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1. Just a brief note to keep you current with what's up this here way. . . Everyone's real busy and are up to their ears in work. [ ] & myself have been kept busy with C-11 from arrival 'til today. [ ] is handcarrying back most of everything we obtained on him. It's too bad that things turned out as is because he's a darn sharp guy and would probably have turned out well. It's the other aspects which concerned us considerably.
  2. The story on C-10 is not yet quite clear. [ ] says he told C-2 to have C-10 come here sometime in mid-December. When I saw C-2, he said he took it upon himself not to inform him until later "because of our vacillating attitude." He did inform him to come in the latter part of December and C-10 soon found out that he could not come to Muni unless specifically requested by someone. We got C-5 to send a telegram to C-10, allegedly from the newspaper, requiring his presence and assistance on the staff. This telegram was sent on 11 Jan & C-2 sent another on 12 Jan. In both telegrams he was asked to reply re his arrival. There was no answer until today when he said he would probably be coming on 26 Jan. We received your answer by today morning & have consequently asked C-2 to cancel C-10's trip. Whether C-2 did this we do not know. C-2 today informed C-5 that he was arriving tomorrow but we had that postponed until after Monday. [ ] C-2, unfortunately, had been handled with kid gloves and got away with almost anything. It won't be too easy now to "give with the explanations" re the recurring cancellations as in previous years. ]
  3. C-2, although paid a full-time salary by us, spends his eight hour day working in a clinic and therefore has been unable to devote much time at all to our activities. I saw him for only half an hour during the initial interview and was disappointed by his petty bickering and general lack of knowledge on topics discussed. He appears to set himself up on a pedestal and therefore has been very lax on security. According to C-11, all of the "dzvenadstatka" are equally informed as is C-2. From what C-11 told us this appears an understatement.
  4. Re what has to be done is another matter. First, depending on C-2's cooperativeness or lack of, it would be nice for us to ascertain how much do any of the other's know. However, I feel that our attempts to find out about this will be blocked by C-2 which will preclude our going to Brus & seeing the others, as it would be completely unwise to go over his head & speak to those who owe full-loyalty to him. Most important, we are trying to devise a means whereby we will ~~not~~ ruffle the least feathers in the orgn and still ~~retrieve~~ retrieve whatever may be retrievable. I feel that if we are to collaborate further with the orgn, C-2 will have to divorce himself from all other activities, divorce his recruitment from the gang in ~~RMH~~ Louvain, and maybe transfer everything to the ~~US~~.
  5. [ ] this would be an appropriate time for you to attempt to learn more about stateside-recruitment. I spoke to several people on staff

level in June but they said that it be best to wait until we were positive in our needs. Because I think Belgium is completely out, and Fr & GB quite close to bankrupt, we may attempt to exploit and squeeze all available assets from US & Canada. According to C-2, Canada has a number of likely prospects. It may first be necessary to learn more about who these people are and then submit a memo asking for specific approval for their utilization. Look into this.

6. Also, inform [ ] next door about the decision re C-10 & 11 and the lack of security mindedness. I feel that the other activities in which C-2 had the boys engaged in may be as compromised as ours are. We will take the matter up with Brus if we get approval to go there.

7. We asked for authority to transfer S. <sup>Smith</sup> from Belg to Fran. We need your support urgently as Fran refuses to take them if the boys are stale. This guy, according to Fran, has no potential & therefore he is more of a CE matter than DRC. With your urgings to Fran, we may be able to get him overthere. [ ] has tried this since last Sept with no luck, so give us a boost.

8. We will try to run all other issues to their logical conclusions if at all possible. I don't know whether we will even have access to the guy who was kicked out of the BR home for visiting the library. All this we can only find out after getting a red light from you folks and then communicating with [ ]

9. Re the publications, so far we've been so busy on all other matters that I haven't had time to talk about the merger. The staff and C-2 are strongly against it but we'll go into this ~~xxxx~~ later with C-2 again.

10. Another matter of interest, and one which we have not had opportunity to broach with C-2, is the utilization of the newspaper editor for the radio. As I understand it here, Lima. . . from NY was disapproved so they selected the editor. [ ] feels non-committal about the matter but I feel strongly about not permitting him to resign from the newspaper staff. Inasmuch ~~xx~~ as we originally approved the paper on the basis of the qualified personnel which it had to offer, I feel we better retain Stan. . . if he is any good. It's not too easy to broach this subject with C-2 because we allegedly know little about the radio; however will do so at the earliest opportunity and will notify you accordingly. In the meantime, you can check with your friends across the hall and throw a wrench into the works by strongly insisting that Stan remain editor and that by no means will you release him off the project inasmuch as he was specifically selected for that purpose.

11. Re the utilization of ~~xxxx~~ C-5, it seems somewhat unrealistic inasmuch as his field of vision has narrowed considerably since he was previously considered. However, he can do some type of reporting when assigned to the radio. I think [ ] is preparing something on this.

