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Operational/Redox/AECOB
Compromise and Control Indicators

1. In studying the compromise and control indicators for the AECOB agents we have found them to be well balanced and sound.
2. There are, however, several minor additions and changes we would like to recommend:

a. PARAGRAPH 1 - The give away word "MADRE" does not ring true enough and may cause a Russian case officer - if the agent is controlled - to disbelieve that this is his challenge and suspect that this is truly and obviously a give away. This may result in further probing and consequently the agent may - under further duress - reveal the alternate and possibly the key word. It is believed that the truer a challenge and subsequent control indicator will ring, the less likely is the controlling case officer to suspect deception. The assumption that, as a challenge, "MADRE" does not have a genuine sound to it, is based on the fact that it is not anymore a common Latvian feminine name, but is rather a proper name which was used during the early years of the 20th century mainly for farmers in rural areas and not at all by intelligencia; it has no connection with MADONIA, and is too obviously a challenge as would be indicated in a question such as "is there a Soviet troop concentration in MADRE?" A controlling officer would certainly expect American Intelligence to be more original and deceptive than that. It is realized that this is only an example and that we could ask "have you contacted MADRE?" However, previous experience has taught us that utilizing a persons name in a challenge leads to unforeseeable complications which we would prefer to avoid at all cost. Hence we would like to suggest using the word LEIPI which is a slang word for LIETUVIONI (Lithuanians) as a substitute for MADRE and

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MALDRA respectively. (Example: have you been able to contact the Lithuanian partisans? (VAI JUMS IR LITUVIUS VERTINT SAKANUS AN LITVU PARTIZANINT?) If this were not a challenge we would use LITUVIUSU instead of LITVU.

- b. **CAMUSO 2** - As already indicated above, previous experience has shown us that the use of a proper name as a challenge or control indicator leads to unforeseeable and manifold complications. For example, if we would use **CAMUSO 2's** key word, the name **EDRIVIS** as a challenge in the question "have you information on a partisan leader named **HUBNIST**?" at a time when the agent is controlled, this would result in extensive questioning of the agent by the controlling case officer. It is quite reasonable to assume that the agent explanation of the true facts concerning **HUBNIST**, i.e. that he is dead, would result in disbelief and suspicion of attempted deception. In this case the agent may be completely done away with or subjected to intense interrogation not barring the use of carriages and truth serum. The latter may well cause him to reveal his entire compromise and control indicator plan. Because of the complexity involved when using a proper name, we suggest **CAMUSO 2's** key word be changed to **KARAVIUS** when a challenge is used and **ZALDATS** when the question is authentic. Both words in Latvian mean soldier, although the latter is a slang "latvianized" word of the German "Soldat". The word **ZALDATS** (or plural **ZALDATI**) is often used by teenage boys when playing soldier, and is quite acceptable to adults.

Regarding the give away word for **CAMUSO 2**, it is desired that you impress on him that the words **LAMPA** (lamp) and **SPULDZE** (bulb) could possibly be used by us in a legitimate question. The only instance that we would use **LAMPA** as a challenge would be in connection with a specific radio question.

- c. **CAMUSO 3** - This give away word appears to be just that and would cause further interrogation by a controlling case officer. It is believed that a subtler challenge would be more readily accepted by a controlling case officer without further eyebrow raising. Consequently, we would like to suggest using **PAGRIBINIS** (member of the underground) as a challenge; when a question concerning the underground is authentic we would use **PARTIZINAS KUSTIBAS VIRS** (resistance movement man).

3. We suggest you make certain that the agents understand the significance of "non-sense" when replying to a challenge that they are clean. Obviously various people have different opinions about "nonsense" which is generally accompanied by a certain amount of humor. For example the challenge **VIDZEME** could be used in this sentence: **VAI VIDZEME ATRODAS KADAS PARTIZANU GRUPAS** (are there any partisan groups in **VIDZEME**). If clean the agent

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should reply something of this type: VIDZINE MAN SAP KAULI (In Vidzine my bones ache). The inclusion of the challenge should always be present in the reply consisting of nonsense, lest we confuse it to be a part of the rest of his message. Another reply to that challenge could possibly be: VIDZINE JANIS INT BAHAM HAJAM. (In Vidzine John goes barefoot).

4. The agents should understand that a challenge could always be used in either plural or singular without impairing the words true purpose.

5. We hope that these suggestions are useful to the operation and give you some further thinking of CAMUSO control and compromise indicator possibilities. Please give us your comments on the foregoing recommendations soonest.

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