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U.S. Project Gemini was discontinued in accordance with CIO-CR RUL 624, dated 3 July 1968.

a. Current Objectives

The set objectives remain to be the establishment and maintenance of a pool of intelligence couriers. The specialized requirements of the Project are such that this pool can be further as a nucleus for other intelligence and operational requirements.

b. Changes

Although Project objectives are unchanged, the nature of the current operation has been modified to reflect conditions which have evolved since the last submission. Current and anticipated East German operations are of a somewhat different nature than the post-Wall reconstruction operations which Project couriers formerly supported. Also, for the first time the number of active couriers exceeds the minimum necessary to support current and expected agent operations. Lastly, experience suggests that the security of East German operations can be increased by further compartmentation in the management of courier operations. Some features of the Project's modus operandi and administrative procedures have been modified to reflect the foregoing factors.

1. Modus Operandi

- a. Civilian and civil service posts being kept confidential, to admit acquaintance in the event that a courier himself would single out his own surveillance and location for inspection (e.g., personally interviewed).
- b. Proper effort is now made so that a man is not available for deactivation after he himself has had the privilege of the value of which compensated with a courier's assignment. It may be achieved by one or more other efforts.
- c. An even wider variety of deactivation methods is being employed, while certain types of sites found to be potentially hazardous to unavailable are no longer used.
- d. Efforts are being made to devise an even wider variety of communication devices (through which couriers and their handlers can remain in contact through the border) as well as means for disguising the courier in place.
- e. To reduce risking overuse of experienced and reliable couriers, the number of their sector border crossings has been significantly limited.
- f. To avoid unnecessary border crossings, extensive simulated mission training exercises in West Berlin are replaced by more fare customary familiarization missions in East Berlin.
- g. Even stricter standards of performance are required of all couriers.

2. Change

- a. When the courier pool is at full strength, half will be left unclassified. As certified in the course of the career, any individual will be reactivated and held in standby status for future assignments involving such unclassified intelligence.

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- b. Couriers whose performance is less satisfactory, even though retired for performing regular duties of selection, will no longer be considered for promotion to successionals addressed or other operational duty as a courier. Rather, through payment of minimal retainer or other suitable inducements, they will be held for eventual recall to such duties, with full documentation as necessary.
- c. So long as the pool of couriers is of adequate size, increased selectivity will be employed in the screening of civilian candidates for recruitment.
- d. Greater emphasis will be placed during screening to identify and recruit exceptional civilian and qualified candidates for eventual personal contact missions to agents in West Berlin or East Germany.
- e. A small number of qualified couriers will be withheld for emergency missions in support of operations mounted by other German Station elements or other NCISDE agents, missions which are not predictable as to timing or frequency.

3. Personnel

a. Current Project Personnel

1. GERMANSER-17 is a 41-year-old factory employee from Wuerzburg. Since recruitment in March 1963 she has performed two sitings and three operational missions.
2. GERMANSER-18 is a 31-year-old bank clerk from Wuerzburg. Since recruitment in June 1963 he has performed two sitings and two operational missions.
3. GERMANSER-21 is a 39-year-old salesman from Wuerzburg. Since recruitment in June 1963 he has performed one siting and four operational missions.
4. GERMANSER-22 is a 53-year-old retired Bavarian businessman. Since recruitment in August 1963 he has performed one siting and one operational mission.
5. GERMANSER-26 is a 36-year-old salesman from Munich. Since recruitment in May 1963 he has had three sitings missions, but he is currently inactive because of ill health (TB).
6. GERMANSER-29 is a 40-year-old office worker from Karlsruhe. Since recruitment in February 1964 he has had one training and three operational missions.
7. GERMANSER-30 is a 38-year-old commercial artist from Essen. Since taking over in February 1964 he has had one training and one operational mission.
8. GERMANSER-32 is a 36-year-old office manager from Stuttgart. Since recruitment in April 1964 she has had one training and one operational mission.
9. GERMANSER-35 is a 31-year-old travelling salesman from Ulm. Since recruitment in April 1964 he has had one training and one operational mission.

