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REFERENCE(S)	<p>a. EASA-5417, 27 January 1961</p> <p>b. EUCA 61-966, 26 June 1961</p> <p>c. EASA-5511, 28 August 1961</p> <p>d. EASA-5457, 10 May 1961</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 18 1962</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DOCUMENT MICROFILM SERVICE</p> <p>1. As is our usual practice, we will first touch on items of general interest to GRCROOND and then give a rundown on the progress made with each specific agent assigned to this project.</p> <p>2. We have received during the reporting period all the equipment which is scheduled to be assigned to our radio operators. (see reference b.) This includes three complete caches of two radios each which are destined for GRREPAIR-15, GRREPAIR-17 and GRBLAMED-31, along with four BYCINK/Universal signal plan and cryptographic materials caches to be given to the other radio operators to replace their obsolete signal plans. Thus far we have emplaced GRREPAIR-15's caches and have replaced GRIMPASTE's signal plan cache and currently have plans to emplace GRBLAMED-31's caches in mid-October, replace GRGIVING's signal plan cache in November and replace GRAVIMETRY-4's signal plan cache later this fall. The replacement of GRICE's signal plan cache will be arranged and handled out of Vienna. We are withholding the issue of GRREPAIR-17's caches pending clarification of his situation (see reference c. for details). When the above-mentioned equipment has been issued and emplaced, we will have completely mounted all of the radio operators in the GRCROOND project.</p> <p>3. All radio operators have received their new training kits which feature the TRIX tape recorder equipped with the BT-8 medium speed sending device. All agents have received instruction in the use of this equipment.</p> <p>4. At Chief, EUCA's request, we have changed the activation instructions of all radio operators in this project; they are now under the "within thirty days" type of activation instruction. Although this step was decided in August 1960, it has taken until the present time to see and inform all radio operators of the new arrangement.</p> <p>5. In view of the present Berlin situation and as a result of instructions from COS, Austria, we have alerted all of the GRCROOND agents that their services might possibly be required. Most of them took this warning with equanimity but the mention of the Berlin situation usually set off a political discussion in which case officer was asked for his opinion of what the future might hold. We tried to impress on the agents that we didn't expect a war to break out but that this was certainly an outside possibility in view of the present tension, hence, they were all asked if they had any questions about what they were to do. We reviewed their activation plans and with one or two exceptions each agent is well aware of his own course of action in the event of hostilities; the doubtful points were nothing more than trivial ones and were easily remedied. With the exception of GRBLAMED-31 who will not receive his equipment until October, and GRREPAIR-17 whose future role with GRCROOND is still not clarified, all of the W/T operators are mounted and trained.</p> <p>6. Another significant development during the reporting period was an offer by the 10th Special Forces in Bad Toelz, Germany, to provide military cover for our W/T field training trips. This offer grew out of a security incident involving GRGIVING and the Special Forces (see Attachment 2). This offer was accepted and the military cover used with excellent results during the training of GRIMPASTE and GRAVIMETRY-4. At present we are exploring the possibility of having Special Forces train some of our GRCROOND agents in</p>		
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<p>unconventional warfare subjects. We have discussed this informally with COS, Austria, and some Special Forces representatives and will submit a formal proposal during the coming months.</p> <p>7. We would like to depart slightly from our normal format in the attached individual progress reports. We will group agents under the Unconventional Warfare Areas they are supposed to cover, rather than grouping them under Sub-Projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[—]</p> <p>Attachments: #1 - Individual Progress Rpts. H/W #2 - SIM-838, 7 July 1961 H/W</p> <p>Distribution: 2 - EE w/Atts. 2 - Vienna w/Att #1</p>			
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1. UW Area V

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a. GRREPAIR-7 []

1) GRREPAIR-7 is the Principal Agent of this area. He was contacted four times during the reporting period.

2) GRREPAIR-7 let us use his passport for about two months - it was sent to MKTOPAZ in answer to one of their requirements. The passport was returned to agent on 8 March 1961.

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3) The Munich ODOPAL office recently expressed operational interest in ~~Hans Rudolf *SOPF~~ (DPOB 30 December 1923, Nuernberg, Germany) ^{CIT. Germany?}

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and asked for traces on him. SOPF was spotted by GRREPAIR-7 for use in GRCROOND but this lead was never followed up, hence we wanted to check with GRREPAIR-7 on SOPF's present relationship with our GRCROOND assets before clearing his use by ODOPAL. GRREPAIR-7 replied that the close friendship among himself, GRREPAIR-3 and SOPF from their Luftwaffe days has been reduced more or less by the distance between them. GRREPAIR-7 sees SOPF about every six weeks; SOPF usually stops at GRREPAIR-7's Gasthaus on his way to Graz and Klagenfurt on business. GRREPAIR-7 is almost positive that the contact between SOPF and GRREPAIR-3 is nil; SOPF has remarked several times that he hasn't seen much of GRREPAIR-3 since the latter changed his job (after we terminated GRREPAIR-3 in early 1960). GRREPAIR-7 asked why we were interested in SOPF at this time and was told that we are just bringing things up to date. (Case Officer Note: While we are not expecting any trouble, we will keep an eye on ODOPAL's handling of SOPF to prevent their operation from leading into ours. It is not inconceivable that GRREPAIR-3, or even GRREPAIR-7, might be swept into the ODOPAL operation through their friendship with SOPF.) *On acquaintance of Karl V. ECKERLE and Karl SPREITZER*

