

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 302B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

29 January 1962

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Recruitment and Training of Wartime Standby Agents for  
NE Division

1. A meeting was held on 12 January 1962 between representatives of SR and NE Divisions for the purpose of clarifying the respective responsibilities of the two divisions in the furtherance of subject Recruitment and Training program. NE Division was represented by   
 SR was represented by

2. Agreement was reached on the following points:

a. SR Division will continue to spot, assess, recruit, and train agents of Middle Eastern origin in behalf of NE Division's interests. This will be accomplished through SR Division's facilities at its Domestic Operations Base (SR/DOB). It was agreed that agent candidates considered for this program must be U.S. citizens or, as a minimum, individuals currently residing in the U.S. who intend to take up citizenship and expect to remain in the U.S.

b. The immediate goal toward which SR/DOB will work in the furtherance of this program will be a total of twenty (20) agents (with the understanding that any losses attributable to attrition or other causes will be replaced through the training of additional agents so that the total will not be reduced below the figure of twenty).

c. Five (5) NE agent candidates will be included in SR/DOB's next regularly scheduled class (beginning 12 February 1962). In recognition of the fact that four (4) NE agents who are considered to satisfy NE's selection criteria have already been turned over to NE, an attempt will be made to recruit eleven (11) candidates for inclusion in the regularly scheduled SR/DOB class beginning in September 1962.

d. NE Division will continue to provide staff personnel to conduct personal history debriefings of NE candidates.

e.  (or some other linguistically qualified case officer) will be made available by NE Division to SR/DOB to assist in the procurement of agent candidate leads and to provide general assistance to SR/DOB in the process of spotting, assessing, and recruiting of NE agents.  of NE will participate

SECRET

in the NE recruitment program when practicable for the purposes of assisting SR/DOB in its efforts to expedite the pace of subject recruitment program.

f. Decisions with respect to the final acceptance of agent candidates (for subject program) will be made jointly between NE and SR representatives with the understanding, however, that Acting Chief, SR/DOB, will have the final responsibility (on the basis of recommendations of the psychologists and ultimately assessments provided by OS and the CI Staff) for deciding upon the acceptability of agent candidates from the point of view of mental/emotional stability as well as other considerations affecting the overall security of the SR/AEDEPOT program. (Final decisions on the acceptability of NE agent candidates from the point of view of language capability will be made by NE.)

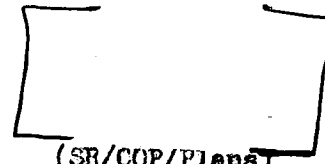
g. SR/DOB will continue to bear all expenses incident to the provision of basic training for the NE Division's agent candidates subject to the understanding that the support components of SR and NE will work out necessary arrangements for the transfer of funds in the event that it becomes necessary for SR to require reimbursement for expenses incurred by SR in connection with the support rendered, or to be rendered to, NE in the furtherance of the latter's agent training program.



h. In the implementation of the recruitment program for NE, SR/DOB will not attempt to achieve any particular ethnic breakdown of NE agents to be considered for the training program. It is understood that, in the event NE can narrow its requirements down to specific nationality types, such requirements will be communicated to SR/DOB.

i. Efforts will be made by SR/DOB to train agent candidates for NE in groups of three to four in the interests of facilitating the organization of specialized instruction in area and related studies.

j. While no problems of any significance have been encountered to date, it was agreed that Mr. Osborn would intercede with C/CI in the event that it becomes apparent that the processing of clearances is responsible for any undue slowing down of the pace at which subject recruitment program is going forward.

  
NE Division

  
(SR/COP/Plans)  
SR Division

- Distribution:  
Orig. & 2 -    
1 - AC/DOB  
1 - C/SR/SS  
1 - C/SR/4  
1 - DCSR, SR/DCOP