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1. Transmitted herewith are agent evaluation reports prepared by Price on CAMPOSANTOs 2, 4, 5 and 6.

2. Taking each of these reports separately, one gets for the most part the impression of a team composed of four highly individualistic agents. However, in attempting to evaluate the group as a whole, it is possible to form a cohesive picture with each member assuming a natural role. Many of the difficulties revolving around CAMPOSANTO 2's ability to assume and discharge the leadership responsibility are being answered now as the team spends more and more time on group field problems. CAMPOSANTO 2 will probably still be acknowledged as the "leader" in the sense that he is the most intelligent, better educated, and stands slightly higher in the social scale. Any action inside which requires intellectual thought, for example, whether or not to proceed with a recruitment, would be decided by CAMPOSANTO 2. However, field problems are showing that in tactical situations actual leadership tends to fall to CAMPOSANTO 6. This was predicted by CAMBISTA 2 in earlier discussions of this matter. In some instances, CAMPOSANTO 2 himself has selected 6 as the leader for carrying out a given problem. Whether or not there will ever be an open ceding of authority by CAMPOSANTO 2 is difficult to say. Nevertheless, we are more confident now that the team's operational unity will not be shattered by the failure of CAMPOSANTO 2 to act correctly in a tactical emergency.

3. Further balance in the team is indicated when one notes that two of them are former Soviet citizens. One of them, CAMPOSANTO 6, will serve as a contact agent working in conjunction with CAMPOSANTO 5 who knows the operational area well yet does not have the "pod-Sovietski" background. As a team for reconnaissance they should work well together. CAMPOSANTO 4, the auxiliary W/T operator, is also a former resident of Soviet Belorussia. When 5 or 6 succeed in achieving some sort of semi-legalization, CAMPOSANTO 2 can utilize 4, who is well acquainted with Soviet life, as a courier for servicing dead drop communication with those in residence on a "gray" basis.

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4. To attempt, on the basis of these evaluations, to then evaluate the chances for success of the mission is something more than difficult. The hardest task we have is convincing the agents that our very cautious plan which emphasizes "go slow" is really the right thing. They all have had dreams of returning to their homeland (and "homeland" actually means their village) in a more active role. The prospect of having to curb their normal feelings is not alluring. On the other hand, they have admitted that logically we are probably right. Therefore, since our plans are based on the best estimate we can make of operating conditions and possibilities inside, we can only hope that the team will be successful in establishing a preliminary base as ordered. Then we feel that as they get the feel of things inside, they will gradually accept our more prosaic but, safer approach.

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SUBJECT: REDSOX/AEQUOR/CAMPOSANTO 2, Case Officers' Evaluation

Operational Skills:

1. Tradecraft: CAMPOSANTO 2 has an excellent understanding of the basic tradecraft of clandestine operations. Current and planned field problems and combined exercises will show his ability to apply tradecraft principles in practical situations. In respect of tradecraft, the chief difficulty experienced by the case officers has been to impress on him the priority of security considerations over those of effectiveness -- especially under Soviet conditions.
2. W/T: CAMPOSANTO 2 is by now close to being an accomplished W/T operator. He is fully familiar with code, with international radio procedure and with the set (RS-1) that he will use on his mission. He is at present learning his cipher system and -- as he is intelligent and it is simple -- should experience no difficulty in mastering it. The only reservation in regard to COMMO is that CAMPOSANTO 2 is occasionally absent-minded and sloppy.
3. Fieldcraft and Survival: Because of the exigencies of their W/T training, CAMPOSANTOs 2 and 4 have had less preparation in these subjects than CAMPOSANTOs 5 and 6. Furthermore, by temperament and previous experience, CAMPOSANTO 2 has less aptitude for black outdoor living than the other members of the team. With their support (particularly that of CAMPOSANTO 4), however, and with reliance on his previous military training, he should be able to carry out this aspect of the mission. During the latter phases of training, especial emphasis will be placed on combined field exercises in which fieldcraft and survival will be heavily stressed.
4. S/W: CAMPOSANTO 2 knows all that he needs to know about this subject. It is now simply a matter of continued practice.
5. Photography: CAMPOSANTO 2 has been trained in the exposure of pictures (primarily of documents) with the Minox camera. As the mission does not require it, he has been given no training in developing and enlarging. As with S/W, from now on it is a question of continued practice.
6. Airborne Training: CAMPOSANTO 2 has a mastery of Airborne techniques sufficient for the requirements of his mission, viz., one jump. He will continue, however, to get brush-up training (particularly in exit procedure). He is now being trained in reception techniques and DZ selection and reporting.

