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CATOMIC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

10 April 1974

A. PURPOSE: To support the efforts of [] under Objective A (Soviet Union).

B. DESCRIPTION:

1. General: CATOMIC Operational Activity covers the [] access agent program targetted primarily against PCS Soviet officials assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Bonn and to the Soviet Trade Mission in Cologne; also selected Bloc officials.

2. Agents and Assets: Development of personal contact with human targets is the objective of each CATOMIC asset. They seldom are assigned operational support tasks. Meetings with their respective case officers take place either in designated safesites or public facilities. Each asset has an operational telephone number to contact the case officer outside the normally pre-arranged meeting schedule.

a. CATOMIC-6, German free-lance journalist who is the widow of a former Pakistani diplomat, was recruited in July 1969. (OA: 13 April 1970). Still maintains contacts in diplomatic circles but likewise enjoys natural access to Soviet and Bloc journalists through memberships in foreign as well as domestic press associations in Bonn. Close personal relationship developed with a Soviet journalist (AETOWHEE) facilitated her introduction to a Career Associate [] Paid DM 800 per month plus reimbursement for operational expenses and occasional bonuses for outstanding performance. Primary control is financial plus gratitude for our medical assistance in controlling her daughter's diabetes.

b. CATOMIC-8, widow of ABOGUS with whom she defected and was exfiltrated from East Germany in October 1964, is a Russian-language instructor at Cologne University. Her primary operational duty has been to spot agent candidates. (OA: 30 August 1972). Due to the press of professional duties, she currently is operationally inactive and unsalaried.

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c. CATOMIC-14, who had dual German and Dutch citizenship, originally was recruited in Berlin in March 1964 to provide information on Berlin political targets. Recontacted in October 1970. As public relations officer for an advertising promotional film company in Cologne, he enjoys regular contact with various representatives of the Embassy as well as the "Soviet Union Heute" office (Cologne) and other Soviet media. (OA re-issued 11 March 1971). Because of personal interest in politics, he also reports on NRW and federal political figures -- particularly within the CDU and FDP. He is unaware that his boss and the latter's wife are also recruited agents (CATOMIC-56 and CATOMIC-22). Principally motivated by monetary gain, he receives DM 1,000 per month plus reimbursement for entertaining designated targets.

d. CATOMIC-23, Greek citizen born in Rumania and wholesale salesman for a German jewelry manufacturer, was recruited 7 February 1971 when he was manager of the firm's shop in Bonn. (OA: 15 December 1971). He had occasional Soviet customers and at our urging offered "deals" to attract additional Soviet customers. Current position gives him less opportunity for regular contact with Soviets. Has not accepted a salary since November 1971 and generally even refuses reimbursement for operational expenses. Motivation may result in part from his mother's employment by Radio Free Europe and her desire to obtain American citizenship.

e. CATOMIC-33 originally was recruited [] in 1966 when he -- an anti-Baathist Syrian diplomat [] in East Germany -- defected to the West. Currently a free-lance journalist in Bonn and a member of the Foreign Press Association with access to Soviet, Bloc and Arab journalists. He supplements his earnings by performing translations for Arab embassies. Recontacted/recruited February 1969. (OA: 5 January 1973). Motivation is purely financial and he depends on the DM 800 he receives from us each month.

f. CATOMIC-36, West German architect and city planner, originally was recruited in December 1965 [] (OA: 22 June 1966). After moving -- via Nuernberg -- to Essen in July 1971, he agreed to continue Soviet contact effort which remained marginal. He was considered an inactive asset until June 1973 when he reported that a Hungarian biochemist (cousin by marriage) expected to begin a two-year study grant at the California Institute

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of Technology at Pasadena. SB Division and [] have expressed interest. CATOMIC-36 receives no salary but is reimbursed for operational expenses.

g. CATOMIC-37, German dental assistant, was recruited in August 1971 primary for use as a tracking asset by reason of her part-time AVON sales activity. (OA: 14 January 1972). Married in April 1972. Her husband also was granted OA to obtain his approval of her operational collaboration. Child-birth in June 1973 has caused reduction in activities and her salary was reduced in April 1973 from DM 100 to DM 50 per month plus DM 20 per hour for tasks actually performed. Money is an inducement, but she also appears motivated by novel and challenging nature of cooperation with us.

h. CATOMIC-40 and CATOMIC-41, CATOMIC-40, a German widow and executive secretary, and CATOMIC-41, a German medical doctor with whom she and her 8-year old son live, have been handled as a team since recruited in June 1971. (OA: CATOMIC-40; 8 December 1971; CATOMIC-41; 21 January 1972). Prior to initial contact, he had professional dealings with at least one Soviet and both were being cultivated by another. They currently are LP keepers for the audio operation against AEHUM. As newly-established neighbors, they also have met and are cultivating AEHUM and his wife. Both seem to enjoy the intellectual challenge of clandestine activity and are very pro-American. Neither is paid a salary; only reimbursed for operational expenses.

