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FROM	Chief of Base, Frankfurt		DATE MAY 21 1960
SUBJECT	Operational/CATARSI/CABATON CABATON Progress Report - 1 Feb thru 30 April 1960		RE "AS-3" (CHECK "X" ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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REFERENCE(S) **EOFA 29363, 15 February 1960**

1. Summary: We are pleased to report that our expectation of obtaining five new accommodation addresses since the last reporting period has been fulfilled. We now have a total of twenty-nine accommodation addresses in the project as of this writing. CABATON 15 has been dropped because of compromise.

2. Action required: We are awaiting final operational approval action on CABATON 39 and 41. We also request renewal of the POA on CABATON 36. (your action (Filed) see ref - 10583, 17 May 60).

3. Progress towards fulfilling Project objectives: At the moment we have fifteen drops which are unassigned and which can be activated immediately or within a short time. Three drops, CABATONS 27, 31 and 40, are available for new assignment. The remaining twelve have not yet been assigned. These are CABATONS 19, 23, 29, 32, 35, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 47. Nine of these are able to receive mail from anywhere without restriction: CABATONS 23, 29, 32, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 47. We are very pleased to have this number of virgin letter drops because we realize that many good operations demand a fresh, clean drop and we are thus in a position to service such requirements on short notice. In the absence of regular assignments we attempt to keep a minimum flow of test letters going through the unassigned drops. We are also periodically testing assigned agents where feasible. In both instances we are using booby-trapped envelopes prepared by MKTOPAZ.

4. Status and performance of agents:

CABATON 1: Case officer [redacted] Location - Oberreifenburg

Assignments: [redacted] and CAPRICE 22. A telegram was received from [redacted] during mid-February. There has been no traffic from any of the others.

Performance: Very good. Agent handled the [redacted] communication very efficiently.

Finance: DM 100 per month.

CABATON 5: Case officer [redacted] Location: Frankfurt/M Alternate [redacted]

Assignments: Still CABATON 19, CAELI 1, CARET, CADORM and Kalety. This one has also been given to BOB but no assignment has yet been made.

Performance: Completely satisfactory.

Comment: The husband is still unwitting. The marital relationship has reached the point where a divorce appears to be in the offing. It is expected that this agent will be able to continue to receive mail despite any change in her domestic situation.

CABATON 9: Case officer [redacted] Location: Frankfurt/M

Assignments: None.

Plans: In view of the fact that this agent is blown to the Germans

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as a result of the turnover of AEHUMBUG 1 to the German service, we have no immediate plans for the utilization of this agent. We are, however, maintaining contact for the time being because of her possession of a house in the country which may offer support possibilities. It is also conceivable we may be able to utilize this agent as an accommodation address for a future requirement where convenience rather than security (from the German service) may be the primary consideration.

CABATON 19: Case officer []
Location [] Hannover

Assignments: None.

Finance: DM 100 per month.

Limitations: For receipt of non-Bloc mail only.

CABATON 20: Case officer - []
Location - [] Kitzingen/Main

There is no change in the status of this agent. There has been no traffic during the reporting period.

CABATON 21: Case officer []
Alternate []
Location [] Wiesbaden and Frankfurt

Assignments: HIHEATHER and HILECTERN

Performance: Satisfactory. This agent has been informed by the Wiesbaden housing authorities that he may possibly have an apartment made available to him in June. This development will improve this asset's utility because it will take him out of the FOB safehouse he presently occupies.

Finance: Agent accepts no pay as long as he remains in the safehouse.

CABATON 22: Case officer []
Alternate []
Location [] Frankfurt/Hoechst

Assignments: AECOMPASS 13, RNMANIPLE. Agent is also temporarily serving as a backstop mailing address for a Hague/Madrid operation aimed at an LCHARVEST lead in Madrid. This temporary arrangement is working very efficiently and to the full satisfaction of the [] The RNMANIPLE commo, dormant for some time, is becoming active again. FOB/G is expecting a series of letters, post cards and telegrams, mostly concerning RNMANIPLE's personal situation. One such letter was received recently from RNMANIPLE and turned over promptly to FOB/G. The AECOMPASS commo continues to be active.

Performance: At present we have three assignments on this asset and the agent performs them very well.