4) GRREPAIR-7 has selected and written up a new LZ/DZ in his area. One copy will be forwarded to Headquarters and another included in our files. This LZ/DZ seems to be exceptionally well chosen; agent proudly attributes this to his flying experience which has taught him exactly what to look for. (See EASA-5519, 8 September 1961)

b. GRREPAIR-17 []

1) As reported in reference c., GRREPAIR-17 has decided to forego any further training and drop out of our organization. His decision was apparently triggered by the Berlin situation and concern for the safety of his wife and child. We will try to see him one more time to try to change his mind in this matter but in the meantime we are without a radio operator for this area. If GRREPAIR-17 remains adamant, we will have to write him off as an asset. The problem of finding a replacement for him should not be too difficult; we are tentatively planning to transfer GRREPAIR-15 over to his area. GRREPAIR-15 lives only about an hour away and should be able to cover this area instead of UW Area VI, where he is now assigned. This plan probably will be submitted in the near future for Headquarters' approval.

2. UW AREA VIII

a. GRICE []

1) GRICE, a combination Principal Agent and trained Radio Operator, is our only asset for this area. He is currently trying to spot a person to become an "executive officer" under him but so far he has had no success. Until such time as someone is recruited and trained, GRICE will act as a singleton agent to cover this area.

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2) GRICE travelled to Munich and his annual refresher training was held there in a safehouse from 1 May to 5 May 1961. Because of bad weather we unfortunately had to cancel a field trip which was scheduled as part of his annual training. Although GRICE is controlled by Salzburg Operations Base, he continues to be handled out of Vienna.

CATEGORY II AREAS

1. UW Area II

a. GRIMPASTE []

1) UW Area II is covered by GRIMPASTE, a singleton Radio Operator who is fully trained and equipped. He was met four times during the reporting period.

2) GRIMPASTE received his annual refresher training from 17 to 21 July. He spent two days in a Munich safehouse and wound up the session on a three-day field trip. During this training he received instruction in the new signal plan and on 2 August, he was given his new signal plan and cryptographic materials cache. His old cache was exhumed and the signal plan and crystals were sent to Chief, EUCA. He will cache the new material in the Nordkette Area near his radio equipment. He mentioned that he still has an old signal plan cache with his radio equipment in the Fatscherkofel Area but prefers not to disturb this cache, since pulling up the signal plan part of the cache would destroy the whole cache. Case officer feels that he is well aware of all his material and would not confuse his old signal plan with the new, hence there is no need in this instance to sacrifice the Fatscherkofel cache just to recover the old material.

3) GRIMPASTE was told that our plans to put him in contact with a Principal Agent (GRBLAMED-26) had been abandoned due to the latter's old age. He was told to forget the previous contact plans we made and that he would be put in contact with someone via radio in the event of war.

b. GRBLAMED-31 []

1) GRBLAMED-31 is considered a contingency asset for Area II. This agent was met three times during the reporting period, mainly to schedule and accomplish his refresher training and to make arrangements for caching his radio equipment. He spent seven days in Frankfurt for safehouse training and the last three days were spent on a field exercise south of Munich (20 August to 29 August 1961). We are still having trouble getting agent's W/T cache emplaced. We scheduled this for September of last year but when case officers arrived in Austria with the equipment, agent was not to be found; he had simply taken off on vacation and one or two days before the scheduled emplacement, he had written a letter calling it off. We again scheduled it for mid-October of this year. When we get the cache down, agent will be fully trained and mounted.

c. GRLAUNCH-2 and GRLAUNCH-A/9 [] and []

1) Both of these agents were terminated in 1960 but we have decided to recontact them one more time to give them a new signal plan cache (see paragraph 4 of reference a.). This should be taken care of by the beginning of October 1961. They will be recontacted after this only in the case of emergency.

2. UW Area IV

a. GRREPAIR-6 and GRREPAIR-18, the Principal Agent and W/T Operator, respectively [] and [] for this area were seen once during the reporting period. We have generally kept track of these two agents through GRSNOW (formerly GRREPAIR-4), thus reducing the amount of time that would normally have to be spent in direct contact with them. At our one meeting,