12. Personal: I assume that you've been getting my mail at the office. Call [ ] X 457, X 3165 or 448 or at Wesley Hall in the evening to find out if she has anything else for me (forget any packages). I was expect-

ting a registered letter from my mother and don't know whether she would have been able to pick it up or not. Check over the mail she has for me and if the receipt is there, can you try to pick up the registered item for me signing in lieu of me. Then, I don't know if you can pouch my mail to Muni DIRECT; if not, wrap it up and send it airmail registered to this address:

Lt [ ] 0188402D  
DARU [ ] 7822 SCU MMP  
APO 407, C/O Postmaster  
~~San Francisco, California~~  
New York, NY

Also check with MPD & get my W-2 form (income tax withholding statement) and include in above mail. As I don't know what you folks have in mind for me I just as soon get the mail already accumulated now. I don't object to staying here [ ] and hope [ ] sees fit to keep me here as I'M learning a great deal. Also, [ ] go to my residence at 1402 21st Street NW and see my landlady, Mrs Lovejoy; ask her to let you into my room in order that you can pick up the Bur INT Rev forms in my desk drawer. I need it because I have many receipts et cetera in there. Forward this along with the mail. Try to do this as soon as possible if you can. I sent [ ] a check to pay for my room rent, check with her to see if she took care of it, I'd hate to get my stuff thrown out in my absence. Write me a letter and let me know how things are and how you folks are struggling up there. *I want I have to return soon hold my mail.*

[ ] will probably clear up all other matters you have unanswered,

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Greetings to [ ] + all

[ ] [ ]  
Receipts + W-2 forms  
BIR returns  
Arkington Street check checks

C ] Here's something to think about and find out what we want to, can and should do re 10 & 11. They did make final breaks in good faith and to a certain extent we are obligated to assist them in re-establishing themselves. However, until we speak to Boris and find out the exact status of 10 and what we can do with 11, we cannot make any specific suggestions in this regard. We will cable our findings, demands, and our suggestions.)

SUBJECT: Disposal of C-10 and 11

1. C-11, upon failing his University exams, made a final <sup>Physical</sup> break with the group and student house in Louvain. He departed from the place using the cover that he would enter some type of school in Germany, either at Munich or some other institution where he could study art, drawing, and sketching (actual interests). As mentioned in the cable, he stated that the boys in Louvain know of his whereabouts and ultimate destination (utilization for mission) regardless of cover because most of them have been here at one time or another. This means that C-11, if he is willing, can easily (??) return to Louvain and continue with whatever he desires. He can even say that the school(s) he was trying to get into would not accept him (this would jive with the cover he had established). However, Boris may insist that it is not feasible to return C-11 <sup>to Belgium</sup> for one reason or another (being peeved at our reasons for rejection et cetera). We will only be able to find out what C-11's ultimate status may be after Boris' arrival.

2. Our relationship with C-11 has been entirely satisfactory and we have left him with the impression that he is personally acceptable, which he is <sup>with the conditions mentioned</sup>. In our final interview with him, it may be necessary to indicate to him, if Boris will not have done so beforehand, that although he is acceptable we cannot use him for certain security reasons. This will permit us to re-tap him if ever we want to use any of their people <sup>or him</sup> again in the future(????). In any case, we do owe him something and should attempt to assist in his re-settlement as much as possible. For personal reasons (lose-face, et cetera) he himself may not desire to return to Belgium or Louvain. We don't feel that he should be our ward but that we should give him some sum as severance

pay which will assist him in seeking employment, cover any costs necessary to go to France, England, or wherever else he may want to settle down. You undoubtedly have had other incidents <sup>in other projects</sup> of the same nature which can be used as a basis for this severance. Actually the break came about, not due to his own fault or refusal, et cetera, so something like three (?) months salary may be adequate but we leave this entirely up to you. (As I said, we will cable all details after discussion with Boris along with our suggestions).

3. Relative to C-10, we are not yet fully informed of his status. Although he was supposed to have been informed to be ready to move sometime in December, it appears that he did not give any serious consideration to the matter until sometime in January. He did not answer either of the cables sent by C-5 or Boris, except that we finally received word that he would have departed to have been here today. Whether this means that he had quit his job, sold whatever effects he may have had, et cetera, we don't know. It is entirely conceivable that he had not quit his work when we instructed Boris to notify him to cease his preparations and remain put. In any case, I don't think that we will be able to find out all the details from Boris (in the heat of battle) and will not know conclusively to what extent we are obligated in giving him assistance to resettle (if he quit his job in the first place). However, I feel that we owe a bit more to C-10 (assuming he made his final break and quit his job) than to C-11; where C-10 may have difficulty in gaining reemployment, C-11 never had any.

4. With these facts (and probably assumptions) as a basis, you will be able to take appropriate action upon receipt of our cable which will outline to you our findings, Boris' demands, and our suggestions, and our request for Hqs decision in the matter re termination settlement or salaries.

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