General Fitness for Mission:

7. Area Knowledge: As a western Belorussian, CAMPOSANTO 2, of course, knows that part of the country and its people. Through reading and contact with ex-Soviets, he is well-informed on the U.S.S.R. The case officers, however, have the impression that, while he understands Soviet actuality intellectually, he does not -- to

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use Orwell's expression -- belly feel it. For that, he is still too much the son of a semi-feudal eastern European landowner.

8. Physical Fitness: Although not well-developed physically, CAMPOSANTO 2 is agile and well-coordinated and has considerable stamina.
9. Psychological Fitness: As mentioned above, CAMPOSANTO 2 is both by birth and by temperament a Westerner. This in itself will make adaptation to Soviet conditions difficult for him. In addition, like CAMPOSANTO 6, he has a strong sense of personal mission. Although he has never said as much openly, one gets the impression that he feels called upon to sacrifice himself for the liberation of his people from the Russian-Soviet yoke. It may well be that a (perhaps) subconscious desire to fulfill his personality plays a role in this as important as that of Belorussian nationalism.
10. Although CAMPOSANTO 2 himself has no doubts on the score, the case officers have certain reservations about his ability to lead the AEQUOR I team. Again, these reservations are not based on his intelligence, knowledge or abilities -- all of which are more than adequate, but solely on his personality.

Briefing:

11. CAMPOSANTO 2 has been thoroughly briefed by CAMBISTA 2 as well as by the case officers on the nature of the AEQUOR I mission. He has not yet, however, been told the precise area of operations. He has likewise not yet been briefed on his legend.

Summary Remarks:

12. CAMPOSANTO 2 is a highly complex person and one who does not lend himself easily to analysis by anyone not trained in psychology.
13. On the good side, it can be said that he is courageous, highly intelligent, imaginative and well-educated. He has a facile mind and readily grasps instruction -- even in difficult or unfamiliar subjects. He is widely-read and well-informed in matters of international politics and is highly articulate in discussing them. So far as his personality is concerned, he can, when he wants to be, be more than usually pleasant and charming.
14. On the bad side, however, he is willful, petulant, temperamental, impetuous and, in many respects, immature. He is nervous and impatient, and he does not respond gracefully to direction -- even from his own people. His value as a leader is somewhat impaired because it is hard for him, in his self-centeredness, to really understand other people. He lacks the quality of empathy. As an introvert, he is not adept at the normal give-and-take of human relationships.

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15. CAMPOSANTO 2 is an extremely sensitive person. He is given to self-analysis and realizes his own defects as well as -- if not better-- than the case officers. In conclusion, however, after balancing CAMPOSANTO 2's defects against his qualities, it is the feeling of the case officers that he is well capable of carrying out his mission.

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SECRET**SUBJECT: REDSOX/AEQUOR/CAMPOSANTO 4, Case Officers' Evaluation**Operational Skills:

1. Tradecraft: Because he had concentrated almost exclusively on W/T training, CAMPOSANTO 4 has had less preparation in tradecraft than the other members of the team. He has an adequate basic understanding of it, however, and current field problems are showing his ability to apply that understanding in practical situations.
2. W/T: It was planned to train CAMPOSANTO 4 as an emergency W/T operator. He has been making such good progress, however, that, by mission time he may well be capable of working as an auxiliary operator.
3. Fieldcraft and Survival: Again, because of his concentration on W/T, CAMPOSANTO 4 has been able to participate less frequently in this type of training than CAMPOSANTO's 5 and 6. His childhood (spent in the swamps and forests of Poles'ye) and his extensive military experience, however, have fitted him well for this aspect of the mission.
4. S/W: CAMPOSANTO 4 has had basic training in this subject and is fully qualified to use it.
5. Photography: No training.
6. Airborne Training: CAMPOSANTO has had the standard course of Airborne Training. He is awkward and not well-coordinated, and consequently has not done so well in this subject as the other team members.

