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Emigration of Key AEVIRGIL Personnel

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Action Required: Field Comments on Headquarters Views Stated Below

1. The reference dispatch presents an excellent analysis of the problems associated with the imminent emigration of some of our key AEVIRGILITES. Inasmuch as the HMA is viewed by many refugees as their last chance to emigrate, it is not surprising that some of our key AEVIRGILITES submitted their applications for emigration. Yet, at the same time, since we are familiar with the acute personnel problems of AEVIRGIL, we share your anxiety and concern over the imminent loss of these key people in the AEVIRGIL complex.

2. Your reference proposals were fully discussed in headquarters. The general consensus of opinion was that the reference proposals not only posed certain inherent risks to the project from a security standpoint, but also contained some features which would have a substantial bearing on the future character and direction of AEVIRGIL.

It was generally concluded that the conversion of overt AEVIRGILITES into KUBARK agents with the benefits of Section 316 (b) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act constituted a definite hazard to the operational security of AEVIRGIL. If key emigrating AEVIRGILITES are converted into KUBARK agents, the time they spend overseas under KUBARK contract will be credited toward their five year residence requirements for naturalization. Thus, at the time of their naturalization, there would be a concrete indication that they had official ties since they would not have been in the country for the normal five years that is required of all other aliens. Quicker naturalization, because of residence credit earned abroad would not only indicate ODYSEE ties, but would also reflect direct KUBARK ties. According to the present immigration laws, only KUBARK can send a resident alien abroad with the benefits of Section 316 (b) before that alien has completed at least one full year of residence in this country.

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4. From the foregoing, it is evident that the operational security of AEVIRGIL precludes the unequivocal grant of 316 (b) benefits to returning AEVIRGILITES. Since a Headquarters contract without such benefits is essentially the same as an AEVIRGIL-1 contract, and since an AEVIRGIL-1 contract preserves the operational security of AEVIRGIL-1, the use of the AEVIRGIL-1 contract is definitely recommended in retaining the services of these AEVIRGILITES in question.

5. However, views have been expressed that even the return of AEVIRGILITES to Germany under AEVIRGIL-1 contract terms should be held to an absolute minimum. AEVIRGILITES, who emigrate to this country and then return to Germany, are considerably to the impression of OSYCKE support of AEVIRGIL. We think the continued and expanded usefulness of AEVIRGIL to KUSARK depends upon the degree to which AEVIRGIL can disassociate itself from obvious OSYCKE support props. Overstaffing with too many imports would also result in AEVIRGIL losing a certain amount of its spontaneity. Because AEVIRGIL is a chartered and registered German organization, the majority of its pay-roll members should be composed of those AEVIRGILITES who live in Germany with German documentation. If AEVIRGIL can maintain this character, it might prove to be an influential stability factor in the eyes of local German authorities. It is also argued that once people like our AEVIRGILITES are converted into OSYCKE employees, their psychological outlook and their approach to their jobs will undergo a certain change, and their work as OSYCKE employees lose that intangible note of sincerity and conviction which their work previously reflected as independent contractors.

6. In addition to the security and spontaneity factors involved in the contract employment of emigrating AEVIRGILITES, particular note must also be made of our obligation to comply with the letter and spirit of the immigration laws. The provision of the immigration law that is most pertinent is the intention of the subject at the time of immigration, i.e., to become a permanent resident of this country. It is not within the intention of the law for people coming to this country to be of a definite frame of mind to accept a job offer outside the country before they have arrived here, while it is permissible to conduct general talk about the possibilities of eventual return, these discussions should not be so concrete that the individual concerned has definitely bought the idea to return to Germany. The problem of readmission to Germany for returning AEVIRGILITES should also be explored. Although a visa will not be issued to a person unless he has certificate of readmission to the country from which he is leaving, it would be prudent if the field ascertained what are the specific reentry requirements for Germany. In the past, an affidavit in lieu of passport and a reentry permit have not been sufficient to gain reentry to Germany.

7. Although the growth and effectiveness of AEVIRGIL activities during the past two years has been most striking, we note that the field has not been deluded by this outward show of progress. We have constantly

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been reminded by the field that behind this outward facade of AEVIRGIL, there is indeed a skeletal structure which is very much in need of added flesh. Thanks to the strenuous and successful efforts of the AEVIRGIL staff officers in obtaining a broadened membership base for AEVIRGIL-1, we now have a framework that offers greater expansion possibilities than the former framework. Yet at the same time, we are fully aware that the reservoir of emigre personnel in Germany is fairly well depleted and that its quality is not too high. We are also aware that the selective recruitment of new AEVIRGIL members will be a slow and arduous process. To overcome the above obstacles, we propose the reactivation of the AETROJAH propaganda school on an expanded basis. We believe that comprehensive theoretical training in the fundamentals of psychological warfare techniques, writing, public speaking, radio work, and social studies, when supplemented with practical on-the-job training in the AEVIRGIL working group, will enable the newly-recruited AEVIRGIL members, who are enrolled in AETROJAH, to become effective and productive contributors to AEVIRGIL. We will heartily support a concerted and organized AEVIRGIL recruitment and spotting campaign throughout Western Europe to fill the ranks of AEVIRGIL work force. We feel AEVIRGIL-1 imports from other West European countries will not give the same impression as imports from FRP/IRG. We are interested in obtaining your views on the probable extent of AEVIRGIL's ability to attract new members under the revised membership eligibility criteria. If, in your view, prospects of attracting new members are exceedingly dim, and if it appears that we can only keep AEVIRGIL going through contractual staffing, then we must take a second hard look at AEVIRGIL and its future usefulness to us under these conditions.

8. However, since we never considered the broadening of AEVIRGIL as a panacea, and since we want to give realistic consideration to the peculiar AEVIRGIL personnel situation, we realize absolute adherence to the position that none of the emigrating AEVIRGILITES should return to Germany is untenable and would work to the immediate detriment of AEVIRGIL. We are aware that the contributions of some of the key AEVIRGILITES are unique and the loss of their services would seriously affect the qualitative output of AEVIRGIL. To preserve the uninterrupted effectiveness of AEVIRGIL for the immediate future, we concur with your views that services of some of the key emigrating AEVIRGILITES must be retained. In this connection, however, we would like to keep the number of returning AEVIRGILITES to an absolute minimum, i.e., no more than two returning AEVIRGILITES. In view of the foregoing, the services of these two AEVIRGILITES should be retained through the use of an AEVIRGIL-1 contract rather than an ONYX contract. We feel the field is in the best position to decide which two emigrating AEVIRGILITES are the most valuable to AEVIRGIL-1. However, before a final selection is made, we suggest that the security-status of each candidate in question be thoroughly reviewed and documented with the results of a LOFLUTTER examination.

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9. Your views and comments are solicited. We would especially appreciate your estimate upon the extent of AEVINGOL's ability to attract new working members.

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