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7 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, War Plans Staff

SUBJECT : Response to WPS Memo dated 1 August 1962:  
Report of TDY Trip to Europe

1. Subject report was received and read at SR/DOB with considerable interest. On the whole, SR/DOB is in agreement with the views and concepts expressed. The following are comments made in response to action required by SR, or where SR/DOB is desirous of making its stand known to WPS. The comments are referenced against the particular paragraphs in subject memorandum.

Item 3. a. (2)(b)

SR/DOB agrees that final briefings and mission assignments should be conducted at the overseas holding areas. On the matter of team organization, however, SR/DOB is firmly of the opinion that this can best be accomplished within the CONUS. It must be recognized, perforce, that with but few exceptions, agents assets have not only been recruited for use in their ethnic areas, but have had their training slanted in this direction. Furthermore, the continuing assessment process afforded these assets provides SR/DOB not only with the best agent team grouping, but also with possible alternate selections. The newly introduced area case officer/agent asset relationship will provide an even better approach to the problem of team organization. This will also eliminate certain logistical problems: i. e., equipment can be stockpiled on a team rather than individual basis. Finally, the accumulated knowledge will determine which agent assets should not be assigned to the same team. It is felt that by following this principle, COMCIAEUR will not be encumbered with this "administrative" detail and efforts can be directed towards the final briefing and mission assignment.

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Item 3. a. (2) (c)

It would be of considerable assistance to SR/DOB if a target folder (or copy thereof) could be made available for examination. The area case officers' work with the agent assets would thereby assume a fuller and more realistic approach.

Item 3. a. (2) (d)

SR/DOB is in complete accord with this concept and has initiated steps in this direction. Additional conferences to determine and clarify fundamental and specific factors would be most beneficial.

Item 3. a. (2) (e)

SR/DOB is in favor of this arrangement but recommends that the commo equipment be stockpiled in the CONUS staging areas.

2. SR/DOB would welcome the opportunity to discuss the questions raised in subject memorandum, and other related topics, with WPS personnel. It is felt that a date in the latter part of October would be favorable.

[ Chief, SR/DOB ]

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