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FROM	Chief of Base, Salzburg <i>MEH</i>		DATE 20 June 1962
SUBJECT	GROOVY/GRCROOND/Operational		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
	GRCROOND Progress Report (1 September 1961 to 30 June 1962)		MARKED FOR INDEXING XX NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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REFERENCE(S)	<p>a. EASA-5518, 8 September 1961 b. EAVW-16363, 31 May 1962</p> <p>GENERAL COMMENTS:</p> <p>1. The GRCROOND operation is presently being handled exclusively by Salzburg Base officers. The two assets GRICE-1 and GRGIVING-1 who were formerly handled from the Vienna Station were turned over to [redacted] on 21 March 1961 and will henceforth be controlled from Salzburg.</p> <p>2. With the exceptions of GRSNOW, GRREPAIR-6, GRREPAIR-18 and the GRLAUNCHER's [redacted] has been introduced to all the GRCROOND agents as [redacted] replacement. The above-mentioned exceptions will continue to be handled by [redacted] of this Base for the following reasons: GRSNOW, GRREPAIR-6 and -18; these agents are controlled through GRSNOW who has turned into a KUTUBE source. The GRLAUNCHER's are being contacted only briefly to outfit them with new signal plans, etc.; it was therefore deemed unnecessary to expose a new case officer to them. All the GRCROOND agents know [redacted] as [redacted]</p> <p>3. Communication with the GRCROOND agents is being transferred to the SOB serviced GREBB-60 address. All assets except GRREPAIR-9 and the GRLAUNCHER's have been assigned the post office box and the others will be switched from the Munich address at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>4. Only GRREPAIR's -6, -7, -15, -17 and -18 continue to receive a monthly retainer. GRREPAIR's -6 and -18 are a special case because of their involvement with GRSNOW and it may be necessary to continue these salaries to retain the effective cooperation of GRSNOW. In the cases of GRREPAIR's -15 and -17 it is our intention to discontinue the monthly retainer after they have been pronounced operationally trained and equipped. In all cases GRCROOND agents receive travel expenses, per diem and civilian salary compensation for their annual training sessions.</p> <p>5. As indicated in EASA-5561, 17 November 1961, and EASA-5673 (being written). we are trying to kill two birds with one stone by training GRBERG [redacted] in UW/GW skills and putting him to sleep as a contingency asset for the GRCROOND organization.</p> <p>6. Following is an agent-by-agent breakdown of the GRCROOND organization. The initial statement of readiness is included for quicker reference. The evaluation of the agents stayability and willingness to become active when the time comes is necessarily subjective and subject to rapid change. It is included as an attempt to give Headquarters as current information as possible.</p> <p><u>Category IC Areas</u></p> <p>1. <u>UW AREA V.</u></p> <p><u>GRREPAIR-7</u> [redacted] and <u>GRREPAIR-17</u> [redacted]</p>		DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3828 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007
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<p><u>Training:</u> GRREPAIR-7 is sufficiently trained to act as the P/A but GRREPAIR-17's W/T training is only partial. It is hoped that GRREPAIR-17 will become operationally proficient before the end of 1962.</p>		
<p><u>Equipment:</u> The W/T equipment caches are at present in Vienna awaiting a convenient time for emplacement on GRREPAIR-17's property. It is expected that this equipment will be cached before onset of winter 1962.</p>		
<p><u>Field Evaluation:</u> GRREPAIR-7 is most cooperative, eager and reliable, and in our opinion will be there when we need him. Due to his age and health, he should be able to maintain himself in his present location.</p>		
<p>GRREPAIR-17 is a slower reacting and more reflective man than GRREPAIR-7 but gives all appearances of being a man of his word. It is our best judgment that he will come on the air when and if we need him. He should be able to stay in his present location, and if not, has an Alm in the mountains to which he can withdraw.</p>		
<p>As reported in EASA-5635, 16 April 1962, the GRREPAIR-7 and -17 team is intact as a result of GRREPAIR-17's decision to continue to cooperate. Contact will be maintained through GRREPAIR-7 who has been assigned to GREBB-60.</p>		
<p>Both agents have been paid through June 1962 (AS 500. per month for GRREPAIR-7 and AS 250. per month for GRREPAIR-17) and will continue to receive this retainer until GRREPAIR-17 has been fully trained.</p>		
<p>On 6 June GRREPAIR-7 notified [] that he expects to undergo a gastrectomy for an ulcer and will thus be unable to take part in a planned training session with the 10th Special Forces Group at Bad Toelz, Germany.</p>		
<p>2. <u>UW AREA VIII.</u></p>		
<p><u>GRICE-1</u> []</p>		
<p><u>Training:</u> Complete. GRICE is rated as an excellent W/T operator.</p>		
<p><u>Equipment:</u> GRICE has two complete communication sets (RS-1 and RS-6) cached.</p>		
<p><u>Field Evaluation:</u> GRICE has the ability and training to come on the air when needed. Whether or not he does will be determined by many factors beyond our control. He is a very successful, intelligent and independent individual who will undoubtedly decide for himself when the time comes. It is our opinion that he will in fact become active on our behalf, but he will also be very careful not to endanger himself. He does not fit the description of a hero. If he is forced to go black and head for the woods, he can rely on the many friends he made as a country veterinary.</p>		
<p>As of 21 March 1962 GRICE has been handled from SOB by [] had his last meeting with the agent on the above date. To facilitate communication, GRICE has been given the GREBB-60 address. In addition to this he has an emergency telephone number in the Vienna Station. [] will take advantage of his fairly frequent trips to Vienna to maintain periodic contact with GRICE.</p>		
<p>GRICE was scheduled to come to Munich for his yearly refresher training on 29 April but wrote a letter (to GREBB-60) explaining that he would have to postpone the trip until July because of unexpected business. In order to determine a new mutually agreeable training date, [] will contact the agent in Vienna on his next trip East.</p>		
<p>The attached contact report (GR-196, 13 November 1961) summarizes [] only extended meeting with the agent.</p>		
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Category II Areas

