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Transmitted herewith is the CACCOLA 1 Progress Report covering the period 25 July to 26 August 1952. A report in diary form covering a preliminary period of training at Grafenwohr (27 July to 10 August 1952), is attached as Appendix A. A review of W/T traffic during the period 5 May to 25 August 1952 is attached as Appendix B.

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SUBJECT: REDSOX/CACCOLA 1/Progress Report, 25 July - 26 Aug. 1952

1. The following is a report covering the first month of the second CACCOLA 1 training cycle. An account of the first two weeks of training is attached in diary form (Appendix A). A report on the W/T traffic of the first three CACCOLA agents is attached as Appendix B.

2. Training Site: For lack of a better site we were forced to open the school in a small schloss in Siegsdorf, 60 miles S.E. of Munich. The house, although spacious enough for our large group, was made insecure by five Germans occupying an adjacent farmhouse and farming the land on which the schloss was located. On 27 July, two days after the opening of the school, the trainees were taken to the Grafenwohr area for two weeks of field training. In their absence a move was made to a more suitable house on the west shore of the Tegernsee, a mile north of Bad Wiessee. This new location is very satisfactory. The house is hidden from the road behind by 20 yards of thick shrubbery, while the lawn runs 200 yards down to the lake front. The yard is separated from fields on either side by a fence, trees and shrubs. The house is practically soundproof, and is adequate to our needs in point of size. The recreational facilities, an important element in the maintenance of discipline and morale, are good: there is a bowling alley and ping pong table in the house; the lake provides swimming and fishing; and we have just completed a volleyball court.

3. Cover: Our cover is that of an Army language school experimenting in new methods of teaching English to the Army's new foreign recruits. The unit is headed by an Army Captain ([ ]), and includes several civilians -- 2 language teachers (CAPABLE 14 and [ ]), a psychologist (CACCOLA 3), a secretary (CACCOLA 13), and 2 cooks (CACCOLAS 9 and 14). So far the cover has not been put to test as no questions have arisen from any quarter.

4. Liaison with Bad Tolz Sub-Post: We have established cordial relations with the Sub-Post Commander, and with the Engineer, Quartermaster and Special Services officers. As usual, security suffers from this dependence on the Sub-Post. For example, Major Melette, the Sub-Post C/O said in front of his adjutant, "I know very little about you, I guess because I have only recently been cleared for Top Secret." Our house, together with others used by other cover organizations (Labor Assessment Unit, etc.), is listed on huge charts in the Quartermaster and Engineer offices, where any German employee can see them. Opposite all these houses stands the name of Raymond P. Mendez, who as "USAREUR housing representative" signs out for all the houses used by the various sections of MOB. This unfortunate tie-in was apparently dictated by necessity. By signing for all

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"company houses" in the Bad Tolz area, Mendez is able to retain control of the houses once the original project has vacated it, and is also able to assume responsibility for them vis-a-vis the Sub-Post.

5. Staff Personnel: We currently have four American personnel in day-to-day contact with the project. [ ] [ ], as chief American representative at the school, with CAPABLE 14 as his opposite number, is in overall charge of the project, and particularly in the planning and implementation of the training program. With the exception of Secret Writing, [ ] is not participating in the actual training, but is primarily concerned with the handling of the radio traffic, the preparation of mission plans and legends, and the collection of briefing materials. [ ] main task is handling the many and complex administrative problems. [ ] is directing the communications training together with CACCOLA 8. This increase in the number of staff personnel connected with the project was necessitated by the large size of the group in training.

6. CAPABLE 1 Personnel: CAPABLE 14 is working out very well as the chief CAPABLE 1 representative at the school. He has shown himself to be an excellent lecturer in ideology, conspiratorial subjects and propaganda, a firm leader, and an easy man to get along with. CACCOLA 3 continues as the instructor in a variety of topics dealing with the study of the U.S.S.R. CACCOLA 8 is the CAPABLE 1 communications instructor. CACCOLA 9 continues as the cook and housekeeper -- because of the large size of the group, we have had to add CACCOLA 14 as her assistant. CACCOLA 13 is proving useful as a secretary and librarian -- typing lectures, transcribing recordings, etc. CACCOLA 25, although very disappointed that he was rejected as a trainee, is working extremely hard as hausmeister. It is still a little early to comment on the trainees' (CACCOLAS 10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27) individual capacities, but it can be reported that all are working hard and well with the exception of CACCOLA 23 who is somewhat lazy, and CACCOLA 22 who is having trouble with communications training.

