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Action Reported by the Field: (Based on December REVIEWS & AMERICAN Progress reports, latest yet received, and on cable and dispatch traffic for the reporting period.)

1. The results of the plebiscite on the reorganization of REVIEWS are complete and the issue was overwhelmingly approved. The official announcement of the Plebiscite was included in the December issue of REVIEWS 70. Formal approval of the revised statutes and program of REVIEWS - in reality nothing more than a rewrite of the present manifesto will have been accomplished by the meeting of the Plebiscite which was scheduled for 5 January.

2. The field has completed and has forwarded to Headquarters the pre-dated correspondence, supposedly conducted by REVIEWS and an US attorney representing benefactors, who wish to remain anonymous. Necessary mechanisms are being implemented which will effect the sterile transmission of funds through commercial channels for the first quarter of FY 57. We expect to transmit ( ) on a quarterly basis which will bear the overt expenses of REVIEWS for that period.

3. The REVIEWS personnel situation is still fluctuating with certain personalities departing and others joining the REVIEWS complex. REVIEWS 13 obtained an NSA visa with the help of HARTMAN. REVIEWS 7 has been told that he will receive a visa under NSA. It is hoped that his services can be retained under an REVIEWS-1 contract. IS 600, 719, 707 and 715 visited REVIEWS during the reporting period. IS 600 is definitely interested in joining REVIEWS and IS 707 is a target of interest on the part of REVIEWS. IS 715 and 719 are not interested in joining REVIEWS. REVIEWS 10 and 16, who have been ill, are on the way to recovery and should be back on the job within a week or so.

4. Issue No. 51 of REVIEWS 70 was prepared and distributed during the reporting period. Issue No. 6 of REVIEWS 71 was also distributed during the month. Seven new leaflet texts were prepared for editorial review. The REVIEWS print shop printed a total of 530,000 leaflet units during December, as well as 5,000 copies of REVIEWS 71. The REVIEWS balloon team in Bavaria launched a total of 1,576,250 leaflets in six actions during the month of December. The REVIEWS balloon team in Berlin launched a record total of leaflets during December. A total of 14,993,361 leaflet units were launched into the USSR through the use of M71 balloons. The record effort was due to our desire to get the greatest quantity of news on the events in Germany to the Soviet troops. This record represents the team's virtual absolute work capacity under its present setup.

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5. The AECACOTAL rocket team was terminated in December when all the team members refused to submit to LOFLUTTER examinations. However, before the team was terminated, the team launched twenty rockets, carrying a total of 8,000 leaflets. Inasmuch as our Berlin balloon operations have been expanded to very significant proportions, it is felt that the loss of 40,000 leaflets which were being distributed by rockets will not have any great effect on the overall propaganda distribution operations of AEWIRGIL.

Observed Results:

1. Indications of effectiveness for December were incomplete, since AECADILT-1, when he disappeared, was behind in his reporting of those received by him. In addition, no record of indications received by telephone were kept during the month. Those reports which we did receive, totaled 76. The most interesting and indicative report was as follows:

"Dear Friends in West Berlin:

I want only to report to you where I found your leaflets and brochures printed in Russian. The area is between Torgau/Elbe, Muehlberg/Elbe, Riesa, Groeditz, Elsterwards, Eichenswerda and Heraberg/Elster. The leaflets lay on the east side as well as the west side of the Elbe. Most of the leaflets which I found lay northwest of the maneuver area at Zeithain. Troop movements and maneuvers are taking place in this area. Leaflets were also found in the compound, either having fallen there or having been thrown in by the populace. The local population which finds the leaflets studies them with enthusiasm, and one hears repeatedly, 'Yes, they like to talk over there, but at least they write the truth and that allows us to hope.'

The morale in our plant is catastrophic for the Communists. Our plant employs about three hundred men, among whom there is not one real Communist. Functionaries, when they act as though they're Communists, do so either for money, as is the case for the most part with the OST and P.J., out of stupidity or because they don't think much about it. Now I shall sleep, with the hope that something will soon be changed and that this small report will help you. Freedom, justice and unification....."

Security Factors:

At 1900 hours on 15 December 1956, AECADILT-1, the BOB PA debriefer of visitors to the AECAPNEEA office, went to keep an operational contact meeting with the BOB contact, Waltraud RICHTER. At 1630 on 16 December, AECADILT-2, the wife of AECADILT-1 reported that her husband was missing. AECADILT's failure to take the necessary precautions in going to a night meeting alone with a suspect contact is unexplainable. On 18 Dec, in a short second page article in the East Berlin Newspaper Berliner Zeitung, AECADILT-1 was reported seized in East Berlin ~~on~~ Street by pedestrians when he was molesting. He was alleged to be drunk and carrying pistol. This story was viewed as a MFS or KGB

Port to cover probable kidnapping in event he could be used publicly later in which case AECADILT's presence in East Berlin must be explained. Subsequent developments

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confirmed the view that AECABILT-1 was kidnapped when the attorney hired to defend AECABILT-1 frankly stated he had learned from DDR authorities that AECABILT-1 was kidnapped and that he was to be tried under Article 6 of the DDR constitution which includes espionage activities. AECABILT's kidnapping culminates a three year history of HIS interest and action against AECABILT-1. The West Berlin police are taking an active part in the investigation and have four people in custody who formed a MFS kidnap team which had been originally given the assignment by the MFS to kidnap AECABILT. Another team was organized and given this assignment according to the testimony of one of the people in custody. BOB is trying to do all it can to aid AECABILT-1 and no PF play has been undertaken to date pending determination of the best tactics to be utilized in this case. From the operational standpoint, all key personalities in the DDR with which AECARRERA had contact, have been notified of AECABILT's fate and each contact has decided what action would be in his best personal interests. AECARRERA has offered limited aid toward political recognition if they decide to refugee into the west zone.