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Operational/STEBANT-1

Future Operational Use of STEBANT-1

- References: (a) FJTW-2280, dated 1 February 1954
 (b) FJYA-1183, dated 21 December 1953
 (c) DIB-19976, dated 19 September 1953
 (d) FJYA-1861, dated 19 May 1953

1. With the proposed termination of the Japan segments of Project LFBATHICE and the transfer of the remainder to the [] and the termination of LFBATHICE, the reorientation of Project STEBANT is required. STEBANT was set up to support LFBATHICE and LFBATHICE, and that task obviously ends with the above mentioned terminations. Therefore, it is requested that the second stage of Project STEBANT, which calls for sending him to the United States for studies and training now be implemented. (See reference (d), paragraph 12) We concur with the advisability of sending STEBANT-1 to India (FJTW-2280, paragraph 6) at a later date, after his scholastic and technical skills have been sharpened through a year or two of study and he has been thoroughly trained and indoctrinated for his future assignment. The period in the states will provide him with excellent cover and enable him to move into India (or perhaps some other Asian country, except Japan) legally and convincingly.
2. In the FPOP, FJYA-1861 approved by Headquarters in DIB-19976, dated 19 September 1953, paragraph 12 raises the possibility of sending him to the states, stating that a new FPOP will be submitted. We will do so in the near future. STEBANT-1 is an accomplished linguist, speaking five tongues, and should specialize in teaching in this line.
3. FJTW-2280, dated 1 February 1954, mentions some of the problems involved in sending STEBANT-1 from Japan to the states. Technically, STEBANT-1 is dead and is here under an alias and documented as a Chinese alien. The impossibility of his obtaining a Japanese passport is pointed out by Headquarters. Going through the Taiwan authorities entails a risk to STEBANT-1 and LFBATHICE which we prefer not to take. We suggest, as an alternate, that STEBANT-1 be taken black from Japan to Okinawa or perhaps Guam where presumably we could provide documentation and a

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vice to the states. If this is not possible, then we recommend KUBARK sponsorship in line with paragraph 5, RJIW-2280. The problem there is only an internal KUBARK one, and if KUBARK decides to implement the plan as outlined in general above, we can see no difficulty.

- 4. In the interim, we request the [] to look into the Okinawa and Guam possibilities as soon as possible. Upon a favorable response from the [] on this general plan and some data on Okinawa and Guam entry-exit procedures, we will prepare an FPOP for the future use of STRAIT-1, calling for black infiltration into Guam or Okinawa first, or for KUBARK sponsorship.

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