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Synopsis: This dispatch reports the initiation of Project CACARANA in January 1953; its progress until the arrest of CACARANA 1 and 2 on 21 May 1953; and subsequent developments.

1. Project CACARANA was initiated in January 1953 with the intention of securing a successor to CARBOHYDRATE in the East Berlin Volkspolizei. CARBOHYDRATE himself conducted the first assessment and recruitment measures on CACARANA, whom he had recommended for the job. The first contact between a member of this agency and subject came on 10 February 1953 when [ ] was introduced in the presence of CARBOHYDRATE. This meeting was devoted to general security briefing and explanation of what would be expected of CACARANA. At the next meeting, on 25 February 1953, when CARBOHYDRATE was not present, [ ] was able to obtain PRQ Part I, agree with CACARANA upon salary, and establish emergency communications. It was agreed that CACARANA would receive DM West 200 per month - 50 to be paid in cash, and the remainder to be deposited in a holding account maintained for him in West Germany. His salary was made effective as of January 1953, as that was the month in which he had been recruited by CARBOHYDRATE, and as he had also submitted information to us through CARBOHYDRATE that month.

2. At this second meeting between [ ] and CACARANA, the prospect of including CACARANA's wife in the operation was discussed. CACARANA suggested that she could prove valuable in helping to bring bulky material across the East Berlin-West Berlin border. For this reason, and for the additional advantage that CACARANA's wife could serve as courier if CACARANA himself could not, for any reason, come to West Berlin, it was decided to include her formally in the project. She came to the next meeting, on 11 March 1953, and to all subsequent meetings. (Her PRQ Part I and formal identification as CACARANA 2 were submitted under fifth and sixth references.)

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3. CACARANA and CACARANA 2 thereafter came to West Berlin to meet [ ] on 25 March, 8 April, and 15 April 1953. The meeting on 15 April was devoted to assessment of CACARANA by [ ] the results of which are submitted as attachment "A" to this dispatch. On 22 April 1953 CACARANA and CACARANA 2 were introduced by [ ] to [ ] who assumed the subsequent handling of the case. After this introductory meeting, [ ] met subjects twice more in the normal manner, on 5 May and 19 May 1953. Contact reports for meetings mentioned above are submitted as attachment "B" to this dispatch.

4. During the progress of the operation as described in the foregoing three paragraphs, CACARANA submitted the following information:

- a. The structure of the East Berlin Volkspolizei
- b. Information on the East Berlin Residents' Registry
- c. Current issues of "Die Volkspolizei"
- d. Information on the planned issue of new DPAs
- e. Information on the reorganization of the Ministry of the Interior of the DDR
- f. Several possible operational leads.
- g. East Berlin VOFO reports on Druidemorden, Boy Scouts, and the "reactionary activity of the church" in the DDR.
- h. The number of employees attached to each of the DDR offices in East Berlin.
- i. The number of "volunteer assistants" to the VOFO in each East Berlin Bezirk.

All of this information, except the operational leads, was turned over to the BOB Reports Section. In addition to supplying the above, CACARANA was able to identify "Asta" (see SPULL-5206, BERLIN-9347).

At all meetings with CACARANA and CACARANA 2, [ ] and [ ] used German-plate cars. The meetings were set for 2000 hours, under cover of darkness or, in the case of the last two meetings, twilight. Agents were taken on each occasion to BOB safehouses.

5. On 26 May 1953, CARBOHYDRATE got in touch with his case officer, [ ] requesting that [ ] and [ ] visit him immediately concerning CACARANA 2, who was at CARBOHYDRATE's home with disturbing news. [ ] on this date was on TDY; so [ ] accompanied Albano to CARBOHYDRATE's residence. There CACARANA 2 related the following account: On 21 May at approximately noon, 3 Volkspolizei appeared at the CACARANA apartment and informed CACARANA 2 that her husband had been placed under arrest. The three men were: Peter SCHULZ, fnu SCHULZ, and fnu MEGANY. They searched the apartment in a perfunctory manner, and Peter SCHULZ, who was in charge, warned CACARANA 2 each time he came across something