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<p>[] discussed recent developments and pressed GRREPAIR-18 for a commitment on a training session in Frankfurt. He decided on October 1961 and promised to write giving a definite date by late September. Both agents are doing very well personally; GRREPAIR-6 in particular since his wife gave birth to a girl a few months ago.</p> <p>On the advice of [] EUCA Training Officer, we have maintained GRREPAIR-18 in an active training status pending his performance at his approaching session in October. Since this constitutes a lapse of another year between formal training exercises, we intend to be fairly critical of his performance this time. If, in our estimation, he does not measure up (i.e., has not substantially improved through use of the self-training devices issued him), we shall request that EUCA train him in the use of mechanical medium speed equipment (modified tape recorder) and mount him on that basis. As soon as he is mounted, either in this way or as a regularly trained operator, we shall "deactivate" both he and GRREPAIR-6 and cease salary payments.</p> <p>b. <u>GRGIVING</u> []</p> <p>1) GRGIVING is a fully equipped and trained radio operator handled out of Vienna. Although he is resident in Vienna, he is considered a contingency asset for this area and will move here in the event of war. He participated in a combination refresher training and field exercise in June 1961.</p> <p>2) During the field trip part of GRGIVING's exercise, we were detected and picked up by a German Jaeger (see Attachment 2 for details). Fortunately GRGIVING's identity was not compromised.</p> <p>3) We were scheduled to replace GRGIVING's signal plan cache on 6 September but bad weather and injuries sustained by agent in an accident forced cancellation of the exercise. GRGIVING was contacted, but after waiting for several hours for the rain to stop, we decided to postpone the cache replacement until early November this year.</p> <p>c. <u>GRAVIMETRY-4</u> []</p> <p>1) This agent is considered to be the regular Radio Operator for UW Area IV pending completion of GRREPAIR-18's training. He was met three times during the reporting period and at the present time is on a training trip to Munich. Aside from the replacement of several batteries and worn out items of his training kit, which are being taken care of by the training officer, agent is fully equipped and mounted.</p> <p>2) It is planned that [] successor will help agent replace his signal plan cache sometime this fall.</p> <p>3. <u>UW Area VI</u></p> <p>a. <u>GRREPAIR-9</u> [] This agent is the Principal Agent for this area but has not been met since deactivation in 1960. We plan to meet him this Autumn to introduce him to [] successor.</p> <p>b. <u>GRREPAIR-17</u> []</p> <p>1) This agent is at present considered to be the Radio Operator for this area although there is the possibility that we might have to move him to Area V in the future (see reference c.). Agent was met four times during the reporting period and had one week of training in Frankfurt. Although agent is considered to be fully trained, the EUCA training officer has recommended that agent be contacted regularly during the year for further training. He is capable of coming on the air now but it is felt that regular training is needed in his case to keep him up on his procedures at all times; he is rather slow and nervous and has a tendency to forget easily.</p>				
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2) On 6 August [] and [] travelled to agent's home area and, along with agent, emplaced a cache of radio equipment. Another complete set of equipment was given to agent to be concealed by him pending the completion of his house. He has designed a concealment device in the basement of his house, which he built himself, and intends to keep one set of radio equipment there. This should be finished and the equipment emplaced by the end of August 1961. Agent is now fully trained and equipped.

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although GALT did mention that he had no idea where the [redacted] was checked out of the area, he later suggested that it was possible that it was used to move with a large number of vehicles. The incident, however, did serve to point out a situation which is possibly dangerous, but one which might be easily remedied.

4. First of all, it has been increasingly difficult to find an area in Germany where we might hold our field exercises without being observed or betrayed. It has been our practice in the past to stay somewhere overnight for field training and then move on the next morning. This can be done without informing the German authorities even so you had at least this has been only an expedient for want of a something better. Several of our staff agents have complained about the practice of remaining extremely training in solitudes rather than in actual field conditions, with out these complaints have not been quite as violent as those made by the [redacted]. After the above-mentioned incident Major MARTIN offered a possible solution to our problem. He stated, and quite truthfully, that the area of Southern Bavaria is more or less a gigantic hunting preserve for the Special Forces troops. They enjoy excellent relations with practically every landowner, major and private landowner in Bavaria and make private arrangements with these people before every one of their maneuvers. Major MARTIN said that they would be glad to offer us cover for our field trips and make the necessary arrangements with the local officials. If we gave him the name of an impending field trip he would notify the landowner in advance of our choice. That several men from Special Forces would be in of a maneuver. Then several days before the field trip began they would drop in at Bad Reichenhagen and pick up several of the Special Forces troops that they leave to their troops. There would be no need for them to know anything about our agents, nor would there be any reason for our staff to know about the details of how or why we were in any given area. The USA thanked Major MARTIN for his offer and we both agreed to meet again in the near future after discussing it with our respective superiors. [redacted] both agree that the offer should be accepted because a definite need for such a cover opportunity exists; they concur subject to approval by Chief of Station.

5. On the basis of [redacted] tentative approval [redacted] made arrangements for an upcoming [redacted] field trip. He notified Major MARTIN that we would be in a certain area from 17 to 21 July. He in turn will notify local authorities in this area that there will be a maneuver at this time. We in turn will be issued blank maneuver passes to be filled out by us.

6. We wish to stress that this is an informal arrangement between COS, Salzburg, and the Commander of 10th Special Forces. They do not feel any formal correspondence need be initiated. We feel it is a generous offer on their part, one which fulfills a definite requirement of ours. We plan to continue this relationship on a tentative basis pending approval by COS.

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