i. CATOMIC-47, independent German real estate agent, was recruited 17 February 1972. (OA: October 1972). Already had some professional dealings with Soviets prior to contact by us, but at our urging has intensified contact/service effort and reports on Soviets and Bloc officials who do business with him. Also helpful in providing leads to potential LP sites for Soviet and Chinese operations. Paid about DM 1,000 per month plus operational expenses.

j. CATOMIC-50, French journalist, originally became of interest and was recruited in March 1972 by reason of a common wall which her apartment shared with that of a Soviet journalist (AETOWHEE). Also was considered for use as potential access agent against STMONOT-1, formerly chief of the NCNA office in Bonn. (OA: 22 February 1973). CATOMIC-50

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permitted the audio operation to be mounted from her apartment in September 1972, but her primary value during the past year derives from an affair she has been carrying on with another Soviet journalist (AEHUM) since June 1973. Although reassigned to Paris by her employer in November 1973, she continues to trust periodically with AEHUM in various German cities. [] maintains local contact whenever necessary. but she remains primarily under the direction of [] Does not receive a salary, but is reimbursed for operational expenses.

k. CATOMIC-52, German businessman, whose firm deals with officials of the Soviet Trade Mission (STM). Accepted recruitment 25 April 1972, primarily because he has suffered at Soviet hands. (OA: 2 February 1973). While not an active access agent, he is able to report on Soviet efforts to create a joint trading organization in West Germany; also provides superficial information on new officials at the STM. Receives no salary, but is reimbursed for operational expenses.

l. CATOMIC-55, German female employee of the West German Foreign Affairs Ministry and active member of the informal organization of young diplomats in Bonn, was recruited 9 May 1972. (OA: 22 November 1972). Has been targetted since mid-1973 primarily against Foreign Affairs Ministry personnel due diminished contact with Soviets. Motivated primarily by adventure and talent for conspiracy plus strongly pro-American/anti-East Europe feelings. Receives no salary, but is reimbursed for operational expenses.

m. CATOMIC-59, and his brother (STFOIL-1) who are German citizens and long-time China traders originally were of China operational interest, including contact and assessment in 1969. New POA granted December 1971 because of contact with STM and travel to USSR. Accepted recruitment March 1972 based on personal friendship with case officer and pro-American attitudes; does not expect payment for cooperation. (OA: 30 August 1972). Also reports on international economics and finances as well as local/regional politics.

n. CATOMIC-70 and CATOMIC-71: CATOMIC-70 was originally recruited in February 1967 as an LP Keeper in

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Berlin. Terminated March 1969 when she moved to West Germany to be married. Recontacted 1973 [] to function as tracking asset. (OA: 5 July 1973). Her husband (CATOMIC-71) was cleared to be made witting of her collaboration. (OA: 19 June 1973). Both are German citizens, he an interior design architect and she a part-time secretary. Her monthly salary (DM 100) will be discontinued at end of FY 74; thereafter paid piecemeal for individual tasks accomplished.

o. CATOMIC-72 and CATOMIC-73 were recruited in March 1973, because their Cologne apartment is ideally located for observation of the building in which most STM employees reside and also of the new STM currently under construction. They agreed to cooperate without remuneration based his intellectual curiosity about intelligence, their opposition to Soviet IS activity in western countries and her (CATOMIC-73) American citizenship. An educator for the (SPD) Friedrich Ebert Foundation, he accepted two-year tour in the Philippines and departed Cologne with family in February 1974. [] is sub-leasing the apartment for OP use during that period. CATOMIC-72 OA: 25 October 1973; CATOMIC-73: 15 November 1973.

p. CATOMIC-74, Greek diplomat assigned to Bonn since February 1973 originally was recruited 1955 as a translator in Salonika. Terminated in July 1957 but re-recruited July 1971 while serving as Deputy Chief of Greek Military Mission in West Berlin where he was being heavily cultivated by a Soviet. (OA: 4 January 1972). From October 1973 to April 1974 he is representing Greece at the European Security Conference in Geneva. Not salaried.

q. CATOMIC-75, Egyptian journalist assigned to the West German Federal Press and Information office in Bonn, was spotted by CATOMIC-6 and recruited in June 1973 for use against Soviet and Arab targets. (OA: 25 September 1973). Motivation primarily financial; receives DM 500 per month plus expenses.

r. CATOMIC-76, U. S. citizen employed in Stuttgart as optical equipment sales manager for an American firm and travels regularly to the USSR, was recommended by [] officer. Recruited 26 November 1973. Provides information on West German R&D project of considerable interest to OSI; is willing to provide information on Soviet

