

13 February 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chief, SR/DOB

1. Per request of [] Chief, SR/DOB, the undersigned met with him on 6 February 1962 at his Station. The purpose of the meeting was to resolve the authentication problems confronting their Station.

2. [] began by filling in the background. The mission of SR/DOB is to recruit and train personnel for operational missions targeted against the USSR. Although these personnel are available for all current missions, their primary mission is the Hot War mission since SR Division is not running many black operations at the present time. In addition to training their own personnel, SR/DOB has assumed responsibility for training of personnel of the EE and the NE areas for similar missions in these two areas. The mounting of operations in these areas, however, is the responsibility of the EE and NE desks. The current enrollment in these training programs is approximately 70-100 persons. The breakdown is roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ SR, and $\frac{1}{2}$ NE personnel combined. *EE and*

3. [] stated that this program had primarily been a paper exercise in the past. About a week ago, a meeting took place. In attendance were Chief, War Plans and members of his staff, a representative of DPD/Air Support and Chief, SR/DOB. The Hot War operational plan as formulated and approved by Chief, War Plans, envisions that when the panic button is pushed, SR/DOB is to pull in all agent personnel to the Washington area, clothe, equip and brief them on their mission, and dispatch them to their staging areas within 15 days. From there they will go to their target areas. These target areas are well ahead of any calculated advance or ground gains our troops may make. [] posed several questions:

A. How are the people to travel from all over the US to Washington after the panic button is pushed. They have no priority travel documentation and there is no assurance that there will even be any functioning transportation system. Can DPD/Air Support provide the necessary aircraft and crews to pick up the personnel, providing they assemble at a specific place and specified time upon a given alert. The answer from Air Support was "yes", if this were incorporated into the war plans. However, subsequent perusal of the fine print in the Agency/Military agreement disclosed that the moment the panic button is pushed all aircraft revert to USAF control. This problem has now been brought to the attention of Chief,

DEP and the Director who are presently trying to effect an agreement with the military to retain control over sufficient aircraft to accomplish this mission. Preliminary indications are that it will be resolved favorably.

B. The second problem posed by was clothing and equipment. In the past, no effort had been made to properly clothe and equip these personnel for their assigned missions. He was informed that this was his problem.

4. having filled in the background for me, requested:

A. Can TSD/PAB outfit 75-100 personnel within 15 days. By outfits he was talking about winter or summer indigenous or at least outwardly appearing indigenous clothing. The equipment is to consist of packs, shelters, food, plus all other miscellaneous gear needed for living outdoors. These personnel outfitted properly should pass muster as lumberjacks, timber cruisers, railroad walkers, ardent outdoorsmen, etc.

B. What must be done to reduce lead time to 72 hours. He stated pressure was being applied toward this end.

C. What will be the cost.

D. Can my services be made available for special 2-4 hour briefings of groups of their personnel at the DOB Station during their annual training courses. Briefings to consist of PAB authentication and E&E activities combined.

5. The following answers were given to

A. The outfitting could be accomplished, possibly in 30 days. This would depend on how high priorities we could establish. We definitely can not do it in 15 days. The best solution I can offer at the present time is to start outfitting now on a routine basis. In case of need, this program could be stepped up.

B. On 72 hours, the only answer I have is "SA" above. We definitely could not fulfill their requirements within 15 days, 72 hours is just impossible.

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C. Cost. We have a collection program responsibility. On a routine basis, information and exemplars of clothing and equipment can be obtained. Where agreement was reached on type of clothing desired, possibly, again on a routine basis, the clothing could be fabricated at one of our offshore installations. In such a case, the only cost to SR/DOB would be fabrics, buttons, zippers, webbing, etc. The actual fabrication would be free. However, if it were done locally, all costs would be absorbed by SR/DOB. This type of agreement would generally cover the equipment too. Many factors would apply in determining who pays for what. It would be better to decide funding on an individual item basis as we went along. It is anticipated that if such a program were agreed upon, outfitting could be completed within 2 years. Since average attrition of personnel is less than 10% annually, this would pose no problem.

D. Briefing: Yes, my services could be made available.

6. I informed that TSD/PAB would be willing to undertake the above providing he initiated formal action on the following:

A. Written justification and request through Chief, SR Division and Chief, War Plans Staff to TSD requesting support. This memorandum is to spell out in broad terms, the mission of SR/DOB; and the authentication support desired.

B. Written request through Chief, SR Division to TSD requesting that my services be made available for the briefings. This request is to spell out when, where, how often, etc., these briefings are to take place.

7. Two senior training officers from SR/DOB accompanied me back to the warehouse. They were shown the collection of SR material, the E&E display and exemplars of our reproductions (North Korean and Chicom military uniforms). It is my impression that the two gentlemen were very highly pleased with the tour and general discussion of our authentication support capabilities.

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8. Consideration must be given to the thought that if "CA" is approved and inaugurated, and the briefings under "CB" take place, it is quite possible that the EE and NE personnel discussed in paragraph 2 will also request the type of support discussed under paragraphs 4A and 5A.

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