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TO Chief, EE

INFO. Chief of Station, Germany; Chief of Base, Berlin

FROM Chief, Frankfurt Operations Base

SUBJECT CATARSI/CABATON/Operational

CABATON Progress Report, 1 July - 30 September 1963

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

None - FYI

EGFA-39873, 29 July 1963

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SUMMARY:

Seven more live letter drops were recruited during the reporting period; they were designated CABATONs -113 through -119. CABATON - 117 withdrew immediately after recruitment, however, and CABATON-118 will not be available for assignment until after January 1964. CABATONs -113, -114, -115, and -116 have already been operationally assigned, and all new agents are being tested. Four CABATON agents, all unwitting, were terminated during the quarter: they were CABATONs -43, -69, -70, and -86. There were 50 active CABATON agents at the end of the reporting period. We have obtained more agent leads from the Frankfurt ODACID files, and have begun a similar search of Stuttgart ODACID records. In addition, we are combing Frankfurt ODIBEX files of former German employees for further agent candidates in the Frankfurt area. Finally, our program for answering work-wanted advertisements in German newspapers has once again begun to net an encouraging number of replies.

STATUS OF AGENTS:

~~CABATON-5~~ []

The agent passed one CAROL letter and one DMMARBLE letter to her case officer in three meetings held during the quarter. She was turned over by [] to [] in July.

~~CABATON-21~~ []

This agent was met three times during the reporting period, and forwarded two test letters. He received no CAVILLA operational mail.

~~CABATON-25~~ []

Four meetings were held with the agent, who passed one ^{32W-6-22/3} letter in

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September. This letter was the subject of FROB-5806, 17 September 1963.

~~CABATON-26:~~ []

CABATON-26 forwarded one CAMOLAR letter during the quarter, and was met twice.

~~CABATON-29:~~ []

The agent forwarded one CATHROID-1 letter and one test letter mailed in West Berlin during the reporting period, and was met once.

~~CABATON-35:~~ []

~~This agent was not met during the quarter, nor did he forward any operational mail. We have notified Heidelberg (CLS) that we intend to terminate CABATON-35 shortly. He was compromised some years ago and had been maintained only for non-Bloc use. CABATON-35 has received no operational mail in the operation of [] since he was assigned to it in May 1961, we have asked [] whether a replacement was desired.~~

~~CABATON-37 and CABATON-37A:~~ []

~~The agents (a married couple) were met twice during the reporting period. Although the agents are not now acting as LLDs in any operation, BUT CABATON-37A continues to perform support work in the MICLAMMY operation, and has recently created a large number of test letters for use in the CABATON Project as well. CABATON-37's health is somewhat improved, though he remains weak. It is still planned to terminate the agents within the next few months.~~

~~CABATON-38:~~ []

CABATON-38 forwarded one CADEFIANT letter received through the unwitting CABATON-57 during the quarter, and was met once by [] CABATON-43, the other unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON-38, is considered terminated. We plan to terminate CABATON-57 shortly, and will then be free to terminate CABATON-38 as well.

~~CABATON-43:~~ []

CABATON-43 forwarded no operational mail during the reporting period. As stated above, this unwitting agent is considered terminated. Berlin Operations Base has notified us that CAMOLAR-15 (formerly CAMUG) is now writing to the CABATON-80 address, so there is no further need for CABATON-43's services. He will not be reported on again.

~~CABATON-44:~~ []

We have advised Heidelberg that we will terminate CABATON-44 shortly. As stated in the last Progress Report, his address is no longer being used and was probably compromised as well. The agent was not met during the quarter, and forwarded no operational mail.

~~CABATON-47:~~ []

The agent forwarded three CATHUMP letters during the quarter, and was met twice.

~~CABATON-57:~~ []

As noted above, CABATON-57 forwarded one CADEFIANT letter to CABATON-38 during the reporting period. CABATON-57 is unwitting and is not met. We intend to terminate this agent as soon as the CADEFIANT assignment can be transferred to another LLD.

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EGFA-40234< ~~CABATON-66:~~ []

CABATON-66 was met twice, and forwarded one test letter mailed from West Berlin.

< ~~CABATON-68:~~ []

The agent turned over one CANALIZE-16 letter, and was met once.

< ~~CABATON-69:~~ []

CABATON-69 was one of three friends of DIVOT-8 who were to be used as unwitting LLDs (the others were designated CABATON-70 and CABATON-86). They were never utilized, and all three are now considered terminated. This agent will not be reported on again.

