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Operational Matters
SHINGLE-SLEEKER Project

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1. It is requested that you make a reappraisal of this project. Much of the material being obtained is of little or no value, and its processing in the field and at LINDOLM takes up needless time. It is realized that SHINGLE is dependent upon a miscellaneous collection of informants, some of whom have access to high level information, and that SLEEKER's activities are limited for the most part to the procurement of papers which pass through his office. However, it is believed that an effort should be made to tell these agents in specific terms exactly what we want and what we have no use for.

2. With respect to the latter, copies of speeches and overt circular communications are of little value unless they provide operational leads of interest. SHINGLE spends a great deal of unnecessary effort covering a fixed list of subjects in each report. If nothing has happened, there is no reason to say so. He should be told exactly what we are interested in, and he should devote all his efforts toward obtaining information on these subjects. If he has no information of value to send, he should give a summary of his operational activities or his plans and efforts to develop new informants who can give the material required. We do not have adequate details regarding the exact nature of his operations. In each report he should state the names of his informants and how and from whom the information was obtained. Of course, we want his comments and evaluations of such material, but these should be carefully labelled as such.

3. As far as SLEEKER is concerned he, also, should be directed by SHINGLE regarding the type of information which we desire. The reference dispatch provides a fairly representative list of the subjects on which we need current reports. This information is vital to the favorable conclusion of PESUCCESS, and questions along these lines would be immediately prepared for submission to SHINGLE and SLEEKER. Of course, we are always interested in any information which will serve as evidence of connections between the government

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and the Communists. It should be pointed out that the most important material covering Communist plans and activities will be obtained from meetings of party leaders and not from written documents.

4. The station's ideas on this project are requested. What type of information is SHINGLE in a position to obtain? What are his contacts and principal sources for information? What is your opinion and that of CALLIGERIS concerning his reliability? In conclusion, it is stressed once again that these agents should not be left simply to their own devices. They must be told specifically and repeatedly exactly what we want to find out. At present, it would appear that they are not worth the effort expended on them, but it is believed that they should be given a chance to obtain the information desired.

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