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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commo  
From: Chief, PDS  
Subject: CARTEL Operation

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1. The CARTEL operation, designed to despatch six men into the Western Ukraine with equipment to establish permanent w/t contact with the U.S. Zone of Germany, has been approved. The six men will be dropped by parachute on or about 1 June 1950, and, according to present field plans, will carry all of their equipment on their persons.

2. Four or five of the six men to be despatched are presently receiving commo training at MGB. The fifth trainee may or may not be included in the actual drop. Their training should provide them with at least the minimum qualifications to establish and maintain w/t communications with the LIMBER and should include: operation of equipment, simple repairs, wireless code, cipher and operational instructions. Communications training should be completed by mid-May.

3. The Munich Field Project Outline (MM-A 2167) requested necessary training equipment in general terms (given more specifically by [redacted] in MDE-A 14908) and the following items for the drop operation itself:

- 3 complete STR-1 (packed for burial)
- 3 complete SSP-11 dynamos
- 3 repair kits for STR-1
- 3 sets non-identical cipher pads.

4. Your attention is called also to WASH 9977 and our memorandum dated 3 March 1950 on Anticipated W/T Requirements for the Balance of the Fiscal Year 1950.

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