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Program Report

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d. Belorussian Section:

(1) Personnel:

(a) CAMBISTA 6 and 7, the housekeeping couple for the last AEQUOR training unit, were released. As yet we have no housekeeping couple to replace them, although there is a possibility that CACETA 9 and 10 will be the replacement.

(b) Section Assignments: [] replaced
[] as Chief of Section. [] replaced
[] as the AEQUOR training officer. with [] and []
[] as his assistants. [] will also be available for the
administrative aspects of the next AEQUOR training unit.

(2) Financial: The financial situation of Project AEQUOR remains the same as outlined in MGMA-10293, with the exception of payments for such individuals as CAMBISTA 6 and 7, who were released and CAMPOSANTO 2, who was disposed of.

(3) Agent Recruiting:

(a) Preliminary assessments were completed on the following individuals:

1. Anoschko was interviewed by [] and []
[] It was decided by both of these officers that Anoschko was completely unfit for agent work. His motivation was very questionable, in that it appeared likely that he volunteered for operational work in order to get out of his five year parole. However, because Anoschko was such a touchy security problem during the month of assessment it had been decided to reimburse CAMBISTA 1 for a salary which they had been paying him for some work that he did for their organization. It was also decided to continue that salary payment of approximately 200 DM per month for an additional month in order to allow Anoschko sufficient time to obtain another job.

2. CAMPOSANTO 3 was brought down again to be looked over, since by his own admission he had decided to reveal to us the things which had caused his negative carriage assessment. He was carried again but results were still very inconclusive. Because of the subject's nervousness the carriage operator said that it was very difficult to form any specific conclusions regarding the sensitive points on the subject's carriage. The results of this third carriage will be forwarded separately together with the medical and assessment results. Part of the inconclusive carriage results was probably due to the subject's medical background. We had asked the doctor to check specifically his nervous system, and the report by the doctor indicated that CAMPOSANTO 3 would undoubtedly be a hyper-reactive individual.

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In addition to the carriage, CAMPOSANTO 3 was run through the assessment program, with the general conclusion that under no circumstances should he be employed in a situation where he would be required to live in the woods or in bunkers with team-mates over an extended period. We sent CAMPOSANTO 3 back to Paris and will not make a final decision as to his utilization until we see what the complexion of other recruitment attempts from this group will be.

3. We also looked at two other individuals; Tsybulski, Eduard; and Emilyanchik, Sergei.

4. Tsybulski during the preliminary assessment was completely unsatisfactory and after a few days was sent back to his place of residence. We looked at Emilyanchik considerably longer and gave him a code aptitude test. Although Emilyanchik did not pass the code aptitude test, he still has several favorable aspects which might make him of use to a team. However, until we determine what the complexion of the team will be, we have decided not to put Emilyanchik or any individual of this type into training. However, we will keep a string on him and may possible use him at a later period.

CAMBISTA 2 has promised to send at least four more candidates for us to talk to within the next few weeks. In addition to that, we have authorized a CAMBISTA 1 representative to scout for a two-week period the emigration still remaining in Germany.

ZAPRUDNIK is ready for his recruiting trip to Canada and the U. S. as soon as his clearance has been obtained. This clearance is essential in order to obtain a visa for him. We talked to ZAPRUDNIK recently and gave him a brief sketch of what we wanted him to do in the U. S., but we will leave the final briefing to the Headquarters case officer who will handle him upon his arrival there.))) ?

(3) Cadre School:

The prospective director of the Cadre school will arrive in Munich sometime during the first week in October. At this time extensive discussions will be held on the organization, the length of the course and the location of the school. However, the resolution of the school is basically a Headquarters matter and we hope to receive some answer on that comparatively soon. In recent discussions it was indicated by CAMBISTA 2 that setting up the cadre school was most essential to provide an area of recruitment for future agent types. He claims that so many young Belorussians have been out of contact with political and operational problems, that it will take a period of "preparation" in order to get them to perform a hazardous type mission.

SECRET(5) West Plan:

Another proposed representative of the West plan was interviewed a short time ago. This was Alexander Nadson, who is proposed as the West plan representative in Great Britain. Basically, somebody like Nadson would be very good as a representative for this plan if he were capable of devoting full time to the work. However, as is the case with most of these young Belorussians, they have outside scholastic interests which interfere with their effectiveness on a program of this sort. There is only one remaining candidate to look at, namely, the proposed representative for France. This man, Surwilla, is expected in Munich about the first of October. After looking at him we will have completed the preliminary assessment of all the proposed West plan representatives and will then start to put the plan into its first phase; this being the compilation of biographical and background data on individuals in the Belorussian emigration.

(6) Political:

(a) The trial period on "The Hornet", the CMBISTA 1 satirical magazine, is now completed. We wish to have a comment from Headquarters on the efficacy of continuing the subsidy of this magazine, and if this authorization is granted an idea as to what line Headquarters feels the magazine should take.

(b) The Ostrovski approach: The approach of Radislav Ostrovski, the leader of the BCR, and his subsequent proposal for operational collaboration with the AIS has been reported separately in EGMA-711. There have been no new developments since the initial discussions, but we are expecting to have some biographical background on the proposed staff and penetration agents within the next week or ten days. We would like as soon as possible Headquarters' reactions to the Ostrovski proposal and any suggestions as to the proper line to take with regard to this organization vis-a-vis our relationship with CMBISTA 1. While Ostrovski was here he prepared several reports for us on the Belorussian emigration and on himself and the BCR in particular. He was paid 150 DM for these reports, and it is requested that Headquarters approve this expenditure in order to satisfy the finance office at MOB. A copy of these reports will be submitted to Headquarters.

(7) Operational:

The final progress report for AEQUOR II was forwarded under EGMA-713.

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