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c. Byelorussian-Ukrainian Section:

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(1) Ukrainian/AERODYNAMIC:

The report on the CARTHAGE training project will be submitted separately by [] There will be no report on the political and CE aspects of the AERODYNAMIC Project this month, since activity in these fields has been curtailed due to the departure of [] and the absence of [] from CSOB.

(2) CAPACHO:

The CAPACHO Project began its training early in January with five (5) agent recruits on deck. During the latter part of the month one (1) agent (CAPACHO 3) was dropped because of security and personal considerations. During the month several attempts were made to give the CAPACHO team its live parachute jump training, but each attempt proved abortive due to weather conditions. These abortive jumps contributed to a general lowering of morale of the team, and as yet it is not known what the consequences will be. We hope to be able to straighten out this problem adequately. The CAPACHO operational plan is being revised in view of the dropping of CAPACHO 3, and will be submitted by dispatch shortly. A more detailed report on CAPACHO training will be submitted by []

(3) Byelorussian/AEQUOR:

Arrangements were made for the trip of CAMBISTA 11 to the United States to conduct a survey there and in Canada of Byelorussian potential. Before his departure CAMBISTA 11 was briefed on the general aspects of his task, and also briefed on some of the problems which he may encounter. Most of this briefing, however, took the general line of telling CAMBISTA 11 how to talk to ODURGE, and general movement in the United States. No specific commitments were made to him in regard to his financial arrangements, since it was felt that was more within the province of Headquarters' responsibility. Discussions were also held with CAMBISTA 2 with regard to the European aspect of this survey. CAMBISTA 2 submitted an estimate of the cost of the survey plus the projected itineraries of the survey team. These itineraries included names and places which were going to be visited during the three-month period and which are expected to serve as jumping-off points for the over-all survey effort. The financial breakdown plus the itineraries will be submitted to Headquarters in a separate dispatch. Further comments on the survey project itself and the follow-up which is required in this respect were submitted in EGMA-2995.

(4) Byelorussian/AEQUOR - Training:

Another month passed without a formal AEQUOR training project being initiated. We had been promised very specifically by CAMBISTA 2 that CAMPOSANTO 10 would be on deck sometime in January, but such has not been the case. Because of the lateness of the date, we are now giving consideration to training only one man, a non-Byelorussian, recruited by [], as a possible W/T addition to the presently operating AEQUOR team. This man,

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because of his previous W/T and paratrooper experience can possibly be trained in time for an early spring dispatch. If CAMPOSANTOS 10 and 3 were brought on deck now it would be impossible to train them adequately in W/T before July. It is expected that any personnel resupply would have to be before that date. Although it has not definitely been decided to give up the idea of a CAMBISTA 1 team, our thinking is in that general line and a decision will be taken within the next few days.

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