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EGFA-36766

TO Chief of Base, Berlin
INFO Chief of Station, Germany
Chief, EE ✓

HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.
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FROM Chief of Base, Frankfurt

DATE
16 March 1962

SUBJECT
CALL/CATARSI/CABATON/Operations
Offer of Unwitting Letter Drop

RE "43.3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
MARKED FOR INDEXING
X NO INDEXING REQUIRED

ACTION REQUIRED
See paragraph 4 below.

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- REFERENCE(S)
- A. EGBA-71122, dated 26 December 1961
 - B. FROB 0975, dated 10 January 1962
 - C. FROB 9387, dated 2 June 1961

1. We have received a POA on the subject of reference B (Identity 1) and herewith offer her as an unwitting letter drop against the requirements of reference A. She has been assigned the cryptonym CABATON-73.
2. CABATON-73 was developed and prepared for this activity by CABATON-65 (subject of reference C). The latter was recruited in October 1961 to serve as a letter drop. It later developed, however, that CABATON-65's wife was strongly opposed to his cooperation with us and, since she was home all day, probably would interfere with the normal receipt of operational mail. CABATON-65 was still willing to cooperate if his wife was cut out of our operation; this he proposed to do by getting a post office box in Koblenz and by recruiting some of his acquaintances as unwitting letter drops.
3. We decided to go ahead on this basis for a number of reasons. First, CABATON-65 travels frequently and in the course of his travels has met a good number of people well compartmented from each other. Secondly, he works at Identity 2 and is willing to use his position there to explain to his unwitting drops why he wants them to receive mail for him. His cover story is as follows: because of his position at Identity 2 he is forbidden to be in contact with people in the DDR. He therefore needs someone to receive mail from his relatives for him and forward these letters to his post office box in Koblenz. This is the arrangement he has with CABATON-73 so the agent to whom this address is assigned should be instructed to confine his overt text to fictitious family matters. CABATON-65 is in the process of spotting more people to be used in this manner; they will be offered to you as they become available. CABATON-65 was LCFLUTTERED on 27 January 1962 and the results of this test showed no indications of deception.
4. Because of the cover story, this channel cannot be tested from the West. Hence, we suggest that the first couple of letters from your agent be test letters. We feel that an Absender indicator would be best in this case. Please notify us when CABATON-73 is assigned and inform us of the Absender to be used.

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Approved: []

Attachment: USC
Identities 1 and 2

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Identity 1: Frau Christa OFFERMANN
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Identity 2: Bundesverteidigungsamt. Subject works as an official expert in a development and testing section. He also tests and plans for the future needs of munitions and for the overseas production thereof.

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