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Informal Notes (FI/OPS)

Project: AECOB (Renewal)

USSR/LATVIA

18 August 1955

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1. Synopsis: See previous Informal Notes for background. The two agents currently in Latvia, CAMUSO/2 and CAMBARO/2, have established contact. Last fall an exfiltration attempt overland through the Karelo-Finnish SSR failed after the agents had left Murmansk. Both agents then returned to Latvia where they continue to live black with the support of legal internal contacts. Both agents have recruited two legal resident agents each. Communications are by S/W to the West and W/T from the base to the agents. The following is the status of the internal contacts: AECOB/2 reports through AECOB/1; the latter is in touch with the base via a two-way S/W communication. Thus far mail has been received from AECOB/1 and has contained worthwhile intelligence, hewever, one complication that developed is the necessity for locating a new letter drop in the West. AECOB/4 is also in S/W communication with base. However, his letters have not contained S/W to date. AECOB/3, who sends by S/W and receives W/T, has been the most productive internal contact to date; he has reported valuable OB and economic intelligence. Plans call for the exfiltration of CAMUSO/2 and CAMBARO/2 by air during the fall of 1955. The operation has been reviewed by both Air Maritime Division and DCI; the latter has approved of the exfiltration plan after a thorough analysis of the operation indicated no suspicion of RIS control.

2. <u>Capabilities and Potential</u>: This has been one of the most productive REDSOX operations ever run. Should the exfiltration of two agents be successful, it is felt that both will have a wealth of operational as well as positive intelligence to report in their debriefings; the exfiltration will also protect the legal residents already recruited.

3. <u>Limitations and Weaknesses</u>: None apparent other than the serious risk obviously involved in the exfiltration. However, there seems to be no alternative other than abandoning two agents in Latvia and risking the ultimate compromise of their internal contacts. It is too early to assess the value of the four legal resident agents and the reliability of their communications channels.

4. <u>Recommendation</u>: Recommend approval with the suggestion that shortly prior to the exfiltration attempt an up-to-date and thorough analysis of the messages passed by the agents to base be made for any indication of danger or control.

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- 2. MCHLIPHES-Facilities suggest is not required for this project
- 3. SUBDET-The logistics support for Project ABCOB FI, as submitted for renoval for the period 1 August 1955 thru 31 July 1956, consists of \$419.20 for supplies and equipment.

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