7. Training: In preparing the training program we were guided by the current plan to use part of the trainees in a Far Eastern black base operation. This plan calls for another school being set up sometime in early December to which the trainees slated for the Far East will be moved. Missions and team combinations will have been determined by this time, and in accordance with the personnel demands of these operations, we may draw upon the fall class of the CAPABLE 1 Cadre School to fill out the teams. As any men added in December will not have time to become radio operators, it is important to give as much communications training as possible to the present group before the other trainees are added. Six hours daily appears to be the maximum productive time for W/T training. The other three hours of daily instruction are divided between [ ] CAPABLE 14 and CACCOLA 3. The master training schedule will be forwarded when completed.

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8. Legend and Mission Preparation: We have already begun to assess the trainees' life histories from the point of view of legend possibilities, and will submit our requests for military legends shortly. Tentative operational plans should be drawn up by 1 October.



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SUBJECT: REDSOX/CACCOLA/Preliminary Grafenwohr Training Period, 27 July to 10 August 1952

1. This report covers the first two weeks of the second CACCOLA 1 training cycle.

2. Bearing in mind the minimal physical exertion required at the CAPABLE 1 Cadre School which the men had just completed, and the fact that they were shortly to embark on a three-month period devoted primarily to communications training, the moment seemed opportune to us for a two-week period in the woods around Grafenwohr. Our aim was to get the men in good physical condition, instruct them in illegal existence in forested areas, knit them into a well-disciplined group and test their physical and spiritual stamina. The undertaking was successful on all counts, and it is recommended that whenever possible all training cycles begin in similar fashion.

3. For their excellent assistance in running practical problems and for their instruction in river crossing we owe a vote of thanks to the Rangers at Grafenwohr, particularly to their commanding officers. Another vote of thanks goes to  of the CSOB Training Section who took care of all our needs.

4. Prior to the opening of the training cycle, CACCOLA 3 and  spent three days reconnoitering areas and preparing various types of field problems. An outline was prepared for every hour of instruction, all of which was divided between CACCOLA 3 and

5. The day normally began with reveille at 0600, followed by a half hour of strenuous P/T (the exercises in Army Physical Training Manual No. 2120 are excellent). Instruction ran from 0800 to 1200 and from 1400 to 1800. After supper there were discussions around the fire. The rations were "C" and "K" for all but  who experimented for one week with  new survival rations.

6. The following covers in diary form the 13-day period at Grafenwohr.

a. First Day: All tired by P/T, and CACCOLA 26 slightly ill but no complaints. Men more impressed by wrapping in K rations than by food itself. 0800-0900 instruction on the selection of sites for black base camp, followed by one hour practical work. Rest of the day devoted to building lean-to's -- two men to a lean-to without nails or cord. All lean-to's good; CACCOLA 23 showed the most ability. In the evening demonstration and practical work in building various types of fires. CACCOLA 3 led the first of the planned evening discussions, this one on the existence of God. Interest was unexpectedly lively. All with the exception of CACCOLA 23 believers; CACCOLAS 27, 20, and 10 ardent ones. CACCOLA 23 not much affected by the question and content in the knowledge that his hero TRUCHIN (Vlassov's Chief of Staff) was also non-believer. Some singing followed by Lord's Prayer said in unison and taps at 2200.

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b. Second Day: Already slight progress in P/T. After breakfast, orientation by map, compass, sun, moss, and stumps. Map reading and sketching. After lunch men were divided into two groups for dry firing and training in proper landing form. (It was hoped to conduct para-training with a live jump during the third week.) After supper instruction in orientation by moon and stars. For evening discussion reminiscences by CACCOLA 23 and CACCOLA 24 of partisan days. Interest and morale continues high.

c. Third Day: Men were divided into two groups for 20 kilometer hike with full field pack. Map sketches drawn of two sections of the route. CACCOLA 23 and [ ] only blister casualties. Men showed good resistance. After supper, volley ball. CACCOLA 3 again led the evening discussion.

d. Fourth Day: P/T performed with markedly reduced strain. After breakfast the men were again divided into two groups for para-training and dry firing. It would be an enormous asset if we were allowed to fire the .22 cal. pistol with silencer. After lunch three Rangers gave a good demonstration of the principles of camouflage. The Army training chats were helpful in instructing. Three hours then devoted to demonstration and practical work in burying and sketching place of burial. After supper a 16-kilometer night map and compass run. Divided into two groups the men took turns leading. As the course was fairly rough, no packs were carried. No casualties and only light diversions from the given course.

e. Fifth Day: Reveille at 0900. During the day more dry firing, para-training and map sketching. After supper more volley ball followed by an excellent discussion on patriotism led by CACCOLA 20.