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compromising and told her to burn it. This compromising material consisted of western literature, pictures of Hitler, and West German money. The search, being perfunctory, did not turn up the documents which CACARANA had hidden in the apartment preparatory to bringing them to his next meeting with C [redacted] (This material CACARANA 2 later burned.) At approximately 1730 that same day, the 3 men escorted CACARANA 2 to the Police Praesidium. There she was interrogated until approximately 0630 the following morning (22 May) by Polizeirat fmr BRENECKER, Oberkommissar fmr BRUNER, and Oberrat fmr GROENING. (The first 2 of these 3 men belong to the "Inspektionsgruppe", which handles subversive matters pertaining to members of the Police Praesidium; the third is chief of the Sekretariat.) The interrogation was concentrated upon the connections existing between CACARANA and CACARANA 2 and CARBOHYDRATE. CACARANA 2 at first admitted only to knowing CARBOHYDRATE slightly purely in a social way. She denied that she and CACARANA had been at the New Year's Eve party (1952-1953) given by CARBOHYDRATE (which they had in fact attended). The interrogators then told her that they knew for certain that she and her husband had been at the party. CACARANA 2 then demanded that she be allowed to see her husband; surprisingly enough, CACARANA himself was immediately brought into the room. CACARANA told his wife that it was all right to admit that they had been at CARBOHYDRATE's New Year's Eve Party, and that he had already told his interrogators that they were social friends with CARBOHYDRATE and his family. CACARANA said the word "social" in such a manner that CACARANA 2 knew immediately that she should admit everything which could be explained on the basis of a purely friendly social relationship with CARBOHYDRATE. CACARANA was then taken from the room, and the interrogation continued. The interrogators asked her whether she had read the letter her husband received from CARBOHYDRATE in January. (This letter had been written by CARBOHYDRATE asking CACARANA to visit him in West Berlin - it was the first step in the recruitment of CACARANA.) CACARANA 2 then answered that she could not remember any such letter; the interrogators thereupon quoted the contents of the letter verbatim. CACARANA 2 at this point realized that there was no use in pretending about the letter. She therefore said that she "vaguely" remembered it. From this moment on, the interrogators became a great deal more friendly, and all further questions pertained to the relationship she and her husband had had with CARBOHYDRATE after the latter's defection to the West. CACARANA 2 stated that as far as she knew, her husband had visited CARBOHYDRATE only once after the arrival of the letter. All other questions thereafter were answered by her with "I can't remember", "I'm not sure of this", or "I don't know anything about this." At the end of the interrogation CACARANA 2 demanded that she be told the exact charges under which her husband was being held, in order that she might get in touch with a lawyer. (CACARANA 2 at one time worked in the Ministry of Justice, and is acquainted with some influential men there.) Both BRENECKER and GROENING begged her not

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to take any such steps at the moment, because they would like the matter to remain in East Berlin Police channels if possible. At approximately 0700 (22 May), she was escorted back to her apartment and placed under house arrest. A Volkspolizist and a Volkspolizistin stayed in the apartment with her until the afternoon of 24 May. CACARANA 2 spent all day Monday, 25 May, observing the neighborhood to determine whether she was under surveillance, but was unable to detect any indications of same. Early the following morning, 26 May, she left the apartment-house by the rear exit and took a circuitous route to the nearest U-bahn station, where she boarded the first train bound for an East Sector stop. There she took another train bound for an East Sector stop. There she took a West-bound train, got off at the first stop in West Berlin, and took a taxi to CARBOHYDRATE's neighborhood. During the taxi ride the driver, at her request, drove through a number of deserted streets; at no time was she able to detect a surveillance. She paid off the taxi driver and walked the rest of the way to CARBOHYDRATE's house.

6. After hearing the above account, [ ] and [ ] made the following arrangements with CACARANA 2: she would return to East Berlin immediately and wait for further news. Since one of the interrogators had indicated to her at the end of her interrogation that he hoped the matter would be cleared up by 29 May, it was agreed that she would come to West Berlin again upon that date and report directly to [ ] what had happened in the meantime. She was instructed to give CACARANA's mother the BOB telephone number in her possession so that the latter could, if CACARANA 2 were arrested again, inform [ ] of that fact. (CACARANA's mother knows nothing of her son's and daughter-in-law's clandestine activities; she was to be told by CACARANA 2 that if CACARANA 2 herself should be arrested again, she should call [ ] and extend greetings from her daughter-in-law.) CACARANA 2 was also instructed to be especially careful, as she had indeed been, to avoid surveillances.

