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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:**

**SUBJECT : EE Division Contingency Planning for Paramilitary Operations Against Satellites**

- REFERENCES:**
- a. Cable dated 12 September 1961 (OUT 95861) to Frankfurt (released by C/EE)
  - b. Writer's Memo dated 9 August 1961 to C/DOB, Subject: "Reporting of Changes in Capabilities Against Which Wartime U/W Requirements Are Accepted"

1. After earlier conversations with [ ] C/CA/PMG, AC/DOB and I met with [ ] and EE case officer named [ ] to discuss the possibilities of having SR Division provide support to EE's paramilitary contingency program as well as the possibilities of use being made of Polish-speaking AEDEPOT graduates. (An earlier check of DOB's files in response to SR/COP's inquiry revealed that approximately 18 AEDEPOT graduates indicate that they have some capability in the Polish language - of which number 7 or 8 indicate that their speaking ability should be rated as "native".)

2. AD/DOB and I discussed at some length the wide assortment of problems that EE will encounter in attempting to start from scratch with a spotting and recruitment program to be followed up by training which would permit EE to have agents ready for operational use by the middle of December 1961. AC/DOB will prepare a Memo for Record providing the gist of the exchange between [ ] AD/DOB and myself on this subject. The net effect of our advices delivered during this session was to put up a number of red flags indicating the pitfalls that EE would be buying into if they attempted to mount a training program for agents to do the job they have

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in mind with six weeks or less training. In our subsequent discussions with SR/COP, the latter stated that a very tight training schedule covering jump training, air ops support, survival, border crossing, communications and map reading adding up to 9/10 weeks represented an irreducible minimum if the agents are to be given anything approaching satisfactory preparations for the sort of job envisioned.

3. In the meantime, [ ] [ ] have undertaken discussions with recruiters under the Office of Personnel for the purpose of explaining the job that Personnel would be expected to do. AC/DOB has offered to provide assistance which would take the form of providing guidance to the Office of Personnel and, if desired by EE, having DOB's assessment and recruitment staff members accompany the recruiters to assist in making recruitment pitches to agent candidates.

4. As a matter of record, when [ ] [ ] raised the question of satisfying EE's requirement through the use of Polish-speaking AEDEPOT graduates trained through SR's program, I stressed the point both in my separate discussions with [ ] [ ] in the 22 September meeting in [ ] [ ] office that DCSR's indication to [ ] [ ] of SR's readiness to provide assistance to EE in their efforts to satisfy this requirement should not be overread to mean we are committing ourselves to a diversion of SR trained assets from JCS approved wartime requirements already accepted by SR to the support of EE's program. When [ ] [ ] indicated that Mr. Helms' support of EE's program should be sufficient authority to enable SR to commit itself without reservation, I pointed out that we have been put on notice by C/WPS that Chiefs of all Area Divisions must clear with WPS on any changes in the status of capabilities to meet JCS requirements so that WPS can, in turn, clear such action with the Joint Chiefs.

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