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TO Chief, SR	INFO COS, Germany; Chief, EE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 74-124-29/3
FROM Chief of Base, Frankfurt	DATE 12 September 1960		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
SUBJECT REDWOOD AERODYNAMIC OPERATIONAL Acceptance of AECASSOWARY/29 as a Singleton REDSKIN PA		<input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	
ACTION REQUIRED See Paragraph 4			
REFERENCE(S) A. FROB 7321, 13 July 1960 B. EGFA 31589, 2 August 1960 C. EGOW 1653, 28 June 1960 D. EGFV 11017, 4 August 1960			
<p>1. As stated in Reference A and B, we have many reservations concerning AECASSOWARY/29 as a Principal Agent at this Base. Our basic concern is that by accepting AECASSOWARY/29 as a Principal Agent in the REDSKIN field we will somehow find ourselves assuming some field responsibility for the AECASSOWARY group. We are convinced that neither FOB nor MOB can permit itself to become involved with yet another Russian emigre outfit. Aside from this reservation, we are convinced that the Soviet Branch has already reached the point of diminishing returns insofar as the handling of principal agents is concerned. Although each of these agents presents a different problem operationally, the administrative and support problems are much the same. It will not be news to anyone that it is quite possible for a relatively inexperienced officer to find himself fully employed in the support of a single contract agent. In some cases this is undoubtedly a justified expenditure of staff time. In most cases, however, such a relationship is wasteful.</p> <p>2. All concerned, however, have carefully reviewed your observations in Reference C and your suggestions in Reference D, as well as the other correspondence which we have received on AECASSOWARY/29. Unfortunately, this correspondence does not mitigate any of our reservations. And, on the contrary some of the correspondence tends to confirm our views - prejudices if you like. In this connection we cite the bewildering exchange between [] ourselves, and Headquarters concerning AECASSOWARY/2 and AECASSOWARY/29 and the recent Stockholm conference. Viewed from Frankfurt it seemed that no one on this side of the water knew quite what was going on or even what was expected. Nor did our dealings with AECASSOWARY/2 and AECASSOWARY/29 serve to clarify anything.</p> <p>3. If, despite the above and our earlier correspondence, the proposed assignment has been permitted to develop to the point where it will cause even more trouble to cancel it or to postpone it until we are freed of some other emigre activity, then, of course, we must step back and accept AECASSOWARY/29. Although we will do so with reluctance, you may be sure that if your decision is that he must come to FOB, we will do our very best to exploit him effectively.</p> <p>4. To protect our own interest, however, we must ask that you accept two conditions to his assignment. First, that this Base not be considered responsible in any way for the AECASSOWARY/1 group. In practice this will mean that if some other field point requires AECASSOWARY support or a briefing on the activities of the group that this come from the Desk or from some other Station. Secondly, we must ask that we be permitted to accept AECASSOWARY/29 for a one year trial basis. If after nine months AECASSOWARY/29 is not running at a profit, if we find ourselves embroiled in emigre confusions, then we must be permitted to cut our losses. We are sure you understand that although we will hardly expect AECASSOWARY/29 to have penetrated the Kremlin in his first nine months, we will expect his operational approach to be sound and his personal situation such as to permit economical and efficient handling.</p> <p>5. [] will follow</p>			
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5. will follow up with a few observations on the administrative aspect of this proposed assignment.

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