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covering period 11 February to 16 March 1952

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**SUBJECT: REDSOX/AEQUOR - Progress Report CAMPOSANTO for period  
11 February to 16 March 1952**

1. Introduction: During this reporting period the AEQUOR team (consisting of CAMPOSANTOs 2, 4, 5 and 6) continued with their intensive pre-dispatch training which they began 28 January 1952. It was noted that the calibre of the training and the presentation of an organized program of instruction, beginning at 0830 and ending at 2200 daily, has resulted in a progressive increase in the trainees' respect for American capabilities and has evoked a more harmonious working relationship with the case officers. At the beginning of the training program the trainees, singularly CAMPOSANTO 2, questioned the value or need of a projected training problem, but within the past five weeks the trainees have accepted the judgment of the training officers without raising questions or adding their reservations. (Before the arrival of the other team members, CAMPOSANTO 2 was of the opinion that (a) there was not too much to this business; and (b) the Americans could not furnish much more than air transportation to the target area. To some extent his skepticism carried over to the trainees who arrived later. However, in the past few weeks his skepticism has been largely dispelled and he, as well as the other members of the group have commented favorably on the substance and quality of the instruction presented to them. They were particularly impressed with:

a. CALLIDO's presentation of trade craft materials as outlined in attachment A (Appendix A) and his knowledge of document falsification;

b. CACETA 1's presentation of survival techniques and experiences from his own experience living "black" for several years in Siberia; and

c. [ ] Airborne instruction, in addition to many other aspects of their training..

2. Training: The performance of the trainees has been more than satisfactory in the past five weeks. The four trainees generally have applied themselves conscientiously, and all appeared eager to master the techniques presented to them. The earlier breakdown (CAMPOSANTOs 2 and 4 specializing in W/T while CAMPOSANTOs 5 and 6 specialized in outdoor field work) has been continued. It is planned to field test the training given the group by staging an eight-day field problem, beginning in the first week of April, to simulate their post-landing activities. At the same time CAMPOSANTOs 2 and 4 will be given an opportunity to learn many outdoor and survival techniques which CAMPOSANTOs 5 and 6 learned earlier. It is also planned to field test the survival rations designed by [ ] and to make other food and equipment experimentations. Generally speaking, the training either begun or continued during this reporting period is listed in Appendix A with appropriate explanations.

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3. Morale: The morale of the trainees appears to be even higher than was reported in the last progress report. One reason for the rise in morale can be attributed to CAMBISTA 2's bi-weekly visits to the trainees. During these visits CAMBISTA 2 has served as an "escape valve" for the problems of the trainees. In addition, he has paved the way for a smoother working relationship with the training officers by giving the trainees a "pep" talk on the importance of their mission, the advantages of working with the Americans and other topics.

4. Personnel:

a. CAMPOSANTO 2: Subject has proven himself to be the ~~most outstanding trainee in over-all performance~~. Although he has not fully mastered his W/T training to date, it is anticipated that he will complete this aspect of his training within the next month. In document falsification, observation, reporting, and S/W practical work, he leads the other trainees. Subject has received training in the use of the Minox camera for document photography under natural light conditions and familiarization with the Leica which he seems to have satisfactorily digested. During tradecraft lectures subject is more active than the others in participating in discussions, and when given field assignments his reports have been the most thorough and detailed. Subject's performance has gained the respect of the other trainees to some extent and has helped to consolidate his position as leader of the group.

b. CAMPOSANTO 4: Coming as a surprise, CAMPOSANTO 4 has made exceptional progress in his W/T training. The communications technicians concede a possibility exists that subject may develop into a qualified operator prior to dispatch time. Subject has shown a flair for many of the other aspects of training such as tradecraft, observation, reporting, etc. Even though he spends fewer hours on these subjects, his performance is second to CAMPOSANTO 2's. Because every effort is being made to permit CAMPOSANTO 4 to concentrate on his W/T, he has not participated fully in many other aspects of training. The other trainees, however, brief subject on their activities and wherever possible, he participates in the practical exercises. On the whole subject's determination and willingness to learn has enabled him to keep abreast of the other trainees.

