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| 1.<br>CSR 5B4803   |          |                    | <i>HJO</i>       | 1. Mr. Osborn:<br><br>Attached is a copy of SR's proposal for 1963 training with DD/P approval. In addition I attached a copy of the memo concerning our tentative outline. At our next meeting I expect to discuss points in detail with representatives concerned at which time Mr. O'Brien will be invited to partici |
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Proposed Participation of CIA UN  
Assets in Military Training Exercises

1. This memorandum requests approval of subject training proposed in paragraph 8.

2. As you know, Project ABDEPOT is SR Division's mechanism for the spotting, assessment, recruitment, training and holding of agent assets for the fulfillment of UN requirements levied by JCS upon the Agency for agents to serve as reception teams for Special Forces troops. It is envisaged that these teams would provide for the establishment of communication networks, E&E, observation and reporting, and in general facilitate the support of combat troops dropped in by the Special Forces immediately subsequent to hostilities.

3. During their basic 16-week training, these agents are given an intensive course covering W/T, air operations, small arms, demolitions, sabotage, and other elements of UN support. After completion of this basic course, their capabilities are maintained through refresher training administered during summer reserve training periods.

4. All ABDEPOT agents have been recruited by a "hot-war" pitch for commitment into their respective ethnic areas; however, during late 1960, upon the request of WH Division, these agents were screened for WH needs and of approximately twenty-five contacted, twenty were available and volunteered their services for "cold-war" action in the Western Hemisphere where they subsequently served in a variety of assignments which they performed very well. During late 1961, BE Division anticipated a need for agents in connection with the Berlin crisis and called upon SR for a 12-man group. A review of the agents' files indicated eighteen agents possessed knowledge of the Polish language--a prerequisite for the assignment. Of the eighteen, fifteen who were readily available volunteered their services and were brought to Washington where they were given special

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training in line with EE Division's anticipated needs. These fifteen have since constituted a stand-by group pending the recruitment and training of sufficient agents for EE.

5. I am sure you will agree that these results are encouraging. However, it is this Division's conviction that the ultimate test of the program's efficiency would be active participation in joint exercises with Special Forces in the European Theater. Such participation would be approached on a very selective basis through the use of only the outstanding members (potential team leaders) who would not only enhance their own capabilities and confidence, but would demonstrate to the Special Forces the type of support they could expect from this Agency's clandestine personnel in time of hostilities. It is believed that such participation on the part of SR assets, operating in areas well removed from their wartime targets, documented in alias and transported to and from Europe by DPD "black flights" would keep security risks at a minimum.

6. In extension of the above philosophy, it is believed that the second string remaining agents could be afforded realistic training through their participation in a U. S. joint military training exercise.

7. The AEDEPOT project officer has been nominated to War Plans Staff as an Agency observer representative for the forthcoming Special Forces training exercise in the European Theater during October 1962. Concurrently, the AEDEPOT training officer has been nominated as an Agency observer representative for the CINCSTRIKE ZI training exercise to be conducted during August 1962. In addition to any overall value the Agency may receive from this participation, these SR officers will be able to determine firsthand how best the SR wartime assets could profitably be incorporated into realistic war gaming programs.

8. It is therefore recommended that authorization be granted this Division to plan for possible 1963 participation of selected SR/AEDEPOT agent assets in both the European Special Forces training maneuvers and a major joint military training exercise in the U. S. The

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Agency has committed a substantial amount of personnel, funds, time and effort to the AEDEPOT Project, and it is believed that this is a very realistic way to test its effectiveness.

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Howard J. Osborn  
Acting Chief, SR Division

CONCUR:

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Chief, War Plans Staff  
25 JUL 1962  
Date

Recommendation in para 8  
approved:

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Deputy Director (Plans)  
Date 31 JUL 1962  
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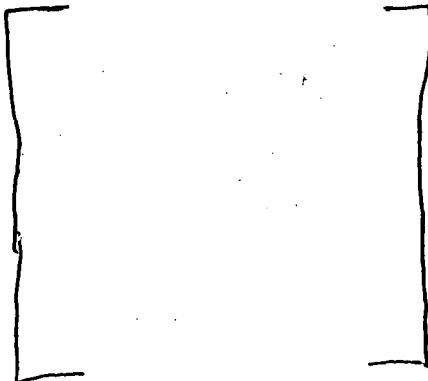
**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: AEDEPOT Participation in 1963 European War Gaming**

**REFERENCE: SR Memo re same subject approved by DD/P on 31 July 1962**

1. On 6 September 1962, a meeting was held at SR/DOB for the purpose of discussing in general terms the tentative plans we have for select AEDEPOT graduates participating in the 1963 European Special Forces training exercise.

