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CALL CATRANSIT
Termination of CATRANSIT Project

ACTION REQUIRED: Terminate Project

REFERENCE: EGBA-86169, 19 March 1968

1. It is requested that the CATRANSIT Project be terminated effective 30 June 1969 - the end of the Project Year. The Project has outlived its usefulness in that its primary function - to maintain a pool of trained courier assets for operational support tasks in East Berlin and East Germany - has been assumed by the CABUS Project.

Status of Commitments/Disposition of Assets

2. With the exception of CARCASSA-80, there are no outstanding financial or other commitments to any of the Project assets. Beginning with FY 70, CARCASSA-80 and the safehouse currently administered under the Project will be funded from the CARCASSA Project. Other current Project personnel, all of whom were inactive during the Current Project Year, will be screened for other possible uses within the German Station - some will probably be offered to Frankfurt Base as CABATON assets, the remainder will be dropped. Excepting CARCASSA-80, these current Project personnel are:

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There is no risk to any component of WOFIRM in terminating the Project and its assets.

Costs

3. 1 May 1968 - 30 June 1969

Obligation Authority
Expenditure (10 months)
Estimated expenditure
(May and June 69)

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All expenditures to date and expected expenditures for the remainder of the Project Year are salary payments to CARCASSA-80 and housekeeping costs for an LNREAD maintained safehouse. No further costs need be anticipated in terminating the Project.

Project Effectiveness

4. Although no operational tasks were performed by Project courier assets during the Project Year, the Project couriers were available and trained to perform a variety of tasks if CABUS assets had been unavailable. Berlin Base now maintains a group of CABUS couriers large enough to meet our needs and there is no need to maintain a similar CATRANSIT group. No further review of the Project is contemplated.

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