< ~~CABATON-70:~~ []

As noted above, CABATON-70 was also to be used as an unwitting LLD, but was never activated. The agent is considered terminated and will not be reported on again.

< ~~CABATON-72:~~ []

The agent was met twice, and handed over one test letter mailed in West Berlin.

< ~~CABATON-74:~~ []

The agent was met three times, and passed two test letters.

< ~~CABATON-75:~~ []

CABATON-75 was met four times, and handled two CAOXY letters.

< ~~CABATON-77:~~ []

The agent forwarded five CAMASK letters during the reporting period, and was met once. (An entry on this agent was inadvertently omitted from the last Progress Report.)

< ~~CABATON-78:~~ []

CABATON-78 was met four times, and handed over four CAFIB letters during the quarter.

< ~~CABATON-79:~~ []

The agent was met once, and forwarded one CAGAVEL letter and two test letters during the quarter.

< ~~CABATON-80:~~ []

CABATON-80 forwarded three CAMUG letters during the reporting period, and was met once.

< ~~CABATON-81:~~ []

This agent forwarded four CAMOLAR letters during the quarter, and was met twice.

< ~~CABATON-82:~~ []

CABATON-82 forwarded four test letters, and was met twice.

< ~~CABATON-84:~~ []

This agent forwarded three test letters during the reporting period. He was met twice. His address was offered to Headquarters in reply to a request

for an accommodation address for use by AVBACON-1. We do not yet know whether the address will be so used.

~~CABATON-86:~~

CABATON-86 is the third friend of DIVOT-8 who was to have been utilized as an unwitting LLD. Like the other two, this agent is considered terminated and will not be reported on again.

~~CABATON-87:~~

The agent forwarded three CATHRILL letters, and was met once. The use of outsized envelopes by CATHRILL resulted in this agent's compromise to West German authorities, which has been reported by cable. (FROB-5924)

~~CABATON-88:~~

CABATON-88 forwarded three test letters, and was met twice.

~~CABATON-89:~~

The agent forwarded one CASPUR letter and one test letter during the quarter, and was met twice.

~~CABATON-90:~~

CABATON-90 forwarded one DINECTAR letter and three test letters during the quarter, and was met once.

~~CABATON-92:~~

This agent, the unwitting LLD subordinate to CABATON-21, remains unassigned. We plan to either attempt to recruit him as a witting LLD, or to terminate him.

~~CABATON-95:~~

CABATON-95 forwarded two test letters, and was met twice. He remains assigned to an unidentified BOB developmental operation.

~~CABATON-96:~~

The agent forwarded two test letters during the quarter, but was not met because he was on vacation.

~~CABATON-97:~~

This agent forwarded two CAMOLAR letters and one CASPUR letter during the reporting period, and was met twice.

~~CABATON-98:~~

CABATON-98 was met twice and forwarded one DIMANNA letter and one postcard, as well as two test letters.

~~CABATON-100:~~

The agent forwarded four test letters during the quarter, and was met twice. CABATON-100's address was to have been issued by BOB to a CAPANEL target, but BOB has advised us that it is instead being reserved for a developmental operation.

~~CABATON-102:~~

The agent forwarded four test letters during the reporting period, and was met twice. His address has not yet been used by

~~CABATON-103:~~

CABATON-103 was met twice, and forwarded four test letters. We still

do not know whether this agent's address will be used by CATAILING-22

~~CABATON-104~~

This agent was met twice, and forwarded four test letters during the quarter. BOB has notified us that they expect to issue CABATON-104's address to CATIME-1 shortly.

~~CABATON-105:~~

My main question here
CABATON-105 forwarded four test letters during the quarter, and was met twice, once when he was turned over from [] to []. BOB has notified us (EGFA-75804, 29 July 1963) that CABATON-105's address was mailed to CANALIZE-17 in May 1963, but that CANALIZE-17 has made no contact for nearly two years. BOB suggested that CABATON-105's address therefore not be used again for the receipt of mail from any Bloc country. While CABATON-105's usefulness as an accommodation address appears to be at an end, there is some chance of utilizing him in other FOB support work.

~~CABATON-106~~

The agent forwarded four CAMOLAR-9 letters and three test letters during the quarter, and was met once.