Finance: DM 100 per month.

CABATON 23: Case officer []
Location [] Offenbach/Main

[] resumed contact with Subject and determined that the chances that Subject had learned his true name were actually very slim indeed. Subject has now moved to a private apartment where she receives mail without any chance of it being seen by anyone else after it has been put in her personal mailbox. She is now in service as an active drop, on regular salary, completely witting and willing, and it appears she should be a good long-term asset for CABATON.

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<p><i>3-4 but no traffic</i></p>	<p>CABATON 24: Case officer [] Alternate [] Location - Boeblingen</p> <p>Assignments: EXCHIN, HIROYAL 2, GOJAM, and a Headquarters assignment (DIR 08379, 16 Jan 1959 and FROB 3204, 19 Jan 1959). With regard to the Headquarters assignment, we would appreciate your advice as to whether or not this assignment is still in effect.</p> <p>Performance: There has been no traffic from any of the above during the reporting period.</p> <p>Finance: Continues to receive DM 100 per month with one-half of this amount being applied to his loan account which is now down to DM 126.</p>	
<p><i>3 any traffic?</i></p>	<p>CABATON 25: Case officer [] Alternate [] Location - Frankfurt/Main</p> <p>Assignments: CAQUAD, GLDESTINY, ABARIA.</p> <p>Performance: Satisfactory.</p> <p>Finance: DM 50 per month.</p> <p>Plans: Agent's plans for ultimate emigration to the United States remain unchanged.</p>	
<p><i>2</i></p>	<p>CABATON 26: Case officer - Location - Gingen/Fils, Wuerttemberg</p> <p>Assignments: BEROUND and FOB/SO (BEDOX)</p> <p>Performance: Satisfactory. A series of test letters was run successfully through this agent. He recently received an operational post card from Poland which he promptly forwarded to a Frankfurt post box. The card was turned over to the BEDOX section.</p> <p>Finance: DM 50 per month.</p>	
<p><i>0 (1 hour?)</i></p>	<p>CABATON 27: Case officer [] Alternate [] Location - Niedernhausen/Taunus</p> <p>Assignments: BENOELE 1. This is a temporary assignment lasting until about mid-June. Agent can be considered as available for further assignment.</p> <p>Performance: Satisfactory. There is no change in the situation of this agent.</p>	
<p><i>-</i></p>	<p>CABATON 28: Case officer [] Location - Ueberlingen/Bodensee</p> <p>Assignments: None. In view of seemingly unavoidable difficulties in maintaining firm communication with this agent as a result of his own somewhat erratic travel pattern, we are hereby dropping him from the rolls.</p>	
<p><i>0</i></p>	<p>CABATON 29: Case officer [] Location - Fulda</p> <p>Assignment: None.</p> <p>Performance: The agent has forwarded test letters efficiently.</p> <p>Finance: DM 80 per month.</p>	
<p><i>(1 hour?)</i></p>	<p>CABATON 30: Case officer [] Location - Limburg/Lehn</p> <p>Assignment: CASHARK (BOB).</p> <p>Performance: CASHARK is a recent assignment and no traffic has yet been received. The status of this agent remains unchanged.</p> <p>Finance: DM 50 per month.</p>	
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<p><u>CABATON 31:</u> Case officer [] Alternate [] Location - Frankfurt/Sachsenhausen</p> <p><i>(31st element)</i></p> <p><u>Assignment:</u> None. This agent has been taken off the AECOMPASS 9 assignment. (AECOMPASS 9 has been assigned to CABATON 37). AECOMPASS 9's limited stop-overs at various ports of call require prompt relay of communications to the case officer. In view of CABATON 31's frequent, but brief absences from his residence, the channel is not particularly suited to those assignments demanding rapid servicing. This agent will be held open for an assignment where speed in relaying communications is not a vital factor. He has recently moved from the Studentenheim and taken a separate room in Sachsenhausen where he has his own mail box and can receive mail more securely than at his previous residence.</p>			
<p><u>CABATON 32:</u> Case officer - [] Location - Worms</p> <p><u>Assignments:</u> None. This agent underwent LCFLUTTER on 15 February with negative results. Operational Approval was granted 8 April.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> Several test letters have been successfully run through this asset.</p> <p><u>Plans:</u> This agent is very cooperative and takes her relationship with KUBARK very seriously. At the beginning of the year she was contemplating taking a job in another city. Before doing so, however, she contacted her case officer first to determine if the change would be in keeping with our interest. She subsequently turned down the job offer but has taken a new job in Worms as of 1 April. Should the need arise for an indigenous safehouse keeper in the future, this agent would be a highly suitable candidate for this assignment. She would be willing to perform this function most anywhere in Western Germany.</p>			
<p><u>CABATON 33:</u> Case officer [] Location - Heutlingen</p> <p><i>(no traffic)</i></p> <p><u>Assignment:</u> DNTRUMP. This agent can easily take on a non-Bloc assignment in addition. This agent was initially assigned to [] in December 1959. [] subsequently advised it had not assigned the LD because DNTRUMP's return to Yugoslavia was postponed. Then at the end of March, [] again requested approval to assign this address to DNTRUMP. Presumably DNTRUMP has been given this accommodation address, although we have received no word from [] confirming the assignment. No traffic has been received.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> Test letters have been sent to this asset and have been satisfactorily forwarded or turned over personally to the case officer.</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> DM 70 per month.</p>			
<p><u>CABATON 35:</u> Case officer [] Location - Heidelberg</p> <p><u>Assignments:</u> None. This asset is available for non-Bloc mail only.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> Several test letters have been sent and the agent (or his wife who is fully cut in) has performed most satisfactorily. In addition to his letter drop function, this agent continues to be useful as a spotter for other support leads.</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> DM 100 per month.</p> <p><u>Plans:</u> CABATON 35 has given up the job he recently took in Hamburg. This change will be covered in a separate dispatch. Our plans to turn this agent over to HOB have therefore been cancelled. We hope, however, to obtain through him a suitable lead in the Hamburg area for ultimate recruitment and turnover to HOB. The agent's return to Heidelberg will, on the other hand, assure us the use</p>			
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of his address there for the foreseeable future.

