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1. An important operational phase of SHERWOOD is the installation of fifty battery, long- and short- wave receivers in the Target City. It is requested that steps necessary to complete this operation be prepared at once.

2. From the first minutes of SHERWOOD D-Day panic program the listener will be reminded that he will be able to hear the latest developments by short-wave if regular commercial power fails -- if he is fortunate enough to have access to a battery powered short wave set. The purpose of this operation is to provide the public of Target City with that good fortune.

Radios in rural areas are, in most cases, powered by local generators or are battery equipped; thus the cutting of city power will not interfere with reception. It is entirely possible, however, that in the city power will be cut off, either by design or by chance. In this case fifty sets placed in pool halls, all-night restaurants, counters in train stations, cantinas, hotel lobbies, etc. would provide efficient reception for the entire city. This is based on the assumption that the opening minutes of SHERWOOD panic broadcast will get everyone out of bed and rumor-prone.

The placement list for location of the sets will be made by LANGEVIN during trip through target area.

3. If commercial power is not cut, the sets will broaden the facilities for normal reception of SHERWOOD broadcast, especially in crowded places. Most important, however, it insures SHERWOOD reception whether power is off or on.

4. Means of placing sets in the locations to be provided by LANGEVIN.

It is proposed that the sets be placed in locations provided by LANGEVIN in the following manner:

- a. An agent, Dutch, Mexican or Cuban, will approach appropriate target consulates, legation or embassy, and make enquiries of commercial attache about introduction

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of new line of radios in Target Country. He will also make routine enquiries, by mail, of Target Country Chamber of Commerce or Foreign Trade Association.

- b. Agent will enter country at same time fifty radio sets will arrive by sea. (These sets will be long- and short-wave, powered by batteries and regular electrical input, with self-contained antennae. They will be purchased in New York by Support and will be tagged with fictitious brand marks. They will also be sterily packaged.) Agent's ostensible task will be (1) survey of area to see if suitable for company business and (2) contact of suitable representatives and distributors.
- c. Actually Agent will stall such action. He will obtain the services, through classified newspaper advertisement, of six young bodies who want to make an extra buck for two weeks work. Each of these aides (to be completely unwitting) will be given eight sets and asked to place them in certain locations (chosen from list to be prepared). Aide will approach spot with this yarn: "This is a new line of radios which we are thinking of opening up in this area. But first, for publicity and survey purposes, we would like you to keep one of the sets here on your counter for two weeks, where it can be seen and heard. We will drop by every couple of days to check and see how the set is operating. (This is to obviate the possibility that all sets will disappear from public location Before D-DAY). At the end of two weeks we will come back and take the set away -- unless you want to keep it for a (very reasonable price). . . ." During this pitch, aide will also point out that set can be used with batteries, so that the temporary owners will recall this if and when power fails on D-Day.
- d. Aides will service sets during two week period. With only fifty sets it is not unreasonable to expect Agent to make personal check on each set just before D-DAY. Thus Agent can leave country shortly before D-DAY, satisfied that all sets are correctly placed and in working order for reception.

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