~~CABATON-107~~

CABATON-107 forwarded four test letters, but has received no CAVITAMIN-1 mail as yet. She was met once.

~~CABATON-108:~~

This agent forwarded four test letters during the reporting period, and was met twice. His address was given to BOB upon request and was to be issued to CATHROID-3 in August.

~~CABATON-109~~

CABATON-109 forwarded four test letters during the quarter, and was met four times. He also forwarded one ZRPRIMA letter on a one-time-use assignment for the Satellite Branch of FOB.

~~CABATON-110:~~

The agent forwarded six test letters, and was met three times. Upon request by BOB, his address was issued to CATHROID-6 in September.

~~CABATON-111:~~

CABATON-111, identified in FROB-4752, successfully forwarded four test letters during the quarter, and was met twice.

~~CABATON-112:~~

This agent forwarded four test letters successfully during the reporting period, and was met three times.

~~CABATON-113:~~

~~CABATON-113~~ the Subject of EGFA-39934, 30 July 1963, was recruited by [] on 15 July 1963. PRQ Parts I and II and a MOA Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-39934. He has successfully forwarded three test letters since recruitment, and has been met twice. His address was assigned in August to the East German Operations Branch of FOB for use by CARPATNUS/1. CABATON-113 has not yet received any mail in this assignment.

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CABATON-114:

MOA ~~CABATON-114~~, the Subject of EGFA-39973, 5 August 1963, was recruited by [redacted] on 13 July 1963. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-39973. He has since forwarded three test letters properly, and has been met twice. Following a request from BOB for an accommodation address, CABATON-114's address was offered. The address was given by BOB to CAMOLAR-8 in September; no operational mail has yet been received. >

CABATON-115:

M. K. section This agent [redacted] the Subject of EGFA-39931, 26 July 1963, was recruited by [redacted] on 5 March 1963 as CATRANSIT-12. He subsequently declined to perform as a CATRANSIT, however, [redacted] recontacted him in April 1963, and recruited him as a CABATON agent at that time. PRQ Part I was forwarded under EGFA-39931, 12 March 1963, and PRQ Part II under EGFA-39931. A Memorandum of Oral Agreement will be forwarded shortly. CABATON-115 has forwarded three test letters successfully, and was met twice by [redacted] and once by [redacted] who is now his case officer. When headquarters requested an accommodation address for use in a sensitive operation (DIPLIXIE), the agent's address was offered. We do not yet know whether CABATON-115's address will in fact be used in this operation. >

CABATON-116:

MOA ~~CABATON-116~~, the Subject of EGFA-40044, 13 August 1963, was recruited by [redacted] on 6 August 1963. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-40044. The agent has forwarded two test letters successfully, and was met once. The agent has been assigned to an operation the traffic of which is RYBAT; this is dealt with in separate correspondence. >

CABATON-117:

and here too ~~CABATON-117~~ the Subject of EGFA-40090, 21 August 1963, and of EGFA-40130, 3 September 1963, was recruited by [redacted] on 20 August 1963. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-40090. As explained in EGFA-40130, however, CABATON-117 wrote to [redacted] the day after he was recruited to say that because his mother-in-law shared his mailbox he would not be able to perform CABATON duties. The agent returned his first month's salary and some envelopes he had been given; [redacted] later wrote CABATON-117 to compliment him on his discretion and to thank him for his honesty. Cancellation of the POA was requested in EGFA-40130. This agent will not be reported on again. >

CABATON-118:

This agent [redacted] who is the Subject of DIR 47660, 18 June 1963, was recruited by [redacted] on 11 September 1963. CABATON-118 is a retired PBPRIME citizen living in Germany. He will be in PBPRIME for a visit during the next few months, however, and so will not be available for testing and subsequent operational assignment until after 1 January 1964. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement will be forwarded soon. >

CABATON-119:

~~CABATON-119~~ the Subject of EGFA-40231, 27 September 1963, was recruited by [redacted] on 24 September 1963. He too is a PBPRIME citizen who is living in Retirement in Germany. PRQ Parts I and II and the Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-40231. The agent will begin receiving test letters shortly. >

AGENT PROSPECTS:

During the quarterly period we once again relied heavily on ODACID files of PBPRIME citizens living in Germany for agent prospects. Unfortunately, Project case officers were able to contact only a handful of the leads in the

