

8 October 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/COP

SUBJECT: Survey of Domestic Operations Base (DOB)

REFERENCE: 1. Memo for DD/P dated 2 Oct 53
2. Survey of Domestic Operations Base (DOB) of SR Project AEACRE

1. The following objections to recommendations contained in references are submitted as per your verbal request. They are keyed to page number and para or section heading of the Survey Report or Memo of Transmittal.

a. Personnel, page 3 of Memo.

A letter of reprimand for [] for security violations at this time for actions committed several months ago could not carry the desired effect due to the lapse of time and because he has recently been promoted to a GS-12.

b. Page 3 para d. and page 4 para k. of Memo.

Language professional personnel such as psychologists, psychiatrists (excludes medical personnel) is very desirable and should be procured where available. After talking with [] psychologist, of the Medical Office, who recently returned from a survey of satellite nationality agents in European stations, it becomes apparent the psychology of Mohammedans is quite at variance from that of the Scandinavians and the psychological dictates to handling these agents must take into account their ethnical backgrounds and philosophies. Therefore the psychological assessments vary with nationalities, all other things being equal. Those language and area qualified professional personnel need not be assigned exclusively to DOB but should be readily available from the Medical Office.

c. Liaison with RQM/OIS, page 3 para f. of Memo.

Liaison of DOB Tradecraft Section with RQM/OIS should be thru SR/6 rather than direct as recommended.

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d. SR Requirements not available to Training, page h para i.

Perhaps SR/EX has a comment on this point.

e. Specific Ceilings for safehouses, covert associates, house trailers and motor vehicles, page 95 para 2 g. Survey Report.

The recommended ceiling of seven safehouses is adequate to house the currently planned operations as follows:

1. SR/2 AEBASIN (in training)
2. SR/5 & SR/2 commando team of 3 (not in training)
3. SR/2 tourist. VACUA 3 and [] (not in training)
4. SR/2 [] Latvian project (not in training) (Camberro 112)
5. SR/3 (2 Ukrainians) (not in training)
6. SR/4 3 spotted - Armen
7. SR/a 2 Finns (not in training)

However an eighth safehouse is recommended by undersigned as a stand-by. This is vital to handle "crash" deals which are inevitable in order to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities where rapid and flexible action is necessary.

The procurement of safehouses as recommended by the Survey Report is not rapid enough. Procurement of a safehouse thru established Real Estate Procurement requires from 6 weeks to 3 months, and project amendment probably will require another 2 months.

The ceiling of eight is based on the assumption that Office of Training will provide safehouses for REDSKIN training which in the past has been laid-on DOB.

If DOB will be required to provide REDSKIN safehouses, an additional 3 safehouses (total 10) will be adequate as a ceiling. However REDSKIN types will not be procured until firm commitments are laid-on by the Area Branches.

f. Case Officer Pool, page h para j of Memo and page 57, para 3. of Survey Report.

The recommended T/O of 57 (excluding the SAOP) will provide for a Case Officer Pool. The recommendation that the pool be not established is contradictory to the recommended T/O of 57.

[Chief, SR/DOB]