

COUNTRY PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY

FY 1971 Through FY 1974

EUROPEAN DIVISION

PROJECT: CATOMIC

GERMANY

PROGRAM: COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE, CLANDESTINE, UNILATERAL

1. PURPOSE: CATOMIC is the []'s Soviet access agent program targeted primarily against the PCS Soviet officials of the Soviet Embassy in Bonn and the Soviet Trade Mission in Cologne.

2. DESCRIPTION: Project CATOMIC supports a number of male and female access and support agents in the Bonn-Cologne-Duesseldorf area who were in contact with Soviets at time of recruitment or are available for insertion into social and business situations which will give them natural direct access to the targets. In addition to reporting personality and operational data, they sometimes arrange for staff officer contacts with Soviet targets.

3. CHANGES: The project was amended to exclude the Chinese target (now handled under Project CASOCIETY). Operations in the Frankfurt and Munich areas were also eliminated from the project.

4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: During the past year additional assets have been recruited bringing the total to nearly 40 access and tracking agents. Seven selected Soviet target personalities have been aggressively pursued by CATOMIC agents. To date about a third of the CATOMIC assets have succeeded in establishing contact with selected Soviet targets, some of them with more than one target. Other assets have been in touch with Soviet targets of opportunity and provided pertinent assessment data on these contacts.

5. PROBLEMS: No major operational problems are foreseen.

6. FUTURE PLANS: Plans call for the elimination of marginal assets and replacement with higher caliber agents. Intensive training, already underway, is expected to pay dividends in the coming year. Aggressive tracking of designated targets will continue and attempts will be made to get access agents into meaningful relationships with those targets.

7. EVALUATION: To date the problem has been to build a structure of tracking and access agents, training and motivating them, and laying

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the groundwork for a sound operational approach to the problem of assessing, cultivating, and developing selected Soviet targets to the point of recruitment or decision to drop the individual as a target. Using the task force approach and with assistance from Headquarters, BOU has made considerable progress in the past year and more is expected in the future.

8. COSTS:

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