f. Sixth Day: After breakfast two Rangers appeared to demonstrate and conduct practical work in river crossing. The spectacle proved interesting and exciting. Each man was taught to construct a hasty raft out of crossed boughs and his poncho, after which he was instructed to place all his clothing and weapons on it, strip to his shorts and push the thing one hundred yards across the river. There were many misgivings, although no hesitation, as each man lowered his delicate craft into the water, and it was easy to see each expected it to sink immediately. However, all rafts floated, and with a shout the armada was off. In mid-stream CACCOLA 20's raft began to ship water at a great rate through several heretofore undetected holes in his poncho. Fortunately, just as the barrel of the Schmeisser disappeared from view, the Rangers reached the scene and the owner and all equipment were saved, although not from a thorough soaking.

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g. Seventh Day: Everyone rested by playing volleyball and fishing. (All men prior to departure had received first rate instruction on improving methods of fishing and hunting by CACCOLA 8.) After lunch [ ] took CACCOLAS 20 and 23 to another area to select black base sites for their respective groups in preparation for a two-day exercise in which the men, in two groups, were to set up a black base and avoid detection.

h. Eighth Day: The day was spent on the range firing in low and rapid fire and in a combat course. At nightfall, after being oriented, the men, led by CACCOLAS 21 and 23, set out for their black base area.

i. Ninth Day: In a two-hour search, four Rangers failed to turn up any sign of the two groups. [ ] aware of the site, was nonetheless unsuccessful in trying to sneak up and steal sleeping bags. Notes were left at the appointed dead letter drops as instructed.

j. Tenth Day: In the afternoon CACCOLA 10 was captured by the Rangers when he refused to trust his camouflage and revealed himself. After denying the existence of any base camp, he was released. At 2200, with precise directions from [ ], two groups of Rangers set out in a pouring rain to capture both men and equipment. Again, inadvertently, CACCOLA 10 was captured, but again insisted he was alone. Two Rangers looked right into the lean-to of CACCOLA 20's group, but failed to recognize its shape and missed CACCOLA 20 who was huddled in a corner two feet away. [ ] and a Ranger captured each other by mistake. None of CACCOLA 23's group was detected although a large firecracker thrown at random landed on the chest of CACCOLA 24, who was wrapped around a tree trunk.

k. Eleventh Day: Pistol firing all morning. Half the weapons proved defective which made a poor impression. After lunch a three-hour rest period while [ ] CACCOLA 3 and [ ] helped a Ranger prepare a border of barbed wire, dry branches, tin cans and booby traps. In the evening after a thorough orientation, the men were divided into pairs and set out to reconnoiter and cross the border which was guarded by CACCOLA 3, [ ] Unfortunately, without our knowledge, a platoon of colored troops, also on a night problem, had set up a defense line to the left front of our border. Into this line crept the unsuspecting CACCOLA 10, his face as black as any Negro's, and full of intentions to make up for his recent two ignominious captures. Suddenly, he felt the muzzle of an M-1 jammed into his ribs and turned to make out in the darkness one of the biggest and most threatening silhouettes he had ever seen. Realizing there must be an error, and remembering his cover, he announced with a thick Russian accent, "Labor Service Company, night problem!" The Negro, however, was determined not to be taken in by any ruse of the enemy and marched

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his captive off to the rear for questioning. However, CACCOLA 10, now an old hand at interrogation, stuck to his story and after his pass had been carefully scrutinized, and it was discovered his black came off with rubbing, he was released. By this time the problem was over, unfortunately, so CACCOLA 10 once again had to brave the railleries of his comrades. The men crossed the border well. Only CACCOLA 26 was captured. CACCOLA 25 remained fifteen minutes with all but his nose under water when a border guard accidentally stopped a few feet from him when he was in mid-stream. In a pouring rain we all returned to our old camp site.

l. Twelfth Day: The morning was devoted to cleaning weapons and reviewing for the afternoon's general exam, which was duly passed by all. At 1600 [ ] and the livestock expert, CACCOLA 21, set out for a fatted calf in preparation for a final banquet with the Rangers invited. Five of them arrived at 1830 with two bottles of Smirnoff vodka. They were first treated to a demonstration of new fishing methods when CACCOLAS 10 and 20 captured an enormous carp in the volleyball net. When the calf, cut up and spit on cleaning rods, was ready with all the fixings, the feast began. The vodka gave out after five minutes, but Steinhager was produced and passed around. As each man received the bottle, he announced to what he was drinking and took a deep swig amidst the cheers of his fellows. There was much singing, compliments were exchanged, and as the bottles continued on their rounds, one had the impression that in the warmth of the atmosphere the bonds of Russian-American friendship were being firmly welded.

m. Thirteenth Day: By 0800 men and equipment were loaded on the truck on the way home.



