for a REDSOX~~

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training as opposed to 2.5 <sup>months</sup> ~~training~~ for non-REDSOX <sup>penetration</sup> personnel.

(b) I & R Recommendation:

That DOB immediately cease the training of REDSKIN principal agent personnel.

DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that this recommendation is being fulfilled by DOB.

(c) I & R Recommendation:

That the familiarisation of foreign IS officials be assumed by OTR with assistance or guidance from SR/DOB as needed.

DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that DOB has tried to stay away from the familiarization program but that in practice it is not always possible to do so. He mentioned specifically SAUCEPAN/4, a Norwegian IS official who is presently assisting at DOB with REDSOX training, and who is receiving familiarization concurrently.

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(d) I & R Recommendation:

That the spotting and assessment program of DOB ~~will~~ be approved without provision for language professional personnel such as psychologists, psychiatrists and medical personnel.

DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that there are now none of these personnel at DOB and that there will be none. DOB is meeting its requirements by using personnel of the Medical Office and the Office of Training.

(e) I & R Recommendation:

That direct liaison be established between DOB and the Office of Training for the purpose of exchanging current training guides, aids and material.

DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that good liaison now exists, <sup>and</sup> ~~but~~ that invited OTR personnel to visit DOB. DOB has ~~not undertaken the familiarization of OTR employees.~~

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undertake a familiarization program for  
Chief, FI/OPS suggests that DOB ~~discuss~~ with one or more  
of the OTR personnel with whom they are in close contact.

[ ] agreed to do this.

- (f) I & R Recommendation: That DOB establish direct liaison with ~~RCM/ISS~~ RCM/OIS, to obtain guidance on research already in existence, and to obtain research titles for assignment to DOB covert associates during slack periods.

DOB Answer: SR Division has dissented to this recommendation, and the dissent has been agreed to by Chief, I & R.

- (f) I & R Recommendation:

That the office of the Chief of DOB be held by a Senior Career Agency case officer.

DOB Answer:

It was agreed by all present that action on this question was outside the scope of the meeting.

- (g) I & R Recommendation:

That DOB be granted authority and responsibility to direct, administer and execute its REDSOX program with guidance from SR/COP.

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DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that great strides have been made toward DOB's assumption of this authority and responsibility.

DOB is already evaluating the case officers temporarily assigned to the base.

(h) I & R Recommendation:

That SAOP be given to ~~SR~~ OTR.

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DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that OTR will assume the SAOP program slowly, as OTR expands. In the meantime requirements for SAOP type training will be fulfilled by DOB only if OTR cannot handle them.

(1) I & R Recommendation:

That the proposed budgetary and personnel request be revised and reduced, and not exceed the present personnel complement, minus slots presently occupied by SAOP personnel.

DOB Answer:

[ ] stated that the present staff personnel T/O is sixty-four (which includes <sup>+14</sup> ~~six~~ additional persons for SAOP and three liaison personnel previously carried on the SR headquarters T/O). Apart from these unavoidable conditions, DOB has stayed within the budgetary, personnel and equipment ceilings mentioned by I & R.

3. It was agreed by all those present that ninety-five specific

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I & R recommendations (pages 5 through 9 of the section entitled

*on DoB,*

"Conclusions and Recommendations", ~~the~~ I & R report of 2 October

1953) would not be dealt with at the meeting, but would be discussed *later*

*by*

id

*J*

for DoB and members of the FI/Plans/

Projects Branch, ~~for the FI staff.~~ These discussions are dealt with

in attachment A of the memorandum.

~~4. The various problems which remain were as follows:~~

~~It was made it clear that he would like to keep in mind that~~

~~DoB spends quite some effort searching for safehouse facilities in~~

~~the Washington area. The general lack of suitable safehouse facilities~~

~~has put DoB in position of a permanent shortage of safehouse facilities.~~

~~It is his opinion a shortage of safehouse facilities does in~~

~~fact exist and that it therefore not a shortage due to a lack of~~

~~search facilities.~~

5. Chief/FI/OPS ~~was~~ questioned the idea of using DoB for the

training of "black" penetration agents for ~~the~~ other Divisions of

the Clandestine Services.

*J* stated that this idea arose

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from the Inspector General's desire for economy ~~and~~ and is beyond the jurisdiction of the SR Division. If [ ] opinion

however it would not be practicable to use DOB in this manner since it would <sup>unduly</sup> tie up <sup>REDSOX</sup> DOB's facilities, ~~and would not therefore be effective.~~

6. In answer to a question from Chief/FI/OPS [ ] noted that DOB presently has a maximum training capacity of twenty-eight REDSOX agents a year. This figure <sup>however, can</sup> ~~could~~ only be attained if the agent training <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ perfectly phased. The cost of training each agent for six months is approximately \$12,000, not including the cost of staff personnel and of course the cost of an assessment program <sup>and other support functions</sup>

7. Chief/FI/OPS asked how many REDSOX agents are likely to be presented to DOB for training in Fiscal Year 1955. [ ] estimated that the figure would be around twelve. Chief/FI/OPS then asked why DOB could not make use of its spare facilities to train thirty-two other Caucasian <sup>penetration</sup> agents from other Divisions of the Clandestine Services. Chief/FI/OPS based his figure, thirty-two, on the assumption that the training of a non-REDSOX "black" agent would take one-half the effort required to train a REDSOX agent. [ ] replied

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that DOB would have to increase its staff considerably to meet such requirements. Chief/FI/OPS agreed with this but proposed that DOB be made the <sup>central</sup> ~~main~~ training facility in the United States for all Caucasian "black" penetration agents. When [ ] and [ ]

stated that in this case DOB would probably have to move and find another cover [ ] disagreed, stating that they might not have to move or change the cover and that the question would have worth looking into.

8. [ ] when made a parallel recommendation: that DOB get out of the holding and disposal field, thus increasing its training facilities.

9. Chief/FI/Plans ~~totally~~ agreed with the recommendations of Chief/FI/OPS that DOB <sup>continue to</sup> ~~be used to~~ <sup>support</sup> other Divisions [ ] and that the entire matter be investigated [ ] stated that the "integrate base" idea has already been investigated and has been discarded. [Note: Page 2, para. d, of the I&R report covering memorandum, dated 2 October 1953, deals with the integrated base idea. In this paragraph, I & R mentions the possibility of using

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DOB as an integrated base but discarded the idea on the grounds of its security hazards. <sup>C/FI/Plans, C/FI/OPS, and DOB</sup> It was agreed, however, by ~~all~~ <sup>^</sup> that the possibility of using DOB for all "black" penetration agent training would be investigated.

10. Lastly, it was decided that SR/DOB would request renewal of AFACRE at this time for Fiscal Year 1955. [ ] stated that he would immediately initiate a renewal request covering Fiscal Year 1955 and that his estimated budgetary requirements would be the same [ ] as that of Fiscal Year 1954. <sup>by C/FI/Plans, C/FI/OPS and JK</sup> It was also tentatively agreed that to the limit of its capacity, DOB would undertake the training of "black" penetration agents for other Divisions, with REDSOX training taking precedence. This agreement is subject to later decisions on the matter of using DOB as an integrated base.

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