CABATON 36: Case officer []
Location - Braunschweig

As reported in the progress report EGFA 28348, 4 November 1959, further development of this contact was postponed until the family circumstances became more favorable for a final recruitment approach. [] feels that by now the situation should be favorable enough for another visit.

CABATON 37: Case officer []
Alternate: []
Location - Frankfurt/M

Assignment: AECOMPASS 9.

*(no traffic yet)
cannot tell if
done at all)*

Performance: No traffic has yet been received so we are unable to judge at this writing the agent's performance in servicing this new requirement. A series of test letters has been run successfully through the agent's Frankfurt address and his address in Hausach/Baden which he still maintains with the postal authorities. CABATON 37's place of employment has been shifted to a small town about 15 miles outside Frankfurt, near the town of Kronberg. His company has provided him with a car to enable him to commute to and from work and the use of this car also improves his operational utility because he can now make a meeting most anywhere and anytime. In addition, he has been promised an apartment not far from his place of employment which, if it materializes, will represent a major improvement in his living situation. Once he has his own apartment he plans to install a telephone for his own convenience. A telephone will not only serve as an emergency commo link with the agent but will also enable us to provide support for an operation where rapid telephone communication to the case officer is essential.

Finance: DM 100 per month.

Plans: Both CABATON 37 and wife are highly motivated, cooperative persons. In addition to their normal letter drop function they are willing to perform other support functions. Mrs. CABATON 37 has made herself available as a safehouse keeper on a temporary or even an extended basis.

CABATON 38: Case officer []
Location - Uelzen

Assignment: None. This agent is available for receipt of non-Bloc mail.

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Performance: This agent has done an excellent job of providing us with a number of unwitting letter drops. So far he has provided us with six addresses, four of whom have POA. POA requests on the remaining two will be submitted shortly. These addressees, who believe they are receiving mail from CABATON 38's friends in the DDR, mail the letters to C-38's home. C-38 in turn mails the original letter to one of our Frankfurt post boxes. Although the procedure appears cumbersome, it does work. We have recently tested three of these addressees with letters posted from E. Berlin and they have all functioned. One of them inadvertently opened the letter because he had forgotten the indicator, but he immediately recognized his mistake and assured C-38 it would not occur again. We believe these unwitting drops will function satisfactorily in all cases where speed in transmission is not an essential factor.