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contacts in Moscow; trying establish contact with Soviets in Bonn. (POA: 16 November 1973).

s. CATOMIC-77, young German journalist, who, while still under cultivation in January 1973, introduced a [] officer to a young Soviet journalist (AECAPRI). CATOMIC-77 continues to see AECAPRI on a regular, but strictly professional basis. Unsalaries, but receives operational expenses. (POA: 13 June 1973).

t. CATOMIC-78. German female employee of the German Research Society who is responsible for the Soviet and German exchange program, was recruited on 6 March 1974. (POA: December 1973). Receives no salary.

u. CATOMIC-79, interpreter-translator for a West German firm, was recruited in March 1972 by reason of his contact with STM officials. (POA: 12 March 1974).

v. CAEPIDOTE, American journalist, collaborated as unpaid Soviet access agent in New Delhi from August 1967 until reassignment to Bonn in July 1972. Recontacted in April 1973 and agreed to report on Soviet, Bloc and PRC professional colleagues with whom he has natural contact. (OA: August 1973). Receives non-accountable allowances of DM 500 per month for operational expenses. (ADDO has approved continued contact in view of his discretion, loyal service and high motivation.)

3. Termination: Due to marginal performance, CATOMIC-5, a German national employed for many years as a driver for the STM, will be terminated at the end of FY 74. The same applies to CATOMIC-22, German public relations consultant turned journalist, and her husband, CATOMIC-56, who heads an advertising/promotional film company in Cologne and is the boss of CATOMIC-14, as well as to CATOMIC-20, wife of CATOMIC-19. There are no security considerations or problems involved in these terminations.

4. Transfers: The following CATOMIC assets will be transferred to the CATHATCH Operational Activity as of the beginning of FY 75:

a. CATOMIC-15, German political scientist specializing in Soviet Bloc and China affairs who recently has been hired by the West German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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b. CATOMIC-19, an Iranian diplomat.

5. Technical Operations:

a. Two microphones and tape recorders were installed in CATOMIC-50's apartment 17 October 1973 to record her rendezvous with AEHUM. They were removed 17 December 1973 when she was transferred to Paris.

b. Woodblock was installed 3 July 1973 in the Bonn apartment rented by [] which serves as the primary meeting site for him and AETOWHEE and occasionally also for AETOWHEE and his mistress. This operation continues at a cost of approximately \$3,000 a year.

c. Mike and wire installation in the common wall between apartments of CATOMIC-50 and AETOWHEE was accomplished 12 October 1972 to monitor his relationship with CATOMIC-6, his wife, his mistress and his initial meetings with [] Removed 10 August 1973.

d. Attempts have been made to mount temporary audio operations against the hotel rooms in various German cities where CATOMIC-50 and AEHUM periodically meet since her transfer from Bonn to Paris.

D. SUPPORT FACILITIES: About \$11,000 is estimated as the cost of apartments supporting CATOMIC operations during FY 75. This amount covers the apartment in which [] meets AETOWHEE plus the LP apartment in the same building, the LP apartment for the audio operation against AEHUM's residence (LP keepers: CATOMIC-40 and -41), and the Cologne apartment belonging to CATOMIC-72 and CATOMIC-73, which is used as an observation post.

E. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Based largely on the intensive personal relationship developed by CATOMIC-19 with AERAIVEN over an extended period, AERAIVEN was the object of a recruitment pitch [] officers on 22 June 1973. He rejected the pitch, immediately reported it and returned to Moscow short of tour before the end of July 1973.

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2. Apparently without compromising her AIS connection, CATOMIC-6 brokered the introduction of [] to AETOWHEE. During the past year, [] has successfully cultivated AETOWHEE to the point where an unspoken agent-case officer relationship exists; [] levies requirements on AETOWHEE and pays him for the responses.

3. CATOMIC-50 has sustained AEHUM's personal interest in her while refusing steadfastly to enter into an agent role for cover purposes as proposed by AEHUM. Their affair has been in progress since June 1973 and she has provided valuable personalia on this complicated Soviet journalist.

4. CATOMIC-40 and CATOMIC-41, LP keepers for the audio operation against the AEHUM residence, also have demonstrated commendable progress and effectiveness playing a friendly-neighbor role in cultivating AEHUM and his wife.

5. Although their basic objective is personal contact for assessment of Soviet human targets, CATOMIC agents during the past year provided information for five disseminated reports: one from an audio operation, one from CATOMIC-43, one from CATOMIC-15 and two from CATOMIC-33.

F. APPROVAL: The CATOMIC Operational Activity is hereby approved by Chief, European Division for FY 1975.

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