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A conference was held on 6 March between representatives from SE4, Staff II/TR, and Staff II/PT to discuss the various aspects of the proposed "Guerrilla Warfare Training Program" (HTLACKEY) authorized under Project PBCRUET. The major points covered of this meeting were :

1. Location of the training site.
2. Cover for the trainees
3. The training completion deadline of the program.

The training division confirmed a previous statement that the actual training phase (point 3 above) could be accomplished by the given deadline once point 1 and point 2 above were established. Some consideration was given to the feasibility of incorporating this particular program under Project ^{2R}ELOPE. However, this proposal was unacceptable in that the first phase of the training program, namely the training and eventual airdrop of a small group before the fall of 1951, could not be accomplished under project ^{2R}ELOPE. Although the Guerrilla Warfare training program is similar in some respects to the ^{2R}ELOPE project, it is doubtful whether the ELOPE facilities are suitable or if they can be available for this activity ^{within} the given time limits.

[] suggested that FE be approached on the possibility of utilizing [] located in the Pacific. The Project offers the following advantages:

1. The site is prepared to initiate training operations
2. Instructors are already available at the site
3. Facilities are available to easily accommodate the ^{proposed} number of trainees ~~proposed for the isolated location of the site~~

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4. *The isolated location of the site*

would lessen the security and cover problems to be ordinarily expected were the program located within the continental limits of the United States.

5. Constant air transportation exists ~~to and~~ *and* from the site

6. Upon completion of the program the trainees could be transported directly to Europe.

It was felt that FE would be receptive to accepting this proposal *in that* ~~and that~~ they would have the opportunity to test the actual capabilities of the site. There was general agreement at the conference that the arrangements should be handled by [] of EE. [] of FE.

Adequate background information for operational clearances on candidates with appropriate qualifications for the Guerrilla Warfare Training program has been extracted from the ~~immigration~~ *immigration* files in New York and Washington and forwarded to [] Staff II/S&OS *for action* ~~FOR ACTION~~. Candidates for the program may possibly be available for the polygraph test in three weeks. It is recommended that an appropriate receiving station be established so that the candidates may be placed *transferred* ~~to~~ *to* training once the site and cover is established.

One possible site for the receiving station of prospective candidates is an area ~~55 miles outside of Washington, D.C. at a place called~~ []

One possible site that can be used as a receiving station for the candidates for the Guerrilla warfare ~~business~~ ~~training~~ ~~program~~ ^{trainees} is an area located at C. This site is approximately fifty miles from the District and ~~includes~~ ^{consists of} 368 acres of which 60 acres are woodland. The candidates could be brought there under the cover of laborers ~~hired~~ ^{to the site} ~~to clear some of the woods around the farm.~~ ^{farm} The farm is isolated and the ~~addresses~~ ^{activities} of the candidates would be such as to not attract attention. The ~~property~~ area is the property of an Special Training Officer and the deed is under a pseudonym of a woman ~~is~~ currently residing in Florida.

Considering the sensitivity of the current and future relationship between the U.S. and the USSR, OPC should be prepared to have available a trained ~~force~~ Guerrilla Warfare Specialists to support a concerted program of partisan warfare both now and after the outbreak of hostilities. Since the Ukrainian resistance movement is the most active within the USSR and has ~~in~~ a great potential for OPC-type operations inside the Soviet Union, it is believed that the training must be initiated so that we ~~can~~ do have available a limited number of specialists. While there always exists the possibility that a penetration of the Ukraine by specialists cannot be facilitated this summer, we will have accomplished the training of a basic group of Guerrilla Warfare Specialists that would be available to us for any eventuality.