Duesseldorf area which had been obtained from ODACID files in that city. The fault lay in the fact that the records were a year or more old, and many of the prospects had since moved. Frankfurt ODACID files have proved to be more up-to-date and reliable, however, and we have requested six POAs as a result of our initial interviews with persons in that area. One of these has since become CABATON-119. The Frankfurt files continue to supply a sizeable number of agent leads, and the geographic limits of the Frankfurt ODACID district are such that the leads live not only in or around Frankfurt itself, but as far afield as Kassel and Fulda; we are thus able to avoid too great a concentration of agents in Frankfurt. We are now in possession of microfilms of the Stuttgart ODACID records of FBPRIME citizens as well, and intend to begin combing them soon. In general, this category of agents leads is not particularly productive in terms of numbers: the group appears highly mobile, and only a very small percentage of the many FBPRIMERS listed are suitable CABATON material. However, those who do meet our qualifications are usually motivated toward recruitment for patriotic reasons.

We have also continued to answer work-wanted advertisements in the German newspapers, with somewhat more encouraging results. Of 44 form letters which we have sent out, nine have brought replies. German citizens seeking extra work will often fail to respond to our letters simply because they are not interested in working for ODIBEX. We have found, however, that if we reply to the advertisements immediately, we have a good chance for favorable replies. We then follow this up with personal visits as quickly as possible. Here again we are striving for a wide geographical distribution of agents, by answering ads from newspapers printed some distance from Frankfurt.

In addition, we have begun perusing the voluminous Frankfurt ODIBEX files of former German employees, as mentioned in the Reference. Unfortunately the most recent of these files pertain only to 1961, so here again we are faced with the possibility that many leads may have since moved. There are files on several hundred employees who resigned during 1961 alone, however; the initial group of candidates is large. Our intention is to first take a sampling of 50 or 60 seemingly promising leads from these files, and then to attempt to contact and interview them. If they prove to be generally acceptable, we will continue to search the files; if not, we will not devote too much time to this category of prospects. As in all our quests for CABATON candidates, we will feel successful if we can request POAs on 25% of the people whom we have interviewed.

At the end of the reporting period we held four unexploited POAs, and were awaiting receipt of five more. During the next quarter we will attempt recruitment of all persons on whom POAs are granted.

OTHER MAIL FACILITIES:

The CABATON mail facilities remained essentially the same during the past quarter. We have received a request from BOB to send 50 more test letters to the home addresses of BGB staffers in Berlin; this channel has not yet been used for operational mail, however. A new feature in this category is the receipt of two numbered post office boxes at APO 757 in Frankfurt (of several which FOB recently acquired). We have tested these addresses (which consist only of the box number and APO number, without unit name) with dummy letters, and found them satisfactory; they have not yet been utilized operationally, however.

SECURITY:

A security problem arose during the quarter with the compromise of the cover unit APO forwarding address to West German authorities through the CABATON-87 affair. Once it was verified that this was official ODYOKE intelligence activity, the authorities proved quite cooperative. However, we cannot assess how widely in FedRep official circles the use of this particular cover unit is now known, and so will take steps to terminate its use as promptly as feasible. This may involve use of APO P.O. Boxes or another APO cover unit. We do not feel we can at present create a suitable non-official facility to receive operational mail forwarded from out-of-town CABATONs.

FINANCE:

[] was obligated to the Project during the reporting period. This compares favorably with the figure of [] which was authorized for expenditure during this period.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

We intend during the coming quarters to make recruitment approaches to those persons on whom we have POAs, and to continue searching for suitable agent leads in the Frankfurt and Stuttgart ODACID files, in the Frankfurt ODIREX files of former German employees, and in the work-wanted columns of German newspapers.

We plan also to continue our stepped-up test letter program, which was described in the Reference. The program has proved beneficial; we have found that agent morale and agent competence are enhanced when all agents are required to forward mail regularly, whether they are operationally assigned or not. This system also assures a fairly even flow of CABATON mail to each agent; as the number of operational letters received increases, we can decrease the number of test letters sent to a given agent. In this manner agents are prevented from feeling any sudden shifts in their part of the operation.

In preparation for the projected home leave by [] and to fully utilize available personnel, outside Staff Agents [] and [] are being made available for part-time work on the CABATON Project. We will utilize these men in the spotting, contact, and assessment of potential agents, through initial interviews, and have them take over the handling of some of the CABATON agents who live some distance from Frankfurt.

APPROVED: []

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