General Fitness for Mission:

7. Area Knowledge: CAMPOSANTO 4 is an ex-Soviet Belorussian. As such, he is not familiar with the area of operations of the AEQUOR I mission -- which is in western Belorussia. CAMPOSANTO 4 is well-versed in Soviet actuality. When the members of the team were given the training assignment of writing a short essay on "American imperialism" from the Soviet standpoint -- his was the best paper of all.
8. Physical Fitness: CAMPOSANTO 4, although solidly built, was not in good physical condition when he arrived for training. Since then, however, constant exercising has done a great deal for him.
9. Psychological Fitness: CAMPOSANTO 4 is singleminded and determined. Having volunteered for a dangerous mission, he will not be deterred from accomplishing it. He has in him a certain streak of fatalism. Although it is a gross oversimplification to put it in these terms, his primary motivation appears to be hatred of the Soviets and, to a lesser extent, of the Russians -- for what they have done to him and his family.

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Briefing:

10. CAMPOSANTO 4 has been generally briefed on the AEQUOR I mission. He has not been told the actual area of operations nor has he yet been briefed on his legend.

Summary Remarks

11. CAMPOSANTO 4 is a solid, dependable individual. He is extremely loyal and, in fact, seems to need a stronger person to whom he can attach himself. He is modest, tractable, unassuming, and taciturn. He is conscientious, tenacious, and cooperative. Although he has had little formal education, he has considerable native intelligence -- as shown in his written work and in his solutions to field problems. CAMPOSANTO 4's only serious defect is his passivity. He is indecisive and always waits for someone else to take the lead. It should be added that he has a pleasant and friendly personality -- although he is not demonstrative like CAMPOSANTO 6. In conclusion, it is the feeling of the Case Officers that CAMPOSANTO 4 is one of the best men we have.

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CAMPOSANTO 5: Case Officer's EvaluationOperational Skills

1. Tradecraft

CAMPOSANTO 5 has a naturally conspiratorial mind, and has readily grasped the tradecraft of clandestine operations. As distinguished from CAMPOSANTO 6, for example, he is even inclined to be excessively cautious.

2. W/T

Not Trained

3. Fieldcraft and Survival

CAMPOSANTO 5 has done well in these subjects. His experiences with the Maquis in France during the recent war have stood him in good stead.

4. S/W

CAMPOSANTO 5 has less training in S/W than the other team members, but as it essentially is a simple subject, has had no difficulty in catching up. With additional practice he will be fully capable of using it by mission time.

5. Photography

CAMPOSANTO 5 has only been given familiarization training with the MINOX but this will continue until proficiency is ~~obtained~~.
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6. Airborne Training

CAMPOSANTO 5 has made satisfactory progress in airborne training. With continued practice and physical conditioning he will be adequately prepared by mission time. He is now learning reception techniques and DZ selection.

General Fitness For Mission

7. Area Knowledge

CAMPOSANTO 5 was born and raised in the area of operations of the AEQUOR I mission. But, while he knows the area well, he is not well-informed on the USSR and Soviet actuality. We have supplemented this lack in training as much as possible.

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8. Physical Fitness

CAMPOSANTO 5 was not in good physical condition when he entered training. Conditioning exercises are, however, gradually hardening him up.

9. Psychological Fitness

CAMPOSANTO 5 is determined and courageous. He has a shrewder, more skeptical and more analytic mind than any of the other team members-- and hence, a more realistic understanding of the mission requirements. Psychologically, his only difficulty is that, due to his being a newcomer and not belonging to CAMBISTANI, he does not feel himself as much a part of the team as the others.