7. After CACARANA 2 had returned to East Berlin with these instructions, nothing further was heard until 3 June 1953. (CACARANA's mother had been unable to make telephone contact with BOB.) On the morning of that day, CARBOHYDRATE again called BOB to state that he had information of interest to both [ ] and [ ]. When the latter two arrived at CARBOHYDRATE's home, they met CACARANA 2 in person, who then related the following story of what had happened from the time she left West Berlin as described above and returned to her apartment: On the 27th of May at 2030 the previously mentioned KENZERROSS and Peter SCHULTZ appeared at the apartment, where they questioned her for two hours, concentrating on the same topics as in the previous interrogation. They further asked her whether she knew

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why a certain Fran FUELLBORN had fled to the West. (FUELLBORN was another friend of CARBOHYDRATE in the Sekretariat; he was arrested at the same time as CACARANA.) On 28 May at 2000 hours the same two appeared again and conducted the same sort of interrogation. This time, however, they informed CACARANA 2 that CACARANA had conversed with the inmate of the next cell and that both inmates thought they would be able to return home on the evening of 29 May. The inmate of the next cell was VOPO Kommissar from PUSCH. On 30 May at 2115, PUSCH did in fact come to the CACARANA apartment and informed CACARANA 2 that the affair of her husband and FUELLBORN was now being handled by the SSD. He brought greetings from CACARANA and also the message that CACARANA 2 "should not admit to more than five or six times." (CACARANA 2 understood this to mean meetings with CARBOHYDRATE in West Berlin.) PUSCH further said that CACARANA had been interrogated by the SSD for 13 or 14 hours; that his wrists were quite raw; and that all his muscles ached. PUSCH announced his intention of fleeing to West Berlin as soon as he left the CACARANA apartment; but as he was on his way out he was seized and arrested by three members of the SSD who had apparently followed him there. CACARANA 2 was also arrested again and, handcuffed, brought again to the Police Praesidium. CACARANA 2 was brought to the room of the above mentioned BEFUEHRER; also present were BEZENSCHOWS, Peter SCHULZ, and three members of the SSD (not those who had arrested her). There took place then a cross examination of several hours duration in the course of which CACARANA 2 was informed that her husband had thrown a note into PUSCH's cell upon which was written "Depend on us and do not admit more than 5 or 6 times". (CACARANA had given PUSCH the message for his wife verbally, through an opening between the two cells that housed the common light bulb; he had also written the message down afterwards and thrown it through this opening. In doing the latter, however, he miscalculated the time element - PUSCH had already been released when the note was thrown through, and it was found by the prison authorities when the next prisoner was brought into PUSCH's cell.) The interrogators wanted to know on what dates the meetings with CARBOHYDRATE had taken place. CACARANA 2 continued to claim that she remembered very little of the whole matter. The interrogation was broken off at approximately 0500 on 31 May and CACARANA 2 was taken to the Volkspolizei jail on Kaibelstr. From that time until approximately 1700 on 2 June, CACARANA 2 was left alone in her cell. During this entire period she was not able to lie down comfortably and she also refused to take any form of nourishment. She then, being at the end of her will to resist, pretended to have a nervous breakdown. She was taken to the prison sickroom and, after examination by a doctor, was escorted by an SSD member to a room on cross corridor 5 of the third floor of the Police Praesidium. Two SSD men then entered the room and the man who had escorted her left. One of these men, who was obviously the superior, conducted the entire

