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REFERENCES)

- A. EGOW-1653, 28 June 1960
- B. PROB-7321, 13 July 1960
- C. DIR-40530, 19 July 1960

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1. Lest there be some misunderstanding of the position expressed in Reference B, we would like to say again that we are considering the proposed assignment of AECASSOWARY/29 to this Base. Although we are now considering this assignment, we cannot accept him until we have reviewed the administrative plan (referred to in paragraph 1 of Reference C); have reached an understanding with you on the emigre' group aspects of the operation; and, until we have sorted out locally the rather large stable of PA's currently assigned to the Soviet Branch of this Base.

2. Insofar as the emigre' aspect of the operation is concerned we wish to make it clear that we can accept AECASSOWARY/29 only if it is agreed that he will be a singleton agent, under the unilateral direction of this Base -- i.e., that we will not be expected to share his direction with the emigre' group; that he will undertake no activities for the AECASSOWARY organization in which FOB will in any respect become involved; and that he be documented and covered in such a manner as to permit him to live legally in West Germany and which will provide him with a cover for his income and a plausible explanation for his operational travel. It will be obvious from our position that the fact that AECASSOWARY/29 is connected with an emigre' organization has prejudiced us against him. Although the AECASSOWARY's are perhaps a different brand of emigre' from the expensive AEGIDEONS and from the docile AEWIRGILs, we still cannot stifle the conviction that emigre' groups are emigre' groups and that none of them is worth a dixie as a clandestine operations tool. Although operational fashions are constantly changing, we remain convinced that we can run better operations, and more secure operations in most fields, than can amateurs, regardless of their emigre' affiliations.

3. Pertinent also to the decision on AECASSOWARY/29 is the fact that at this moment the Soviet Branch is rather heavily endowed with Principal Agents. We have Messrs. [] [] [] [] [] and [] at hand and, of course, [] is already in the pipe line. In addition to this we must soon make a decision on the proposed assignment of [] to this Base. [] is the most useful of the agents now available to us. He speaks native German and has shown some ability to operate in Germany. We must, however, anticipate the loss of his services this spring (per EGFA-31157). Despite []' extraordinary linguistic qualifications (Estonian, Russian, German and American), he appears to lack the personality, the emotional stability, the professional experience, and the operations ability to work successfully in the REDSKIN field in Germany. He has, of course, proved very useful in the support of REDSOX operations but Headquarters' assignment of [] to this task makes [] redundant in the REDSOX field. []'s work in support of the [] program has been good, but it has also been inhibited by his heavy Slavic accent, his limited German and his poor English. Because of his linguistic problems we almost cannot use him for recruitment efforts because of the difficulty he has in establishing his bona fides. [] will probably be transferred to the CAVENUE program where his particular talents can possibly be better used than in REDSKIN. A dispatch will cover the details of our decision to terminate [] and [] who have both outlived their usefulness at this Base.

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4. There is a marked need for an increased pace in REDSKIN operations at FOB. Fortunately, there appears to be ample opportunity for increased activity. At this writing we are strongly of the opinion that well-qualified case officers will be able to handle the intensification of REDSKIN work which we anticipate. Because Principal Agents are desperately expensive of case officer time, we must make every effort to insure that the Principal Agents assigned here are fully qualified to handle work which can not be done better by the KUBARK staff.

5. Incidentally, we will be writing EE shortly to confirm our reading of EE policy concerning the use of official cover at this Base. Unless EE advises to the contrary, we do not plan to accept any further contract agents under official cover.

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