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SUBJECT: REDSOX/CACCOLA/Review of Radio Traffic, 5 May - 25 Aug. 1952

1. CACCOLAS 4, 5, and 6 were dispatched on 4 May 1952. According to their instructions they were to stick together the first night and the following day, then split up on the following night, each man going in a different direction according to his individual briefing. If possible, CACCOLA 4 was to establish radio contact with the base on the first night to indicate that the drop had gone off all right, but he was not to attempt to pass any message. As this initial contact was to be made only if convenient, we were not unduly disturbed by the fact that no such contact was held in the first few days following the drop.

2. CACCOLA 4: The first one to be heard from was CACCOLA 4. On 25 May, 3 weeks after dispatch, base heard his call signs but was unable to establish contact (RHMN 847,848). Two days later, on 27 May, CACCOLA 4 came up again, managed to establish contact with the base, and attempted to pass a message (RHMN 854). Unfortunately, his signals were so weak that the base was unable to receive any part of his message. To this date, CACCOLA 4 has not been heard from again.

On the basis of the above, it is very difficult to speculate on CACCOLA 4's movements, whereabouts, or on the reasons why he has failed to come up since May. Our best guess runs as follows: CACCOLA 4 landed safely, and after leaving CACCOLA 6 (see below), buried his spare radio set somewhere near the DZ and started to work his way out of the area, either by taking a train out of Baranovich as briefed, or by hiking through the woods. Finally, having reached some safe point in eastern Belorussia, perhaps near Bryansk, he attempted to establish contact with us. After the two unsuccessful contacts, he cached his radio somewhere, and moved on to Gorki, impatient to get in touch with the CAPABLE 1 contact that he had been given there, and intending to return for his radio as soon as he was set up. Since that time, he has either not been able to return for his set, or has run into technical difficulties of some kind. As a radio operator, in his degree of motivation, and in his all around capabilities, CACCOLA 4 was undoubtedly the best of the three CACCOLA agents. Unless he has been picked up, we are quite sure that he will make every effort to establish W/T contact with us. If his primary set is not functioning and he has to return to the Baranovich area to dig up his spare, this could conceivably take quite a while.

3. CACCOLA 6: CACCOLA 6 made his first contact on 13 June, explaining his delay in coming up by saying that he had wandered for a long time, and that he had to replace a tube in his transmitter. Since that first contact he has come up quite regularly -- 6 messages

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(one in 2 parts, requiring 2 transmissions) in 2 months. To date two glaring weaknesses have characterized CACCOLA 6's radio traffic-- one is poor sending technique which results in the frequent garbling of his messages; the other, far more serious, is his atrocious style of message writing, resulting in vagueness and uneconomical use of his few precious minutes on the air. One characteristic of his message writing is a perverted security consciousness. Thus, in response to our questions as to his whereabouts, CACCOLA 6 would only answer "have stopped in desired city" (see MUNI 8908). On the credit side, it appears that CACCOLA 6 has managed to set himself up either in Leningrad proper or in one of the suburbs, has found himself a room (see MUNI 9315), and is taking steps towards obtaining more reliable documentation (MUNI 8781, 8908, 9340). The maintask now is to get CACCOLA 6 to set up a blind broadcast so that we can give him a detailed critique of his mistakes (phrased in such a way so as to avoid wounding his rather sensitive vanity), list specifically the type of information we are interested in, and provide some guidance for his movements over the next few months.

4. CACCOLA 5: The last man to report in was CACCOLA 5, who established contact with the base on 2 July, following an unsuccessful attempt on 29 June. In his first message CACCOLA 5 stated that he had landed in a tree, hurt himself, and had been unable to find CACCOLAS 4 and 6. This confirmed what had been reported by CACCOLA 6, and explained CACCOLA 5's extended silence. As nearly as we can reconstruct his actions from his next two messages, CACCOLA 5 after landing buried all his equipment near the DZ, and took off for his native village in Gomel Oblast unencumbered. After looking up his parents there, and being well-received by them, he returned to the Baranovichi area and picked up his primary radio, his pistol, and perhaps his reserve money, which he took back and left with his father. The reason for CACCOLA 5's Moscow trip which he reported in his last message (MUNI 9629) is pretty much of a mystery. The comments on message writing and blind broadcasts made in reference to CACCOLA 6 apply as much to CACCOLA 5. Technically, his messages have come in clear and ungarbled.

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