Finance: We have recently raised his salary to DM 150 per month.

Plans: CABATON 38 continues to provide us with a limited amount of reports material, some biographic data on EGIS personalities, and a small flow of much needed DDR documentation.

CABATON 39: Case officer []
Location - Frankfurt/M

Assignment: None.

Finance: DM 75 per month.

Plans: As indicated in the previous progress report, we intended to make no assignment of this asset until the DDR travel of Mrs. CABATON 39 had been completed. Mrs. C-39 has now completed her trips to the DDR and the address may now be considered available for assignment []

CABATON 40: Case officer []
Location - Fuerth

Assignment: This is the former BESPINKLE 1 who was turned over to FOB by BOB in December 1959. He has no assignment at present and can be used for non-Bloc mail only.

Finance: DM 50 per month.

CABATON 41: Case officer []
Agent handler - CABATON 38
Location - Bevensen/Krs Uelzen

Assignment: None.

Performance: Good. Agent promptly forwarded a test letter recently mailed from E. Berlin. Until recently this agent received her mail at the address of the hotel which she owns and in which she resides. The hotel is now leased to another operator and C-41 has taken a small suite in the same hotel but with a private entrance on a side street. She now receives mail at this address.

Finance: No payment is made because CABATON 41 is unwitting. CABATON 38 is authorized to make appropriate gifts.

CABATON 42: Case officer []
Agent handler - CABATON 38
Location - Hildesheim

Assignment: None.

Performance: Agent inadvertently opened test letter sent from E. Berlin. Both CABATON 38 and the case officer are convinced this was purely accidental. Since the agent had last been visited by C-38 in November and the test letter was sent in March, it is quite understandable that C-42 did not react to the indicator, especially since the indicator used was less obvious than the one used for CABATONS 41 and 43. C-42 wrote a long letter to C-38 apologizing profusely for the slip and assuring C-38 it would not happen again. Another test letter will be sent through shortly. To forestall a repetition of this, C-38 has alerted his other contacts to the possibility he may be getting some mail from his friends in the DDR.

Finance: Same as CABATON 41.

CABATON 43: Case officer []
Agent handler - CABATON 38
Location - Cologne

Assignment: None.

Performance: Agent promptly forwarded test letter mailed from E. Berlin.

Finance: Same as for CABATON 41.

CABATON 44: Case officer []
Location - Heidelberg

Assignment: None.

Performance: Agent forwarded promptly the test letter which had been mailed to him from E. Berlin.

This agent was recruited during the reporting period and can receive mail from anywhere. PRQ Part II has been submitted and we are awaiting OA.

Finance: DM 50. The agent has agreed to accept this compensation not as a direct form of payment for his services but as a contribution to the welfare activities performed by his naval cadet class for its needy members and their survivors, an activity which he directs. This agent and his wife are high caliber people well motivated, and highly dependable. We feel that C-44 represents a very desirable asset.

CABATON 45: Case officer []
Location - Gehrden/Hannover

Comment: C-45 is an asset recently taken over from FOB/SOV in line with the plan to incorporate as many letter drops under the CABATON Project as feasible. C-45 was introduced to Fruzyna in mid-March in Hannover (see EGfa-2998y 28 March 1960). He was provided with a new Frankfurt post box for forwarding operational mail and for commo with the case officer.

Assignment: FOB/SOV. C-45 receives mail from a Soviet Branch contact in Latvia.

Performance: C-45 performed most satisfactorily under the previous arrangement where he had frequent personal contact with his principal agent, AEFLIVVER 1. A test letter is being mailed to his address to see how he performs under the new arrangement.

Finance: DM 25 per month.

Plans: This asset will remain assigned to FOB/SOV. He has indicated his willingness to receive mail from anywhere, however, and we may consider him as available for receipt of additional mail from non-Bloc areas.

CABATON 46: Case officer []
Alternate []
Location - Frankfurt/M

Comment: This is the former CAECTOMY 18 who has been converted to a CABATON (see EGFA 29942, 18 March 1960).

Assignment: AENAUTICAL 2 (Headquarters).

