

EE

DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION
SECRET

DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO.
ECFA-38084

TO Chief, ME
Chief of Station, Germany

HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.
32W-6-22/3

FROM Chief of Base, Frankfurt

DATE
10 October 1962

SUBJECT CATARSI/CABATON/Operations
CABATON Progress Report 1 July - 30 September 1962

NO "93-3" - (SECRET) NO "93-3"
X MARKED FOR DECLASSIFICATION
NO CHANGING NUMBER
REMARKS TO BE INDICATED
BY QUALIFIED ST. DESK ONLY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION; see also CABATON 86

REFERENCE: ECFA-57539, 17 Jul 62

1. SUMMARY: During the period under review, eight additional live letter drops were recruited; they are CABATONS 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96. Of these, CABATONS 93 and 94 cannot be used for the reasons cited in Paragraph 2 below. Six CABATONS -- 31, 41, 42, 45, 60, and 85 -- were terminated during the quarter. In addition, we are not including CABATONS 52 and 76 in our total number, as we no longer plan to contact them. This gave FOB a total of 53 CABATON agents as of 30 September 1962.

2. STATUS OF AGENTS:

CABATON/1a:

CABATON/1a was met seven times and received seven communications during the quarter. She decided to quit for personal reasons, and took the opportunity of her forthcoming move in November to announce it. She is to be terminated during the first half of October. The CABATON/5 address was offered to [redacted] or HIMIRROR vice the CABATON/1a address, but it arrived there too late for passing to HIMIRROR. Headquarters advised Vienna to assign HIMIRROR a Vienna ILLD as his sole accommodation address the next time he was met. It is unknown whether HIMIRROR has received this new communications arrangement. CAMUG, the other operation utilizing the CABATON/1a address, has CABATON/45 as an alternate address; it was suggested that CAMUG use this address exclusively until a replacement can be offered FOB for CABATON/1a.

CABATON/5:

CABATON/5 was met three times; two letters were received from the agent. See comments on CABATON/1a above.

CABATON/9:

CABATON/9 has not been met since December. We do not plan to contact CABATON/9 again, nor to formally terminate her, since she may receive further letters from the mother of Victor W. TREWOLL concerning her attempts to obtain a visa for travel to West Germany. CABATON/9 has no operational assignments.

CABATON/21:

CABATON/21 was met twice; one letter was received from him. Two unwitting ILLDs recommended by CABATON/21 were designated CABATON/91 and CABATON/92. [redacted] replaced [redacted] as the Case Officer.

CABATON/25:

CABATON/25 was met four times; he received no mail during the quarter. [redacted] replaced [redacted] as the Case Officer.

CS COPY

GROUP I
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

32W-6-22/3

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHODS EXEMPTION 9828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

CABATON/26:

CABATON/26 was turned over to the Stuttgart Operations Group on 1 August.

CABATON/27:

The agent has not been contacted since December 1961, and the case is inactive. Her address has been given to Vienna to backstop safehouse rental contracts. We have advised Vienna that the CABATON/27 address is no longer available for backstopping of safehouse rentals or other support tasks.

CABATON/29:

CABATON/29 was not met during the quarter. Salary payments to the agent have been made by postal money order. One letter was received from the agent.

CABATON/31:

CABATON/31 was terminated effective 30 September 1962. Subject plans to marry and requested termination for personal reasons. The CATHYROID/6 assignment was transferred to CABATON/84.

CABATON/32:

CABATON/32 was met once during the quarter. She advised us she plans to change her address in Bad Godesburg before the end of the year. Subject will be terminated early in October.

CABATON/33:

Nothing further has been heard concerning CABATON/33. We plan to query Stuttgart to determine whether Subject has been recontacted.

CABATON/35:

We have heard nothing from Heidelberg, which handles this agent, during the quarter. We plan to query Heidelberg concerning the status of the agent.

CABATON/37:

CABATON/37 was met five times; four letters were received by the agent through CABATON/64. The agent and his wife continued to be used in addressing envelopes for propaganda mailing to HIWAY in support of the HICLAMY operation. [] replaced [] as the Case Officer.

CABATON/38:

The agent will lose his position in the Ueizen refugee camp on 31 March 1963. He does not yet know what he will do after that. We intend to replace two unwitting LIDs now functioning under him with witting LIDs, and then terminate him. He will not be terminated during the coming quarter, but early in 1963. The agent was met once during the quarter.

CABATON/39:

CABATON/39 was met once during the quarter. He continues to serve as telephone cutout in CADASTRE's emergency communications arrangement. As soon as the CADASTRE assignment can be transferred to another asset, we plan to terminate CABATON/39 who can no longer be used as a letter drop because of compromise through past operational assignments.

