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Operational/STRAWNT
Future Disposition of STRAWNT-1

REFERENCE: PJA-4578, dated 11 April 1955

1. On 30 May STRAWNT-1 reported that his wife had, uninvited, arrived in Tokyo and contacted him through a mutual friend, one SHIMURA Masahide (464/384/6197/0002). STRAWNT-1 stated that his wife was anxious to rejoin him and to establish a home for their two small children. STRAWNT-1 explained to [] that he realized there might be some objections to having his wife and children join him, but he too wanted this reunion and pleaded with the case officer to allow him to have his wife and children at his side. When the case officer displayed some reluctance to grant this request the agent asked if he could have the wife stay with him for a short period of time. The problem of the children would not have to be settled until the end of August when their school year ended.
2. [] told the agent that he could have his wife stay in Kanto on a temporary basis and that in the meantime the case officer would consider the problems involving the moving of the children to this area. In these discussions the case officer expressed grave doubts as to the wisdom of the agent having his family rejoin him at this time. STRAWNT-1 found a room for his wife in Ofusa and is currently living with her under an assumed name. In order to avoid registration with the local police STRAWNT-1 told the landlord that he and his wife were looking for a permanent residence in Tokyo and would not declare Ofusa as their residence. This satisfied the landlord and STRAWNT-1 was not required to register with the local authorities.
3. During the several meetings which [] had with STRAWNT-1 between 30 May and 28 June, the last contact with the agent, STRAWNT-1 has constantly mentioned how happy he would be if he could establish a home for his wife and children in the Kanto area. (STRAWNT-1 has not lived with his family since he left China in June 1949). During

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These meetings [] has used the security aspects involved as a further warning against STRANT-1's having his wife and children with him in this area. The main objection raised by the case officer was the fact that STRANT-1 is documented as a Chinese and is so registered with the Japanese immigration authorities.

4. On 10 June [] had a regular meeting with STRANT-1 during which the agent stated that he was tired of living in Japan as an alien and that he also felt that his present documentation would keep him apart from his family forever. STRANT-1 pointed out that if the organization granted his permission to have his family with him his wife would not offer any great problem - even though she has been using the agent's true name while living in Kyushu, she could easily assume STRANT-1's current identity; however, the children, both of whom are old enough to be aware of names, etc., present another problem. The agent stated that it would be almost impossible for them to assume another identity, not only from their point of view, but also because of school records, birth certificates, etc.. STRANT-1 suggested that he be allowed to resume his true name and to fade back into Japanese society. The case officer raised the question of his present Chinese identity and documentation and asked what would happen if the agent were to change at this time. STRANT-1 replied that his current registration was valid for one year from date of issue (15 May 1955) and that the immigration authorities would not be concerned about IDENTITY A until the certificate of residence had expired and by that time, STRANT-1, felt that he would be so buried that there would be little or no danger that anyone could tie IDENTITY B, his true name, with that of IDENTITY A.
5. The case officer also pointed out that if STRANT-1 took up his true name this organization could no longer give him cover employment and that from an operational point of view the security risks in meeting the agent would be greatly increased. In reply to [] first statement the agent replied that he was aware that the organization could no longer sponsor him and that he would be forced to find other cover employment. In reply to [] second statement the agent said that he realized that the security risks would be increased and, in part, to minimize these risks he could remove himself from the Kanto area during the critical period of reestablishing himself under the name IDENTITY B.
6. After the above conversation [] told the agent that he would like to have some time to consider the many problems which his requests brought up before attempting to render a decision to the question, which stated in its simplest form is: Will this organization allow STRANT-1 to resume his true name and to consent to the agent's family rejoining him? If it is considered that the granting of STRANT-1's requests is too risky the case officer could simply inform the agent of this decision and deny him the right of having his family with him at this time. It is our opinion

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that STERANT-1 would accept this decision, send his wife back to Kyushu, and discontinue discussing the problem altogether. However, if we were to give STERANT-1 our permission to put his plan into effect it would afford us an excellent opportunity to gracefully terminate this agent, thereby writing a finish to a problem which has been vexing the [] for over a year.

7. To implement such a termination would be fairly simple. The first step would be to have STERANT-1 leave the Kanto area for, say, Kanto for a period of three or four months during which time he could resume his true identity, gather his family about him, and build a new cover. At the end of this period the case officer could recontact the agent and explain that the action, taken at the agent's own request, had created so many security problems that it had been decided to discontinue contacting the agent until he had "cooled off". A substantial sum could be given the agent to tide him over and a contact plan could be set up for a year or two hence. STERANT-1 could be recontacted at the stipulated time and passed a termination payment.
8. There are several security risks apparent in the above course of action: (a) STERANT-1 in registering under his true name would immediately expose himself to local police checking, which could possibly reveal the subject's absence from Japan and his desertion from the Japanese army; thereby, reawakening an interest in the subject, (b) STERANT-1 might willingly surrender himself to the Japanese authorities for the purpose of revealing his past KUBARK connection, or (c) through an overt act on the part of the agent or through (a) the subject might be brought before the Japanese authorities for questioning. In discussing this whole general problem STERANT-1 expressed the belief that in the case of (a) any police check would be strictly local in scope, but if they did attempt to check old army records it would be a fruitless search in that all such records concerned with the subject were destroyed in China at the end of World War II. Point (b) is unlikely in that we are of the opinion that STERANT-1 would never willingly surrender himself to the Japanese nor would he willingly reveal his past KUBARK connections; however, we are just as certain that if STERANT-1 were to be interrogated by the Japanese authorities he would divulge part, if not all, of the information he has concerning KUBARK and its activities in China and Japan.
9. This detachment does not intend to take any action along the lines described in paragraph seven without instructions from or discussions with [] []. In view of [] [] current preoccupation with STERANT-1's future, this circumstance may offer an opportunity for

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local termination, with the agent resuming his old identity at his own request.

10. An early reply would be appreciated.

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