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interrogation. He began with the usual questions, which CACARANA 2 now knew by heart, regarding relations with CARBOHYDRATE. Among other questions he asked CACARANA 2 whether there could have been a homosexual relationship between her husband and CARBOHYDRATE. CACARANA 2 answered all questions with her previous answers, i.e., answers based on the promise that she and her husband had been social friends of CARBOHYDRATE. The interrogator then asked some questions of a more general nature; following this he offered her a cigarette and suddenly said: "You realize that your husband is an agent for the investigating committee of the Free Jurists and that your life is ruined as long as your husband is in jail. You would also like to go home tonight. It lies within your power to make good again everything which has happened up to now. I will make you a suggestion. You do not need to answer me immediately but will have time to consider it. You will be released this evening. You are to go to West Berlin in the near future, go through the regular refugee channels, and obtain a residence permit for West Berlin. You will be recognized as a political refugee, for every time your name comes up they will know how to treat you. We have good connections to the Western authorities; also to Kuno Fischer and Friesen Str., as well as to the residence permit office. You further have the assignment to establish a good friendly contact to CARBOHYDRATE so that he will get you a position in the investigating committee of the Free Jurists. If that succeeds, you will then be obligated to report in written form everything regarding your job which is accessible to you. We are not too concerned with names, but principally with the interior organization and the activity of the Free Jurists in all fields; also with the security measures employed by the Free Jurists, the division of the offices, and what is carried on with members of the public who visit there. In particular, you must try to get things out of CARBOHYDRATE which normally would not be discussed. That is my suggestion, which you may think over for a quarter of an hour."

After a quarter of an hour, during which time the second SSD man present gave her suggestions on how to become friendly with CARBOHYDRATE, the interrogator returned and asked whether CACARANA 2 was ready to accept the assignment. Before answering, she asked what would happen to her husband in the meantime if she should agree to his suggestion. To this he answered: "Your husband remains an agent in our eyes and will be treated by us as such until we see that you will play seriously with us. As soon as we are convinced of this, we will grant your husband small advantages. If you are successful in passing sufficient material concerning the Free Jurists and CARBOHYDRATE into the hands of the SSD then you may return immediately to the Democratic Sektor where you will receive an apartment on Stalinallee. In this case, nothing will happen to your husband. If you disappoint us, however, your husband -

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and also FUELLBORN - will vanish and you will never see him again." Thereupon CACARANA 2 resolved to accept the assignment. She had to give the following certificate of obligation which she wrote from dictation: "I, CACARANA 2, am partially guilty for the misdeeds of my husband which I will make good again by my obligation to the following contract. The greatest blame for these mistakes rests with CARBOHYDRATE. I will travel to West Berlin on the morning of 3 June 1953, go through the refugee channels, attempt to obtain a residence permit and thereafter a position in the investigating committee of the Free Jurists. I will report in written form to the SSD everything which I learn about the Free Jurists. I will further help to deliver CARBOHYDRATE into the hands of the SSD. If I do not observe this obligation then I must reckon, in the event of a reunification of Berlin, with a very long prison term. All written reports I will deliver under the name Heila UPHAMM". The usual secrecypledge followed. In conclusion, the SSD man set her first meeting with him for 2100 16 June 1953 in front of the Presse-Cafe in Friedrich Str. The SSD man disappeared for a half hour, during which time CACARANA 2 had to write a brief biography of her life. He returned after half an hour and took CACARANA 2 back to the prison where he arranged for her immediate release. Since the jail safe was locked, her personal effects were not to be had. The SSD man promised to bring them to their meeting on 16 June. CACARANA 2 arrived home c. 2200. On the third of June at approximately 0600, CACARANA 2 left her apartment with her son and travelled with extreme caution to CARBOHYDRATE's house. She detected no surveillance. (Description of the SSD man who conducted the final interrogation: approximately 1.72 meters tall, age in middle fifties, silver-gray hair with very high forehead, bushy silver-gray eyebrows, very bright blue eyes, prominent cheekbones, pointed chin, powerful figure, and very large, broad hands.)

8. Since the above course of events, CACARANA 2 has begun processing through the refugee channels, exactly as instructed by the SSD. Conferences are in progress between [ ] [ ] [ ] and CADRAIN to determine steps to be taken in this case. These will be reported in the near future.

9. CACARANA's entire salary will for the immediate future be paid directly to CACARANA 2.

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