2. Present at the meeting were:



War Plans Staff  
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Office of Communications  
Central Cover  
TSD/PAB  
TSD/PAB  
TSD/DOC  
Air Support/SOD  
Chief, SR/DOB  
DOB/Training  
Project Officer

3. The referenced memorandum was read to the group after which the following general plan was outlined: That the 1963 summer training for graduate AEDEPOT students will consist of three training groups (specific dates to be established later):

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| A) Sept-Oct | Group #1 in Europe       |
| B) August   | Group #2 in II with Army |
| C) Jan-Jul  | Group #3 at Fort Meade   |

4. It was pointed out that the primary purpose of this meeting was to outline our plan for Group #1 activity in order to permit the components represented an opportunity to voice any questions and to begin general planning. We envisage the following: On notice from SR/DOB, Office of Security will have certain OS field representatives

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contact selected ABDEPO graduates, issue them ID cards and assist in the assembly of such agents at pre-selected air strips (probable mission). [redacted] Although OS was not represented at the meeting, [redacted] had earlier assured WPE and SR/BOB of Security's ability and willingness to assist. Air Support would then fly an appropriate aircraft to the Washington area, pick up a project officer, then fly a circuit such as New York, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and then to Washington, effecting a war-time type agent pick-up and delivery to an assembly/dispatch point. At Washington, the agents would be provided their training equipment, clothing, ration, documentation and so forth after which, in the company of SR/BOB case officers, they would be transported via black flight to Frankfurt, Germany or some other advanced staging area. Upon arrival, accompanying case officers would inform War Plans/Execops of the agents' specialties, recommended team composition, language capabilities and whatever information would assist WPE in determining assignments. The group would then be broken into perhaps 7 to 10 3-man teams to be placed in strategic target areas to establish X & E networks, Commo channels, recruit, contact local support, select and report DZ and LZ, etc., and to act as reception groups for Special Forces teams. Once the Special Forces teams were squared away, our men would be withdrawn and returned to Washington via black-flight.

5. Primary duties or areas of responsibility are seen as follows:

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| Air Support, SOD         | Appropriate aircraft and crews to effect flights.  |
| Office of Security       | Provide field representatives to assist in agent assembly.   |
| Office of Communications | 1) Furnish equipment and material for listening training.<br>2) Furnish equipment (sets, signal plans, etc.) for training maneuvers.<br>3) Provide necessary Base Station and personnel. |
| Central Cover            | 1) Assist in selection of appropriate cover for documentation purposes.<br>2) Arrange backstop of same   |
| TSD/DOC                  | Provide requested documentation  |

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**TSD/PAB**

**Assemble or fabricate appropriate clothing, packs, equipment, rations and so forth**

**SR/DOB**

**Select participating personnel, supervise and coordinate all activities**

**WPS**

**Provide such guidance and support as is appropriate.**

**6. In order to assist the respective Agency components in their planning and budgeting, [ ] will attempt to obtain answers to specific questions from War Plans/Europe. Primary questions are:**

- A) Number of agents (and team composition) that could profitably be used.**
- B) Would our agent teams join up during exercise?**
- C) Will agent teams be "tailgated" or do they have to jump in?**
- D) What area is anticipated? (Germany/Austria preferred)**
- E) In view of our anticipated use of the agents in war time, exactly what will be the function and responsibility of agent teams?**
- F) Will agent teams run unilateral operations? (exfiltrate downed fliers, etc.)**
- G) Will agent teams be in area for entire maneuver or will they be pulled out once their job is done? (We plan minimum 2-week period)**
- H) What type reception signals (DE, LZ) will be used?**
- I) Will ground navigational aids be used or tested?**
- J) What are training objectives so that agent teams could be trained and used effectively and not merely implements to further Special Forces training solely?**
- K) Will air resupply be used for agent teams?**
- L) What will men carry - i.e., individual and team equipment?**
- M) Other than German, what other nationalities will be in contact with agent teams?**

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- N) Type of identification to be used in area (a. indigenous, b. U.S.) and how will they be backstopped?**
- O) What type of communications equipment will Special Forces Teams use?**
- P) What shots and immunizations will be needed?**
- Q) What about using "opposition" uniforms, etc. to accomplish missions?**
- R) Will there be document changes during games to provide realistic controls?**
- S) What restrictions are imposed on games so that we can train accordingly?**
- T) What non-game restrictions or interference can agent teams expect?**
- U) Will CG handle the agent teams?**

7. Once we have answers to these and other questions, it is planned to have a formal meeting at which time detailed responsibilities will be assigned to appropriate Agency components and a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared to be circulated and concurred in by participating units.

8. It is expected that proposed team leaders and other key agents may be brought in early for specialized training in advance of their call-up. Therefore, depending on the number of agents committed and the time and expense involved in trying to prepare adequately for participation in the European maneuvers, time and costs may preclude additional AEDEPOT agents taking part in a comparable U. S. training exercise. In such event, unilateral summer training plans will be made.

[ Chief, SR/DOB ]

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