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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Project WUDEPOT assets and requirements for recruiting and training

1. In accordance with instructions of ADD/P, Project WUDEPOT asset files have been reviewed with the view toward satisfying both JCS hot war requirements and possible Agency contingency needs for unilateral use in cold war situations. Additionally, discussions were held with Mr. Schreyer of DOD, Colonel Mangold of WPS and Messrs Ellis and Farnsworth of SOD relative to additional requirements for contemplated Agency needs. *17 Aug 1964*

2. The following facts are considered worth noting at this time:

A. No specific requirements were levied by SOD or WPS; however, DOB was advised that there are at present 12 geographical areas comprising the current Official Critical List, the bulk of which could be covered by agent personnel having a "good" or better knowledge of French, Spanish or Portuguese languages.

B. WUDEPOT reservists presently number 115. Attachment "A" is a breakdown by area division and ethnic background or language.

C. The reserve files have been screened and 14 reflect (untested) knowledge of French, 5 Spanish and none Portuguese. See Attachment "B".

D. Reserve files have been reviewed for agents considered likely to respond to call for cold war use in areas other than their respective ethnic areas. This group totals 51 and is Attachment "C". Actual response by these or others would be conditioned by a number of factors, i. e. job security, family needs, and so forth.

E. Of the above 51, ten responded to the call for Cuba, and ten for Berlin.

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F. Of the above 51, eight have some degree of (untested) French or Spanish. No Portuguese.

G. Of the remaining reservists (apart from the 51), 11 files reflect some degree of (untested) French or Spanish.

H. The current class (XV) of seven men has one Czech whose file reflects "very good" Portuguese. Arrangements have been made to have his Portuguese tested by OTR.

I. Of the 14 candidates tentatively scheduled for Class XVI (Spring 1965), three files reflect knowledge of French.

J. On 3 June a request was made of CCS to obtain a language list run from the Army. The request included French, Spanish and Portuguese; however, inasmuch as we have not yet received the list, and due to necessary lead time for trace runs, POA, recruitment trips, OA, etc., it will probably be impossible to get any personnel from these leads in time for Class XVI.

3. Conclusions are:

A. Feel certain we could recruit about 50% of present reservists for general type service.

B. Could probably not meet (Fr Sp & Port) language requirements.

C. Need specific requirements to guide future recruitment and possibly revise training for specific needs.

4. Dependent upon requirements, DOB could proceed as follows:

A. Assess present class during training for "generalists" and attempt to contract them for general purpose assignments in addition to hot-war.

B. Do same with Class XVI.

C. Using OTR Language Laboratory facilities, test by mail the language ability of the personnel on Attachment "B".

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D. Attempt to contract for general type service any or all of these (C above).

E. Concentrate next recruitment phase on Spanish, French and Portuguese leads. (This will require new cover approach plus language testing.)

F. Continue to recruit for JCS hot-war requirements concurrently with contingency recruitment. (Emphasis is on Albanian, Bulgarian, Rumanian and Russian.)

[Chief, DO/DOB]

Attachments:

"A" - WUDEPOT reservist list

"B" - List of reservists who have knowledge of French, Spanish & Portuguese

"C" - " " " " likely to respond to call for cold war use in areas other than respective ethnic areas.

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