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TO Chief of Base, Berlin INFO Chief of Station, Germany Chief, EE		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 32W-6-22/3	
FROM Chief, Frankfurt Operations Base		DATE 30 May 1962	
SUBJECT CATARSI/CABATON/Operations Mailings from West Berlin to Keep CABATON Channels Active		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED Mailing of letters as described below.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
REFERENCES:		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	

1. One of the more difficult problems we face in running CABATON agents is the lack of operational activity on their part in the form of the receipt of operational mail. While a large percentage of the people we recruit for CABATON activity are primarily motivated by the financial gain they derive from their relationship with us, they are by and large conscientious people who like to feel they earn their salary and generally complain when long periods of inactivity occur. The greatest expression of dissatisfaction at not earning their keep usually comes during the period between recruitment and the time operational mail starts coming through on a regular basis.
2. To help alleviate this problem as much as possible, we request that BOB mail letters to the CABATON agents during the interim period after FOB offers them for assignment until the time BOB agents start writing to the addressees.
3. If an indicator other than one already suggested by FOB is to be used on these test letters, please inform us accordingly before making the mailings so that we may in turn alert the CABATON agent. This is, of course, to insure that the CABATON agent can identify the operational nature of the letters. Unless BOB has overriding reasons for not doing so, we would prefer that the indicators suggested by FOB be used both for the test mailings and by the BOB agents to whom the addressees are eventually assigned. The reason is that as the CABATON agents have already been instructed to identify these indicators, any change may require a case officer to travel to distant parts of West Germany to inform the CABATON agents of the changes.
4. This request for test mailings does not apply, of course, to unwitting CABATON agents. As explained at the time unwitting addressees are offered for operational assignment, the cover story used vis-a-vis the unwitting agent does not allow for mailings from within the West.
5. In addition to the advantage of improving agent morale as already described, the mailings will serve the purpose of testing the channels further before they are actually assigned for the receipt of agent mail. We hope this request will not place an undue burden upon BOB. We know you would agree that it is in our mutual interest to keep the CABATON channels as active as circumstances permit.

Approved: [Signature]

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