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b. Great Russian Section:

(1) Present staff assignments are:

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- (a) Section Chief
- (b) - Desk Officer for AESAURUS
- (c) - CACCOLA - Senior Case Officer
- (d) CACCOLA - Case Officer
- (e) - CACCOLA - Case Officer
- (f) - CANDLEMAS - Case Officer
- (g) - CANDLEMAS - Case Officer
- (h) - CANDLEMAS - Case Officer
- (i) - CANDLEMAS - Case Officer
- (j) - HBDUCKPIN - Case Officer
- (k) Administrative Assistant
- (l) Administrative Assistant

was reassigned to this section from PW Branch in anticipation of a decision to transfer the control of HBDUCKPIN from Frankfurt to Munich.

has at his request been relieved of his duties with CANDLEMAS and is awaiting reassignment. has been assigned as replacement.

(2) CANDLEMAS:

Training has proceeded smoothly and has included the first parachute jump for CAPADORS 1, 2 and 5, CAPADOR 3 being unable to make the jump because of a leg injury. According to the trainees performed excellently. CAPADOR 7, after successfully facing the Soviet delegation at Salzburg, was returned to Munich on 24 December, recorded a program for VOA, and was promptly recruited into CANDLEMAS. On 31 December, CAPADOR 6 was brought to Munich from Frankfurt and was also successfully recruited. We are much gratified by the promptness with which Headquarters granted POCs on both these candidates, since this enabled us to begin their training at the right psychological moment. A successful effort is being made to catch up CAPADORS 6 and 7 to the other trainees.

A mission plan for CANDLEMAS is in preparation and will be submitted to Headquarters in the near future. (See CANDLEMAS Progress Report).

(3) CACCOLA 1:

To the mild consternation both of CAPABLE 7 and ourselves, CAPABLE 14 announced that he intends to be married shortly - a decision which, because of CAPABLE 14's unsure health, CAPABLE 7 is not prepared to countermand. Although CAPABLE 14 did not request that his bride be employed in the CACCOLA 1 school, at a meeting of CAPABLE 7, it

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was, nevertheless, agreed that her presence at the school would for many reasons be in the best interests of the project. (For details see CACCOLA 1 Progress Report, EGMA-2951).

CACCOLA 22, part of whose wartime biography was discovered to be a fabrication, will be re-CARRIAGED in the near future.

CAPABLE 42 has been admitted as Assistant W/T Instructor. He promises to be even better than CACCOLA 28.

The detailed operational plans for the CACCOLAS have been completed and were pouched under EGMA-2877.

(For details on individual progress by the agents, see CACCOLA 1 Progress Report, EGMA-2951).

(4) AESAURUS:

The authorization of funds for AESAURUS in DIR-32531 was naturally received here with gratification and work has begun immediately on long-delayed operations.

As soon as approval is granted for purchase of the necessary vehicles, Operation RADIO will be ready to get under way. SPAIN/Austria is still lagging because of the continued delay in obtaining documentation for all three CAPABLE 1 representatives. CAPABLE 26 had received his German documentation and should be ready to depart for Austria shortly. SPAIN/Borders is slowly progressing with the preparatory work on establishing a new and more secure network.

Three new contact operations with Soviet personnel were established by SPAIN/Berlin. A REDSOX briefing through a CAPABLE 1 intermediary was arranged for YASHA, the Soviet Army medical corps captain who is returning to the USSR. However, a CAPABLE 1 briefer proved to be unavailable and the scheduled meeting fell through. The first letter to come through from NIKITA, the sergeant who returned a month ago to the USSR, has been received by his friend in the Soviet occupation forces, who remains in contact with CAPABLE 1, Berlin. One operation involving outright defection of a Soviet soldier appears to be approaching its culmination with plans and documentation passed to the subject through a contact agent.

Primary emphasis in our relations with CAPABLE 1 is now being placed on obtaining maximum security for all phases of AESAURUS operations. In general, CAPABLE 1 has tended in the past to be slow about providing the required data for name checks, clearances, and the like. In at least one case, that of KOLIN, PRQ data was actually falsified by the Subject and passed to us without being checked by CAPABLE 1. [] therefore, held a special conference with CAPABLES 4 and 7, demanding that their internal system for securing biographical data be thoroughly overhauled. The CAPABLES agreed (a) to furnish name-check data on all new persons entering the field of AESAURUS support, and, in particular, the Cadre School, no later than one week after such persons' recruitment or arrival in Germany; (b) to provide promptly full biographical data on all persons subject to clearance (in the

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form of life-history statements which would contain all information needed for our PRQ's), channeling this data through CAPABLE 7, who would assume responsibility for its correctness.

As a part of its recruiting program, CAPABLE 1 recruiting officers in several locations (Belgium, England, France) have been conducting weekly or daily gatherings devoted to instruction on ideology and a certain amount of operational tradecraft. Since these classes are invaluable in the recruiting process, we have suggested that CAPABLE 1 turn greater attention to their development, with a view to exploiting the following features:

- a. The attraction of more and better candidates,
- b. The utilization of these "schools" for more effective security pre-screening of the candidates.

Members of the CAPABLE 1 staff, as always, were active in trips to neighboring or nearby countries. Identity 145 completed a visit to Norway where he investigated further the possibilities for work in Spitsbergen and on the Soviet-Norwegian border (see EGMA-1645). The results appeared satisfactory, although little can be done in these areas before next spring due to the weather conditions. CAPABLE 5's trip to Spain in early September, where he reached an agreement with Spanish officials to send a CAPABLE 1 representative to act as liaison with Radio Nacional, the Spanish organization which broadcasts to the USSR and Eastern Europe, has been followed by a trip to Spain by Identity 181, who will probably be the CAPABLE 1 liaison man. Identity 279 also went recently to Paris to do preparatory work on CAPABLE 1's liaison with an alleged group of anti-Communist organizations called "Paix et Liberte".

(5) HBDUCKPIN:

Since control of HBDUCKPIN remains at Frankfurt for the present, CSOB has meanwhile limited itself to whatever local support is necessary.

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