

SECRET

Informal Notes (FI/OPS)

USSR/LITHUANIA

Project: AECHAMP (Renewal)

11 August 1955

1. Synopsis: The project covers the REDSOX and CE program directed against Lithuania. Only one agent () is currently in Lithuania; he was infiltrated in 1951, maintained W/T contact until early 1953, and is now in S/W contact. The agent is regarded as controlled by the RIS largely on the basis of information developed in the (). Although controlled, the desk feels that there is a reasonable chance of effecting his exfiltration from Lithuania using the same exfiltration channels which were provided by the RIS for (). The latter "exfiltrated" from Lithuania around the middle of 1954 with the story that they were in touch with an underground resistance movement and were given the mission to establish contact with the Lithuanian emigre group in Berlin, VLIK. Comparison of their cover story with the experiences of the British I. S. lead to suspicion that the two agents were RIS-controlled. This suspicion was confirmed when () broke down and confessed to his RIS mission; the agent is presently hospitalized and his future disposal has not yet been decided. () is not aware of () confession and is being played back to the RIS through the VLIK program. The present project outline indicates that () is being considered for a REDSOX mission some time in 1956. However, a cable dated 11 August indicates that a re-interrogation of () was successful in breaking his story and established the fact that he is also RIS-controlled. While the project outline also indicates that current plans call for the launching of another REDSOX team of two agents some time in 1956, no specific operational plan has yet been developed. Furthermore, the prospective agent recruits have only been spotted and not yet recruited. Plans for sending TETERS, a contract agent, to Germany have been dropped; he is currently used by SR/6 principally as a translator. MOLONORIE and HAWORTH are two covert contacts who are used as REDSOX spotters in addition to carrying out certain PP functions.

2. Capabilities and Potential: The only clear potential presented by project AECHAMP is the prospect, admittedly slim, of effecting his exfiltration through RIS-established channels. If such exfiltration is successful, () would undoubtedly have a good deal of worthwhile operational intelligence as well as information of CE interest. Should it become apparent that the RIS is not willing to risk the exfiltration of () there would be little basis for continuing the operation. () messages to date have contained only marginal operational information. Furthermore, should () exfiltration not develop, the continued playback of () would probably prove of no use. () is now a mental case and a disposal problem.

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