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1. Transmitted herewith are agent evaluation reports on CAMUSO 1, 2 and 3.

2. Comments:

A. CAMUSO 1: To be able to assess this evaluation properly one must bear in mind the precise nature of the job the agent is expected to carry out. CAMUSO 1's principal task will be to serve as the link, the authenticator to whatever partisan units are encountered in Kurzeme. Once he has performed this task he will operate under the close supervision of CAMUSO 3. If he is unable to make contact, he will serve as an assistant to CAMUSO 3, a look out, generator operator, etc.

B. CAMUSO 2: Assessment of the agent in terms of his specific tasks is doubly important in the case of CAMUSO 2 who has neither demonstrated communications aptitude nor aggressiveness in physical training. However, because he is better than average in tradecraft, knows the DZ area very well, and will serve as a contact man for work into RIGA, his native city, we feel he occupies an important place on the team.

C. CAMUSO 3: Little remains to be said about CAMUSO 3 except for the fact that here is an individual who rose very rapidly to meet the demands of the situation in which he found himself. It should be remembered that initially CAMUSO 1 was considered as the leader while 3 was the subject of some concern because of his drinking. However, 3 proved that over the long pull he was head and shoulders above the others.

3. Conclusion: The AECOB team appears to be one of the better balanced teams on hand. Any one of the individuals on the team would be found lacking in one of a number of attributes if he were being considered as a singleton but together they make a rather effective group. The factors of leadership, area knowledge, technical ability and personal traits are well mixed.

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1. Training:

a) Commo Efficiency:

Subject has consistently demonstrated the best aptitude and performance in commo. As of 29 Feb he was sending 12 WPM and receiving 14 WPM. He has started on the air contacts and his progress is good. He has good aptitude for cryptography and radio theory. The commo section CSOB/K predicts that he will be the best prepared radio man in the group.

b) Para-training:

The same applies to subject as to CAMUSOs 1 and 2 (see above.) Since his performance to date has been entirely satisfactory and in view of the fact that he has already jumped as an agent for the Germans in the war, the undersigned expects no difficulty from the subject in this matter. Subject is considerably impressed with the quality of American equipment and instruction as compared to what he had before.

c) Sovietization:

The subject's experiences and training as regards sovietization are the same as CAMUSOs 1 and 2 (see above) except that he is in a better position to understand the Russians than the other two in as much as he is half Russian, speaks the language, and comes from Latgalia almost on the Russian border.

d) Security Awareness:

Subject's security awareness is very good. He learned the meaning of conspiratorial discipline from his service with the Germans and apparently the lesson stuck. He has never presented a security problem since the undersigned has had him.

e) Physical Stamina:

The subject is a fine specimen of a man. He takes any physical exertion in stride and is easily in the best shape of the group.

f) Tradecraft:

Subject has done very well in tradecraft subjects. He has shown considerable interest in the instructions and a fine insight into some of the finer points of the principles of clandestine operations.

2. Operation Aptitude for Mission:

a) Ability to implement training to Mission:

Subject has consistently done better than his fellows in all phases of training. He appears to be a slow witted peasant-type person but the opposite is true. He has a sharp and shrewd practical intellect, imagination, and confidence in his ability to do a job. He has excellent possibilities to implement his training to the mission.

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b) Ability to perform Clandestine Commo:

Since the subject has done well in commo training and has assimilated the principles of clandestine operations well, his ability to perform clandestine commo must be rated good.

c) Ability to carry cover story:

Again the subject has a good cover story up to 1945 which he could carry very well. The last part of his cover story (the time in Russia) is inherently weak but the subject has a better chance of carrying it since he speaks Russian fluently. The subject could also take the cover of a Russian, if exigencies should so warrant. He has been alerted to this possibility.

d) Ability to influence people:

As mentioned above the subject appears to be slow-witted so that he could easily play dumb. But his intelligence, force by character, and sincerity would quickly influence a thinking man. The subject is definitely the member of the team to handle negotiations and the assessing and recruiting of people inside.

3. Morale:

a) Motivation:

Subject's motivation is excellent. He has already demonstrated his willingness to fight against Communism by jumping behind Russian lines for the Germans. He hates the Communists because they nationalized his mill and he was turned from a substantial citizen to a pauper. However he makes a sharp distinction between a Russian and a Communist since he is half Russian. He has no grudge against the Russian people. He, then, seems to have two motives, the one more altruistic, to free Latvia, and the second personal, to regain his property. However, he is definitely not an agent for purely mercenary reasons.

b) Attitude towards assignment:

Subject will be the leader of the group. It is planned to have him stay in Courland as director and chief radio operator. At such time that support is found in Riga, he will go there. The subject would rather go to his native area (Latgalia) but agrees that he would be more useful in Courland and Riga. He has requested that he be considered for any mission to Latgalia which might be planned in the future. Except that he would personally prefer to go to Latgalia, the subject is eager to undertake any mission where he "will do the most good."

c) Moral Resistance (under arrest, etc.)

Because of Subject's physical courage, his history as a German agent, his demonstrated leadership abilities, and his excellent motivation, the undersigned considers him an excellent risk under conditions calling for moral resistance.

4. Emotional Stability:

The subject is a very stable individual. He always makes the best out of a trying or difficult situation and can usually find some point of humor in any situ-

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...en. He has a very even temperament. His two weak points are drinking and women. He loves to drink, not from compulsion, but simply because he enjoys it. He will also drink to excess and tends to become less communicative the more he drinks. He never speaks freely or rashly when drinking. At first the case officers thought that his drinking would be a problem but when subject was told why he must control his drinking, he readily agreed and has not over-indulged since. He is powerfully attracted to women but it appears that he would not be easily fooled or used by a woman. His steady emotional stability fits in well with his mission.

5. Area Knowledge:

The subject is only slightly familiar with Courland. He spent short times at various places there during the War. He has spent over 3 years in Riga and knows the city well. He knows best the Latgalian area, where he spent most of his life and the area around CESIS.

6. Case Officer Evaluation of Agent's ability to successfully complete mission:

The subject, who will be the leader of the group has excellent possibilities to successfully complete his mission for the following reasons:

- a) He has done well in all phases of training.
- b) His motivation and Emotional stability are very good.
- c) He could pass as a Russian.
- d) He has a shrewd practical intelligence and self-confidence.
- e) He is very strong physically.

The undersigned does not believe that the subject would allow his two weaknesses, whiskey and women, to interfere with the security of the operation.

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