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16 February 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DO

SUBJECT : DOB Operational Program for Project WUDEPOT

REFERENCE : Your Memo of 2Feb65 re Subject Program

1. General: Because of the operational infeasibility and security risks involved in any attempt to develop stand-by agents within the USSR or Eastern European countries for wartime use, DOB developed and maintained a program for training illegal agents for use in full-scale war or in local emergency. These agents (residents of the U. S. and, in the majority of cases, members of nationality groups represented in the USSR and Eastern European countries) have been given initially 16 - 18 weeks of training. Annually thereafter these agents are maintained in a state of readiness through refresher and advanced training to undertake on short notice assigned clandestine tasks in response to JCS wartime requirements or current requirements for contingency paramilitary activities.

2. Accomplishments to date: At the beginning of FY 1965, DOB had recruited, trained and held for SR and EE Divisions a total of 96 agents. Additionally, 12 agents had been recruited, trained and turned over to NE Division for Agency contingency use in NE areas. Early in FY 1965 DOB was directed by ADD/P to reorient its training program toward the primary satisfaction of Agency contingency needs in cold-war situations. The WUDEPOT class then being scheduled was assessed for these new needs and reduced to a group of seven agent trainees. Five agents successfully completed training, bringing the present total of WUDEPOT assets to 113 (70 SR, 31 EE and 12 NE). Pursuant to the above directive, 104 of this number have been contacted thus far to determine their availability for Agency contingency unilateral cold-war assignments. The 12 NE agents have agreed to an all purpose category for NE areas. Of the 92 SR and EE agents contacted 79 have agreed to a world wide contingency availability. Presently requirements are being formulated for the operational employment of 20 of this number. Of secondary interest, this group continues

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to provide basis for the Agency acceptance of JCS hot-war targets pending a joint CIA/JCS review of the feasibility of the hot-war targets. As a further step toward the reorientation of the WUDEPOT program, DOB has identified and is exploring potential sources of alien agent candidates to satisfy Agency contingency requirements. Little more can be accomplished pending receipt of these requirements.

3. Direction and Emphasis for FY 1966: Based on current planning we anticipate training one group of 20 - 30 agent candidates during FY 1966 to provide a pool of alien agents for Agency unilateral contingency needs. The present reserve cadre of agents will be maintained to provide continued acceptance of JCS requirements pending the CIA/JCS review mentioned above. Meanwhile, those agents who qualify for an all purpose category will be provided additional training to better qualify them for Agency contingency needs.

4. Variations in Main Direction and Emphasis for FY 1967 over FY 1966: Presently it appears the only likely variation in program direction might be: (a) The running of two basic courses of 15 to 20 students, and (b) A revised but continued Agency acceptance of military hot-war requirements in addition to Agency unilateral contingency requirements. Should this situation develop and dependent upon the frequency and size of Agency contingency situations calling for the employment of WUDEPOT assets, DOB recruitment and training might well be expected to expand slightly to satisfy current requirements and replace agents lost through attrition.

5. Identifying Description of Project: The general purpose of Project WUDEPOT is to provide for the Clandestine Services an external training mechanism for the spotting, recruitment, training and holding of agents who can be committed operationally:

- (a) Unilaterally by the Agency in satisfaction of contingency needs.
- (b) By the Agency in support of a given host country's operational effort; and
- (c) In the satisfaction of JCS military hot-war requirements levied upon various area divisions of the Agency.

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Twelve staff case officers, recruiters and instructors as well as four staff secretary/clerk typists spend more than 50% of their time in support of the project.

6. The present and programed funding for Project WUDEPOT:

Approved FY 1965 Funding	\$180,045
Revised FY 1965 Funding	\$110,000
FY 1966 Programed Funding	\$190,000
Revised FY 1966 Funding Requirements	\$180,000
FY 1967 Funds Requirement	\$190,000

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File as Attachment to: DO 65-38

OO/DOB/65 Memo No. 34, dated 16 Feb. 65 - DOB ops. Program for WUDEPOT

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DOB
Domestic Operations Division

SUBJECT : Information Required for
FY 1966 Operational Program

1. It is requested that a narrative activity summary covering project WUDEPOT be submitted to DO Executive Officer by 23 February 1965. Earlier submission would be appreciated. This summary should cover (1) accomplishments to date (2) main direction and emphasis for FY 1966, and (3) variations in main direction and emphasis for FY 1967 ^{OVER} and FY 1966.

2. In addition, this submission should include a short identifying description of the project and the number of staff employees and staff agents spending more than 50% of their time in support of the project.

3. Further, it is requested that the following be reviewed and that revised FY 1965 and FY 1966 figures be submitted as well as your best estimate of fund requirements for FY 1967.

Approved FY 1965 Funding	203,470 \$180,045
Revised FY 1965 Funding	\$110,000
FY 1966 Programmed Funding	\$190,000
Revised FY 1966 Funding Requirements	\$180,000
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