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11. CATERPILLAR-34 is a 37-year-old West German electrical engineer from Frankfurt. Since recruitment in April 1963 he has had one familiarization trip to East Berlin.
11. CATERPILLAR-35 is a 42-year-old WIEPP employee from Wiesbaden. Since recruitment in May 1966 he has had two training missions.
12. CATERPILLAR-36 is a 45-year-old civilian employee. Since recruitment in July 1966 he has had one familiarization and one operational mission.
13. CATERPILLAR-37 is a 50-year-old retired engineer from Wiesbaden. After recruitment in July 1967 he has had one familiarization mission.
14. CATERPILLAR-38 is a 40-year-old electrical engineer from Hamburg. Recruitement in August 1967 he has had one familiarization mission.
15. CATERPILLAR-39 is a 40-year-old electrical engineer from Berlin. Recruitement in August 1968 he has had one familiarization mission.
16. CATERPILLAR-40 is a West German, 40-year-old engineer from October 1968, from Kassel. Since recruitment he has had one familiarization and one operational mission.
17. CATERPILLAR-41 is a semi-retired electrical engineer. Since recruitment in December 1968 he has had one familiarization mission.
18. CATERPILLAR-42 is a 50-year-old electrical engineer employed. Since recruitment in November 1969 he has had one familiarization mission in East Berlin.
19. CATERPILLAR-43 is the wife of CATERPILLAR-35. According to November 1964, she has accompanied her husband on three training missions.
20. CATERPILLAR-44 is a 42-year-old salesman/technician from Hamburg. After recruitment in November 1964 he has had one familiarization mission in East Germany.
21. CATERPILLAR-45 is a 40-year-old mechanic and driver from Dusseldorf. Recruitement in March 1965 he has had one familiarization mission to perform one familiarization mission in East Berlin.
22. CATERPILLAR-46 is a 32-year-old West Berlin bus driver and an Austrian national. Since recruitment in 1967 he has had eight operational missions in East Berlin.
23. CATERPILLAR-47 is a 30-year-old West Berlin resident and a Lebanese national. Since recruitment in 1962 he has performed five operational missions.
24. CATERPILLAR-48 is a 45-year-old West Berlin housewife. Since recruitment in 1961 she has performed ten missions in West Berlin.
25. CATERPILLAR-49 is a 69-year-old West Berlin widow who worked during 1966 as an accomodation officer at a hotel in Berlin. She is a correspondent from Israel and resides in Tel Aviv, Israel.

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26. COTRAN-1 is a skilled laundry maid in West Berlin and who visits East Berlin with a laundry-woman five times a year. Since recruitment in October 1964 he has run three training missions.

b. Terminated Personnel (retirements, resignations, unavailability; see individual case files)

1. COTRANSIT-1A AK
- COTRANSIT-1B AK
- COTRANSIT-1C AK
- COTRANSIT-1D AK
- COTRANSIT-1E AK
- COTRANSIT-1F AK
- COTRANSIT-1G AK
- COTRANSIT-1H AK
- COTRANSIT-1I AK
- COTRANSIT-1J AK
- COTRANSIT-1K AK
- COTRANSIT-1L AK
- COTRANSIT-1M AK
- COTRANSIT-1N AK

c. Intelligence Production

Project personnel are not sources of positive intelligence.

d. Effectiveness

During the Project's year Project couriers performed 132 smuggling missions and 28 operational missions, the latter in support of 18 agents or teams in East Germany and East Berlin. In the course of the operational missions they have infiltrated and disseminated material including East German and other East European, US eastern, pills and treatments, cipher pads and instructions, CIVIL instructions, a miniature camera, accessories and instructions, a radio receiver, sanitized used cellular letters, communication devices, exfiltration documents with instructions and associated pocket litter, and intelligence collection briefing material. Agents in East Berlin and East Germany cannot be sustained without such supplies, and no facility other than that provided by Project personnel exists to resupply these denied area agents. (See EOBM-79283 of 9 April 1965 for a summary of the individual missions performed by Project couriers.)

e. Problems

No problems have arisen in connection with the Project's activities for which effective remedies have not been found.

f. Liaison

The Project is managed on a unilateral basis.

g. Interagency Coordination

No interagency coordination is required in the management of the Project.

h. Plans

See paragraph b above. No substantive change in the Project activity is expected.

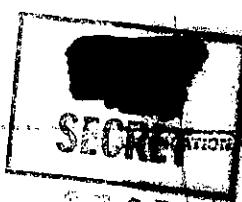
i. Costs

1. 1 May 1964 - 30 April 1965

a. Obligation authority

b. Expenditures (in millions)

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