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CATOMIC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY - FY 76

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

B. DESCRIPTION:

1. General: CATOMIC Operational Activity covers  
access agent program targeted primarily  
against PCS Soviets assigned to the Soviet Embassy in  
Bonn and the Soviet Trade Mission in Cologne. To a  
somewhat lesser degree, CATOMIC assets are targeted  
against selected Eastern Bloc officials.

2. Agents and Assets:

a. CATOMIC/6 - a West German free-lance  
journalist who was recruited in July 1969 (OA:  
April 1970). Widow of a former Pakistani diplomat,  
she still maintains contact in local diplomatic  
circles and enjoys access to Soviet and Soviet Bloc  
journalists. At our behest, CATOMIC/6 has renewed  
her relationship with a Yugoslav journalist (VSDESK)  
of interest. Articles written by CATOMIC/6 are  
placed by [ ] asset.

b. CATOMIC/8 - the widow of AEBOGUS and a  
Russian language instructor at Cologne University  
(OA: August 1972). Her primary duty is to spot  
agent candidates. Due to the press of her professional  
responsibilities, CATOMIC/8 has been inactive thus far  
this fiscal year. She receives no salary.

c. CATOMIC/23 - a Greek citizen born in Romania,  
who was recruited in February 1971 (OA: December 1971).  
As a wholesale jeweler, CATOMIC/23 has occasional  
Soviet customers to whom he offers special "deals"  
to attract additional business from the local Soviet  
community. He receives no salary and what he does  
receive for operational expenses is minimal.

d. CATOMIC/36 - a West German architect and  
city planner, was originally recruited [ ]  
(OA: June 1966). He agreed to continue his cooperation  
when he moved to Essen in July 1971, but his contacts

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were marginal until June 1973 when he provided the lead to a Hungarian biochemist who is now an FR Division target. During the past year, CATOMIC/36 established contact with a Soviet Embassy official of interest [ ] He receives a salary of the equivalent of \$165 per month and is reimbursed for expenses.

e. CATOMIC/37 - a West German housewife, was recruited in August 1971 as a tracking asset (OA: January 1972). She has since married (her husband has also been granted an OA and is witting of her collaboration) and motherhood has forced her to reduce her activities on our behalf. At present, CATOMIC/37 engages solely in support work for a salary of the equivalent of \$60 per month.

f. CATOMIC/40 - a widowed executive secretary, and CATOMIC/41, a medical doctor, have been handled as a team since their recruitment in January 1971 (OA for CATOMIC/40: December 1971, and for CATOMIC/41: January 1972). They currently serve as LP keepers for the PDHUM audio operation and have established a social relationship with PDHUM (Soviet journalist) and wife. Neither is paid a salary, but both are reimbursed for expenses incurred in our behalf. We also pay the monthly rent for the LP. Annual expenditures average \$735 per annum.

g. CATOMIC/47 - an independent West German real estate agent was recruited in February 1972 (OA: October 1972) to provide information on Soviet and Eastern Bloc officials with whom he has professional contact. He also provides leads to LP/OP sites for Soviet and Chinese operations. CATOMIC/47 is given bonuses for work accomplished plus expenses averaging \$1300 per annum.

h. CATOMIC/52 - a West German businessman who deals with the Soviet Trade Mission and a Soviet-West German joint trading company. He was recruited in April 1972 (OA: February 1972) to report on his Soviet contacts. At present he is operationally inactive and receives no salary.

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