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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/DOB

SUBJECT : Request for Partial Training for CAMBARO/2

1. General

It is requested that the subject-named agent be trained by SR/DOB for a REDSOX-type operation under Project AECOB. Training can begin immediately and must be completed prior to 1 April 1954. CAMBARO/2 has been granted a covert security clearance, #47281. Inasmuch as he is more intimately acquainted with very sensitive information than most other agents, additional operational clearance was requested and has been granted (#7704, dated 21 January 1954), permitting his utilization for this mission. When this latter clearance was granted, the question of whether or not this agent needs special CFI dispensation arose. In view of the fact that CAMBARO/2 was recruited in Sweden and has been in the United States on a visitor's visa for approximately one year, it was ruled that no CFI special dispensation is needed in this case.

2. Brief of Operational Plan

- a. The agent will be infiltrated either by means of normal air dispatch or by balloon dispatch; in either case, dispatch will be effected jointly with the AEBASIN agents with proper and standard compartmentalization procedures prevailing. It is expected that exfiltration will be overland.
- b. The mission will be of a tourist type and will require that the agent engage in tasks calling for a very thorough knowledge of tradecraft and current area reality. Little, if any, reporting in this mission is envisaged prior to exfiltration.
- c. The agent should receive instruction in the following technical and specialized fields:

S/W

Flaps and Seals
Document Falsification
Unarmed defense
Surreptitious Methods of Entry
Photography

In addition, the agent should be given two hours daily of receiving W/T. At the present time, he can receive eight words per minute.

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3. As already indicated verbally in prior meetings, this agent is well qualified in all field- and trade-craft subjects and consequently needs no training therein. Moreover, although he is also acquainted with the technical subjects (paragraph 2. above), he should be given "brush-up" type of training. Having trained two agent teams for this Agency and other agent personnel on his own, prior to his association with this Agency, he is quite capable of brining his physical condition to the desired peak without special supervision. Should dispatch be by balloon, he will have to be trained accordingly; should, however, dispatch be by air, he needs little further training, inasmuch as he has received such already and has qualified in jumping. The major training emphasis should be in the Russian language with which the agent is familiar but in which he needs a great deal of instruction.

4. The agent's training alias will be "Andy." The agent is forty years old; he is married, but lives separated from his wife because of marital difficulties. He is a Latvian citizen and is in the U.S. legally; his physical condition is excellent. He served in the Latvian Legion during World War II and rose to the rank of first lieutenant (prior to that, he served in the Latvian police which was a paramilitary type organization in Latvia). He was a leader of a partisan unit in Latvia and has been engaged in various operational schemes while in Sweden. The agent has a fluent command of Latvian, a fair command of German and Swedish, and a poor command of English and Russian. He is very skilled in weapons and his hobby is photography. His area knowledge is sufficient for this operation (see paragraph 5. below). The agent was last in his native country in 1945.

5. [] will be assigned to this training on a part-time basis for the purpose of instructing this agent in current reality. [] has a covert security clearance, #46004.

6. [] will be assigned as SR/2 project desk officer and will act as SR/DOB senior case officer. [] of this Branch will provide overall guidance and direction in mounting the operation. Because of the simplicity of the training program and because CAMBARO/2 needs no 24-hour supervision, it is felt that one DOB junior case officer (preferably Russian-speaking) will suffice. [] will also be the briefing officer. During this operation, [] will use the alias "John Adams."

7. In view of the foregoing, it is felt that no elaborate safehouse is required. Basically, the safehouse should have one bedroom, a living room, kitchen, and space for a photographic dark room. It would, of course, be preferable to have a house-keeping couple available; however, this is not absolutely necessary as CAMBARO/2 can cook well enough and is not adverse to cleaning his own quarters.

8. Your acceptance and comments are requested as soon as possible so that training may begin at the earliest possible opportunity.

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Chief, SR/2