Performance: Very satisfactory.

Finance: DM 200 per month.

Plans: This agent is functioning primarily as a live letter drop. However, he is also doing some spotting for us for possible CAECTOMY candidates and is ready and available to perform additional support functions. He has also been addressing large quantities of envelopes for FOB/SAT (HIWAY) where a German handwriting is desired.

Security: A recent development concerning what appears to be a Polish IS attempt to locate and identify the addressee for AENAUTICAL 2 mail is covered in EGFA 30179, 7 April 1960.

CABATON 47: Case officer []
Location - Hannover

Comment: C-47 is an asset recently taken over from FOB/SOV (see (EGFA 30250, 18 April 1960) in line with the program of bringing letter drops under the CABATON Project. C-47 has full OA and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement will be submitted shortly.

Assignment: None. This agent can receive mail from anywhere.

Plans: We will probably hold this asset open for assignment to REDWOOD operations in view of the fact that the agent was originally

recruited to receive mail from the USSR. This does not preclude, however, receipt of mail by this asset from other areas.

Finance: DM 25 per month.

5. Agent Prospects: We have a small number of prospects we are actively pursuing on whom we will report more fully as they are further developed. We also have a larger number of dormant leads who may conceivably be contacted and developed in the future should the need for accommodation addresses suddenly mushroom beyond present expectations.

6. Other Mail Facilities: Our assets in this area remain fairly static, i.e., almost twenty post boxes. This is due partly to the fact that the post box situation in Frankfurt is very tight and few post offices have boxes available to rent, and partly to our own limited case officer strength. Because there is so much demand (whether from legitimate business firms or from our competitors we cannot judge) for the limited number of Frankfurt post boxes, the postal authorities have clamped a centralized control on the release of boxes by the various local branch post offices within the city. In most instances one must apply at the main post office to rent a box. Thus, each case officer can make only one appearance at the main post office to rent a box in alias. Certain outlying post offices are not under the main post office control, however, and we have been able to pick up additional boxes at some of these branch offices. The number of boxes at most of these branches is rather limited, however, and most of them no longer have any boxes available for rental. In spite of these limitations, we are nevertheless able from time to time to obtain a box under alias to meet specific requirements.

This increasing difficulty in obtaining post boxes in the Frankfurt area poses a problem which may become fairly acute in the foreseeable future. Our present procedure is to equip all our out-of-town drops with a Frankfurt post box to which they will forward operational mail automatically. In order to complete this program and to satisfy requirements which are placed upon us by FOB and other KUBARK elements, we are rapidly using up the precious few remaining unassigned boxes we have. If we should be faced with a large number of requests for post boxes or the need to equip an expanding number of CABATONS with post boxes, we shall be hard put to satisfy these requirements. We do not see an immediate solution to this problem but merely bring it to your attention to alert you to the difficulties we may face in the near future in trying to satisfy post box requirements.

7. Finance: With the continuing increase in the number of agents we must naturally reckon with an increase in the payroll. CABATONS 40, 44, 45 and 47 receive very modest compensation, DM 50, 50, 25 and 25, respectively. CABATON 46 will continue to receive the DM 200 to which he was reduced after being converted from a CAECTOMY. This adds a total of DM 350 (about \$83.00) to our monthly payroll, an amount which appears to be within the forecast of expenditures for the present and coming fiscal years.

8. Security: The only incident of note concerns the apparent Polish IS efforts aimed at CABATON 46 in an obvious attempt to further identify the individual in whose name mail is received from Poland for AERNAUTICAL 2. This development has already been fully covered in another dispatch.

9. Development and Planning: In view of the fact that we now have a total of thirty letter drops, almost half of which are unassigned and several of which are capable of absorbing additional assignments, we are proceeding on a very selective basis in the development and recruitment of new leads. We will continue to recruit letter drops, although at a much reduced rate as compared with the past six months, in order to maintain a healthy reserve of assets available for assignment on short notice and to offset losses.

NOTE: Since the preparation of the above progress report, we have received an urgent request from BOB for a large number of letter drops. The specific assignment of these drops will be covered in a separate dispatch. This is a clear indication of the importance of maintaining a substantial reserve of suitable LLDs.

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