CABATON/41:

CABATON/41 was an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/38. He was met once during the quarter by CABATON/38. BOB advised us per EGBA-73051 that they would not assign the CABATON/41 address for operational use because of the relative slowness of this address due to the fact that CABATON/41 was an unwitting subordinate of CABATON/38. Subject is considered terminated; agent service record will follow.

CABATON/42:

CABATON/42 was also an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/38. He too was met once during the quarter by CABATON/38. Since the agent was probably compromised by the CALERIA/29 operation, he will not be assigned for further operational use. The agent is being dropped; his agent service record will be forwarded.

CABATON/43:

CABATON/43 is also an unwitting LLD under CABATON/38. He was met by CABATON/38 once during the quarter, and forwarded three letters during that period.

CABATON/44:

CABATON/44 is now handled by Heidelberg. He forwarded eight letters from ABOXY and one postcard from HIMIROR during the quarter. Subject was not due to return from Gluecksburg until late September, and so was not met during the quarter.

CABATON/45:

CABATON/45 was terminated in August. Subject intends to continue indefinitely his travel behind the Iron Curtain on business; he was therefore terminated for security reasons.

CABATON/47:

CABATON/47 forwarded three letters during the quarter. The agent was not met during the quarter, although her Case Officer spoke to her once over the telephone. She was paid via postal money order.

CABATON/50:

CABATON/50 handled no mail during the quarter. Subject was paid by postal money order, but not met. We have queried Headquarters concerning the further need for CABATON/50 in the AERSON/25 operation. Upon receipt of advice from Headquarters, a decision will be made as to the future use of CABATON/50.

CABATON/52:

CABATON/52 was not contacted during the quarter. The agent will be terminated in view of his background, which precludes his participation in sensitive activity. The only use he would have had was as a recruiter and handler of unwitting LLDs; and Berlin's reservations concerning the use of unwitting LLDs rules that out. We will request separately cancellation of CABATON/52's OA.

CABATON/56:

CABATON/56 was not met during the quarter. She continued to be paid via postal money order. She is not available for further operational assignments in view of Headquarters' recommendation in DIR-47480. At that time Headquarters wished to retain the CABATON/56 address on the chance that [] might make use of it. Inasmuch as seven months have passed, during which time CABATON/56 has received no communication from [] we plan to request via separate correspondence

Headquarters and [] concurrence to terminate the agent.
[] replaced [] as the Case Officer
during the quarter.

CABATON/57:

CABATON/57 is an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/38. He was met once during the quarter by CABATON/38, through whom he forwarded one letter.

CABATON/59:

CABATON/59 is an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/38. She handled no mail during the quarter. As reported in the last Progress Report, BOB informed us that CABATON/59 would not be assigned because she lived in Bonn. While we decided to retain CABATON/59 for possible assignment to non-East German operations, this will not be done since CABATON/38 will be terminated in the near future as described above. CABATON/59 will be terminated and the agent service record forwarded.

CABATON/60:

CABATON/60 had been assigned to a Headquarters project, AEBUTTERFLY. Headquarters advised us in EGFW-14185 of 2 August 1962 that the AEBUTTERFLY case was terminated. We therefore terminated the agent during the quarter. The agent service record will be forwarded shortly.

CABATON/61:

In our dispatch of 30 July 1962 to Headquarters (EGFA-37659), we asked Headquarters to let us know whether there was any objection our terminating CABATON/61, and stated that if there was not, we do so 1 September. Since we have not received an answer, we plan to terminate the agent during the next quarter.

CABATON/64:

CABATON/64 is an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/37, and is therefore not met. Four letters were received from CABATON/64 via CABATON/37 during the quarter.

CABATON/65:

CABATON/65 was met once during the quarter. He does not receive mail, but is the principal agent for CABATON/83, who is unwitting.

CABATON/66:

Two letters were received from CABATON/66 during the quarter. The agent was turned over to Stuttgart Operations Group on 1 August.

CABATON/67:

CABATON/67, though offered to BOB for operational use, was never assigned. Since CABATON/32, the principal agent for CABATON/67, is being terminated in early October, CABATON/67 must necessarily be terminated as well.

CABATON/68:

BOB advised FOB in July (EGBA-72884) that the CABATON/68 accommodation address would not be used for CAARGUS/14. BOB later informed FOB in August (EGBA-73219) that the CABATON/68 address was assigned to CANALIZE/16. No letters were received from the agent during the quarter; he was met twice. [] replaced [] as the Case Officer.