c. CAMPOSANTO 5: Subject arrived at CSOB/K on 18 February and began training on 20 February. (For details of subject's arrival see ~~████~~-08528.) The case officers have found CAMPOSANTO 5 to be a careful, deliberative and a serious type person. Although subject has carried out all assignments, he does not appear to have the flair that the other trainees have in approaching their work. Particularly disconcerting has been subject's taking offense at criticism of his work by the other trainees during critiques of their assignments. (It is felt that this situation will be overcome when subject completes his readjustment to his new surroundings.) Subject has preferred to remain reserved and independent; however, it is observed that he is slowly being integrated into the group. On the other hand, subject has expressed a desire to cooperate and has performed satisfactorily in his training. (COMMENT: CAMPOSANTO 5,

although spotted by CAMBISTA 2, is not a member of CAMBISTA 1, but a member of a nationalist opposition party, which may account for his initial reaction to the criticism coming from the CAMBISTA 1 members and his aloofness. However, CAMBISTA 2 feels that CAMPOSANTO 5 is one of personnel from opposition whom it has been possible to salvage, ideologically speaking, and feels he will perform well and loyally. To breach this gap the case officers have made every effort to conduct the training on a logical and businesslike basis, with the raison d'etre of the mission being keyed to the Belorussian national interest transcending party lines.)

d. CAMPOSANTO 6: Subject has shown himself on a number of occasions capable of grasping instructions more readily and adapting himself than his partner CAMPOSANTO 5 in the outdoor field work. Subject has proven to be the most cooperative of the trainees in dealing with the case officers. [ ] who has worked with CAMPOSANTOs 5 and 6 on their outdoor work reports both trainees have performed well in this aspect of their training and are quite proficient in topographical work, e.g. Compass and map work, movement in wooded areas, scouting, etc.

5. Administration: During this reporting period the following reports have been forwarded under separate cover:

- a. Master Training Program
- b. Compromise and Control Indicators

To be forwarded shortly will be the Field Project Outline, revised for this operation.

6. Special Problems:

a. One of the most acute problems confronting the case officers in handling the trainees has been the problem of trainee recreational funds. Because no earlier provisions were made to set a stipulated sum aside for their pocket and recreational money, a number of revisions have been made in the trainees' living allowance. Although these revisions were designed to meet the needs of the trainees, it has backfired in that the trainees have pressed for further revisions even before the previous agreement has had a chance to be tested. This problem has been met and resolved at the present but has pointed out the desirability of making definite financial provisions in dealing with trainees before they begin training even though they may be from a political group and ostensibly are not working as salaried U. S. agents.

b. For further details on the disposal of CAMPOSANTO 7, mentioned in the previous progress report, see MGAA 08528.

c. As a result of close observation and discussions with CAMBISTA 2, the case officers are exploring the possibilities of using CAMBISTA 6 as a possible native instructor type for subsequent CAMBISTA 1 representative trainees. Time and again it has been found desirable

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to have a competent CAMBISTA 1 representative to act as a buffer or "escape valve" for the trainees. From outward appearances CAMBISTA 6 has a commanding type personality which, combined with his military background -- an officer in the Polish and German sponsored Belorussian armies -- appear to offer the characteristics desired. To date, the case officers have not fully concurred in the desirability of retaining CAMBISTA 6 in the type position outlined above, but a definitive plan will be forthcoming soon.

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The AEQUOR team was trained as follows, in the reporting period 11 February to 15 March 1952: (Topics which were begun in the period are noted by an asterisk. Where trainees specialized in parts of the training, they will be noted e.g. C-2,4,5,6.)

- Physical conditioning and sports, including W/T operation in the field (C-2,4).
- Unarmed defense (sambo).
- Communications training.
- Field topography, lectures and day and night problems in compass work, map reading and drawing, etc. (C-5,6).
- \* Observation and reporting lectures as well as field problems
- Field survival -- shelters, traps, snares, deadfalls, bunkers, etc. (C-5,6).
- Scouting patrolling, which includes movement, tactics, guerilla warfare techniques (C-5,6).
- Field photography -- photographing documents under natural light conditions and the use of the Leica.
- Weapons familiarization and firing.
- \* Tradecraft lectures; clandestine principles, including (1) individual security; (2) principles of clandestine communications, e.g. casing, meeting, dead-drops; lectures and problems.
- Airborne training, parachute training and drop zone selection and reporting (C-2,5,6).
- \* Document falsification, lecture and practical applications of principles.
- \* S/W lecture and practical applications of S/W principles.
- \* Lectures on Soviet controls.
- \* In addition, CALLIDO gave the trainees lectures on:
  1. Basic principles of conspiratorial work.
  2. Soviet underworld.
  3. Security organs (militia and MGB) and their relationship to the individual.
  4. Evading Soviet controls.
  5. Surveillance and its evasion.
  6. Document controls.
  7. Travel controls.
  8. Soviet life.

All trainees have listened each evening to Soviet broadcasts and, likewise, have been reading the current Soviet press.

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