Briefing

10. CAMPOSANTO 5 has a thorough understanding of the AEQUOR I mission. He has not yet, however, been briefed on the area of operations or on his personal legend.

Summary Remarks

11. CAMPOSANTO 5 is quiet and reserved. He holds himself aloof from the other team members and keeps his own counsel. As a rule, he does not participate actively in discussions -- except those about matters in which he is significantly involved or in which he risks loss of face. He gives the impression of feeling himself superior to the other members of the team. He is mature and highly intelligent. His manner is determined and confident. He is serious and has no interest in frivolous pleasures. As mentioned above, he has a logical and analytical mind. He is a realist with no romantic illusions about the mission. On the other hand, he is obstinate and sensitive to criticism. He only cooperates fully when he is in full agreement but when he is in agreement he works well and hard. He is not flexible and is overly concerned with matters of face and prestige.

12. Because of his late arrival, the Case Officers have not had as much opportunity to observe CAMPOSANTO 5 as the others. They feel confident, however, that with his intelligence and familiarity with the area of operations, he will carry out his part of the mission thoroughly and well.

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CAMPOSANTO 6: Case Officers' Evaluation

Operational Skills

1. Tradecraft

CAMPOSANTO 6 has readily grasped the fundamentals of tradecraft. He has been most eager to learn and has done very well in problem situations. His only difficulty in respect of tradecraft is that in his desire to forge ahead and get things done, he sometimes neglects to be as prudent and cautious as security considerations would require.

2. W/T

Not Trained.

3. Fieldcraft and Survival

CAMPOSANTO 6 excels in all types of outdoor work. He has shown a more than adequate mastery of map reading, orientation, and scouting and patrolling.

4. S/W

CAMPOSANTO 6 has been trained in S/W and is fully capable of using it in the field.

5. Photography

CAMPOSANTO 6 has been given general familiarization with the MINOX camera.

6. Airborne Training

CAMPOSANTO 6 has proven himself adept at mastering airborne techniques -- largely because of his athletic training.--He is now getting reception training and DZ selection.

General Fitness For Mission

7. Area Knowledge

CAMPOSANTO 6 is an ex-Soviet Belorussian and, although he spent some time in Western Belorussia during the recent war, is not as familiar with that area as he is with Eastern Belorussia. So far as Soviet actuality is concerned, he has kept himself au courant through reading and listening to the Soviet radio.

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8. Physical Fitness

CAMPOSANTO 6 was a physical education student at the University of Louvain -- and has made somewhat of a fetish of "body culture" and gymnastics. Naturally, he is in excellent physical condition.

10. Psychological Fitness

CAMPOSANTO 6 is a man of action par excellence. He is also a bit of a romantic. And thus, while there is no question of his basically nationalist motivation, the Case Officers suspect that he is equally impelled by a desire to be a hero. He unquestionably has the intelligence, the courage and the stamina to carry out a mission. The only question is whether he will have the patience and cautiousness to carry out this mission, where the emphasis is on prudence and security rather than on panache and eclat.

Briefing

11. CAMPOSANTO 6 has been generally briefed on the nature of the AEQUOR I mission. He understands it well, and, although he initially objected to not being able to operate in his home area, gives the appearance of being sold on it. To make sure, however, continued emphasis on the security aspects of the mission will be given by CAMBISTA 2 and the Case Officers in their discussions with CAMPOSANTO 6

12. CAMPOSANTO 6 has not been told the specific area of operations of the team nor has he yet been briefed on his legend.

Summary Remarks

13. CAMPOSANTO 6 is a complete extrovert. He has a friendly and affable manner -- which should stand him in good stead in his contact work. He is sincere, optimistic and quite intelligent. He is very serious about the job. He is courageous and self-assured -- perhaps too much so on occasion. He is aggressive and a natural leader. On the bad side, he is headstrong and impetuous. He occasionally shows a somewhat know-it-all attitude. On the whole, however, the Case Officers are confident that he will do an excellent job.

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