CABATON/69:

CABATON/69 is an unwitting LID subordinate to DIVOT/8. The agent has not yet been assigned.

CABATON/70:

CABATON/70 is also an unwitting LID subordinate to DIVOT/8 and likewise has not yet been assigned.

CABATON/71:

CABATON/71 was met seven times during the quarter, and received eight letters. Although it was not previously reported, [] replaced [] as the Case Officer in May.

CABATON/72:

CABATON/72 was met three times. He received two letters. [] replaced [] as the Case Officer.

CABATON/73:

CABATON/73 has not yet been assigned.

CABATON/74:

The agent was met ten times, and received eight letters. [] replaced [] as the Case Officer.

CABATON/75:

CABATON/75 was met seven times, and received two letters. [] replaced [] as the Case Officer. FOB answered a Headquarters query concerning CABATON/75's LCPLUTTER examination in EGFA-58027.

CABATON/76:

CABATON/76 was not contacted during the quarter. We have changed our plans to contact CABATON/76; this is being covered in a separate dispatch.

CABATON/77:

CABATON/77 was met once, and received four letters during the quarter.

CABATON/78:

CABATON/78 was met six times. He received five letters during the quarter.

CABATON/79:

The CABATON/79 address was assigned to CAGAVEL/9 during this quarter by BOB. The agent was met once, and received two letters.

CABATON/80:

CABATON/80 was met once during the quarter, and received three letters. BOB assigned the CABATON/80 address to CAARGUS/23.

CABATON/81:

CABATON/81 was tested and offered to BOB during the quarter, but has not yet been assigned.

CABATON/82:

The CABATON/82 address was issued to MOC in August for use in a sensitive operation. For the time being it will not be used for any other operational activities. Two letters were received from CABATON/82 during the quarter.

CABATON/83:

CABATON/83 was met once. He will be terminated during the next quarter for the reasons cited in the last quarterly report.

CABATON/84:

CABATON/84 was tested and offered to BOB for assignment. BOB assigned the agent's address to CATHYROID/6 vice CABATON/31. To date no letters have been received. The agent was met once during the quarter, at which time [] replaced [] as the Case Officer.

CABATON/85:

Shortly after recruiting CABATON/85, we received a letter from him stating that he and his wife are separating and that he would probably not remain at the same address. When the Case Officer visited Subject, he found that CABATON/85 in actuality was trying to back out of his commitment to serve as an LLD. CABATON/85 is 45 years old and disabled. He is wholly dependent upon his pension to support his family and expressed fear that his clandestine activity may become known someday and result in his losing his pension. In spite of the Case Officer's efforts to allay CABATON/85's fears on this point, he could not do so. We will request by separate correspondence that the POA on CABATON/85 be cancelled.

CABATON/86:

We have not received notification from Headquarters that the CABATON/86 address has been assigned. Please advise us regarding the status of this address.

CABATON/87:

CABATON/87 was tested and offered to BOB for operational assignment. BOB assigned the agent to CATHRILL/11a and 11b. The first letter to CABATON/87 was expected in September, but none arrived. The agent was met once.

CABATON/88:

CABATON/88 was tested and offered to Hamburg Operations Base for assignment to BEROPE. He was met once during the quarter.

CABATON/89:

CABATON/89, the subject of FROB-3032, was recruited as a witting LLD by [] in July. Subject was tested and offered to BOB for operational assignment. He has not yet been assigned by BOB. Subject was met twice during the quarter.

CABATON/90:

CABATON/90, the subject of FROB-3034, was recruited as a witting LLD by [] in July. CABATON/90 was met twice during the quarter. He was tested and offered to BOB for operational assignment. CABATON/90 had to be recalled from BOB for assignment to DINECTAR, however. It was originally planned to assign CABATON/94 to DINECTAR, but when the incident involving CABATON/94 occurred (see CABATON/94 below), it was necessary to withdraw the CABATON/90 address from BOB in order to provide a replacement on short notice.

CABATON/91:

CABATON/91 is an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/21, and is as yet unassigned.

CABATON/92:

CABATON/92 is also an unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON/21, and is as yet unassigned.

CABATON/93:

CABATON/93 was recruited as a witting LLD by [] in August. The agent informed us in September that after having given his recruitment considered thought he had changed his mind and wished to withdraw his acceptance of our proposal. He cited as reason for his change of heart his concern that his and his wife's personal security might someday be endangered as a result of their clandestine activity. We will request cancellation of his POA by separate dispatch.

CABATON/94:

CABATON/94 was recruited as a witting LLD by [] in September. At a meeting subsequent to the recruitment meeting he reiterated his willingness to cooperate. After this meeting, however, he apparently had a change of heart and reported his recruitment to the Giessen Criminal Police. The police checked the report with the local 66th INTC, and through liaison channels the matter came to the attention of FOB. The Giessen police were informed by the 66th INTC that U.S. Intelligence was the instigator of the recruitment effort, and they took no further investigative action. However, the incident resulted in an FOB post office box and operational telephone number being compromised to the German police. CABATON/94 will be terminated.

CABATON/95:

CABATON/95 was recruited as a witting LLD by [] in September. The post office box blown by CABATON/94 had also been assigned to CABATON/95. CABATON/95 has been issued a new post office box address, and is being tested extensively with booby-trapped letters in an effort to determine whether the compromise affected his security. CABATON/95 was offered to Headquarters for assignment to DMNICKEL, but because we were unable on such short notice to properly evaluate the security implications of the compromise as they affect CABATON/95, Headquarters was subsequently informed that CABATON/95 was not suitable for assignment to the DMNICKEL operation and that FOB unfortunately had no suitable replacement to offer.

CABATON/96:

CABATON/96 was recruited as a witting LLD by [] in September. After testing he will be ready for operational assignment.

5. AGENT PROSPECTS: We have continued our newspaper advertising campaign during the quarter. The response to the several advertisements we placed seeking part-time workers was substantial; about 100 replies were received. Project Case Officers read the replies and sorted them into categories of desirability, and contacted those persons who appeared most promising. This program has continued to furnish a large number of leads. In addition, we are exploring now the possibility of reversing the process, by responding to work-wanted ads in the newspapers as a means of finding suitable LLD candidates. We are also in the process of establishing suitable new ODIREX cover units, which will be used for case officer backstopping and as mailing addresses in connection with approaches we definitely plan to make during the coming quarter to PEPRIME citizens resident in the Frankfurt area. We have found a number of qualified leads in this category through perusal of ODACID Frankfurt files. In addition, we are going to ask once more our existing CABATON assets to recommend

leads, who will be approached independently for recruitment as witting LLDs. Finally, in view of BOB's reluctance to utilize unwitting LLDs, we shall attempt to convert some of our present unwitting LLDs to witting status. In summary, we feel we shall be able to meet our commitments during the coming quarter.

4. **OTHER MAIL FACILITIES:** We regret to report that despite our continued efforts, we were unable to obtain additional post office boxes during the quarter. We shall continue to pursue aggressively this objective, however, and it is likely that we will be more successful when such facilities become available at the turn of the quarter (1 October). In the coming quarter we will diversify our communications channels between the agents and ourselves by using newly established and therefore clean military cover units and their APO facilities, and also by assigning some of our CABATONS to safehouses which will be acquired solely for this purpose and will not be used for agent meetings.

5. **SECURITY:** While we are fully aware of the security implications of using a mass approach such as our newspaper advertisement ploy in the acquisition of CABATON assets, we believed that the rather heavy initial requirements levied on us by HOB could not be satisfied by any other means, and therefore decided to take this calculated risk. The relative weakness of basing our effort primarily on this method was again rather forcefully brought home to us by the CABATON/94 case. Another security threat to this means of operation is posed by the very number of people who are pitched as a result, a percentage of whom have naturally refused recruitment. We have therefore decided to put renewed emphasis on diversification in our acquisition of leads, as outlined in Paragraph 3 above. In addition, we are trying to increase the security of the operation by the replacement of post office box facilities used by CABATONS in outlying areas in transmitting their mail, as described in Paragraph 4. Aside from the incident referred to above, we have no reason to believe that the present facilities are not adequately secure.

6. **FINANCE:** The financial records show that [] was spent during the months of July and August. It is estimated that an additional \$700.00 was expended during September.

7. **DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:** We plan to intensify our testing of agents through sending an increased number of booby-trapped letters to them. This will serve not only as a security measure but will also raise the morale of those agents who presently go from one month to the next without receiving a letter. In addition, handling test letters will keep fresh in these agents' minds the procedures they are to follow when receiving operational letters. We shall continue our vigorous efforts to find and develop leads, while deemphasizing somewhat the newspaper approach as a means of locating them. Our tentative goal is to acquire approximately ten new CABATONS during the coming quarter. On the basis of past experience, we consider this number to be the minimum needed to fulfill our commitments.

Approved. [Signature]

Distribution:
2 - EE
2 - COS

We must watch this
Good
OK provided it is not kept up
actually do

[Handwritten marks]