1. UW AREA II.

A. GRIMPASTE []

Training: Complete. He is not only a very competent W/T operator but now possesses the basic skills of UW-GW tactics.

Equipment: Complete. He is equipped with two complete W/T sets and several other supplementary caches containing such things as gold and weapons.

Field Evaluation: If this man is alive he will be on the air at the proper time. He is, in our opinion, the most able and reliable GRCROOND asset. His critical job with the local power company may allow him to remain in the city, if not, he is trained to exist black in the mountains.

GRIMPASTE, a singleton radio operator, is fully trained and equipped and is the primary agent covering UW Area II.

On 20 October 1961, GRIMPASTE was introduced to [] by [] The turnover to a new case officer went as smoothly as anticipated. GRIMPASTE is the ideal type of agent for staybehind because he is very security minded and requires an absolute minimum of hand-holding.

The obsolete cryptographic material was unearthed and handed over to [] at the 20 October meeting.

As usual GRIMPASTE came to the last two meetings with a list of requirements including a pistol to be cached near his communications equipment, a survival handbook and some accessory equipment for his "Trix" tape recorder. We will be able to satisfy his requests for the recorder equipment and a survival manual.

As reported in EASA-5665, 5 June 1962, GRIMPASTE underwent a very successful week of training with the 10th Special Forces in Bad Toelz, Germany.

B. GRBLAMED-31 []

Training: Complete. His performance as a W/T operator has some rough spots, but he retains enough to be able to come on the air when needed.

Equipment: Complete. Two communication caches (RS-1 and RS-6) were put down October 1961.

Field Evaluation: GRBLAMED-31 is a rather phlegmatic soul who does not evidence a burning drive to support the cause, but will in our opinion be willing and able to come on the air when needed.

GRBLAMED-31 is a contingency W/T operator for UW Area II.

[] introduced [] as [] to GRBLAMED-31 on 21 October 1961. At this meeting arrangements were made to put down his communications caches on 28 October 1961. With the successful emplacement of the communications equipment (EASA-5579, 4 January 1962) the agent is now fully trained and equipped. Future contact will be limited to the annual training session and the meetings necessary to arrange such training.

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

Training: Complete. Both are competent W/T operators and are now trained in the new signal plan (GRLAUNCH-A/9 through GRLAUNCH-2).

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Equipment: Incomplete. Both have two sets cached (RS-1 and RS-6) and only lack the new signal plan and related crystals. It is expected that these plans and crystals will be issued in the next few months.

Field Evaluation: GRLAUNCH-2 has good stayability and appears to have the desire and loyalty to enable him to come on the air under even the most difficult circumstances. GRLAUNCH-A/9 has somewhat poorer stayability and drive but with the help of GRLAUNCH-2 should be an asset that could be counted on.

As previously reported these agents are to be kept as contingency assets and provided with the new BYCINK/U signal plan, associated crystals and new activation instructions. The signal plans and crystals are being held in SOB until the agents can be recontacted for issuance. GRLAUNCH-2 was trained in Frankfurt from 1-5 November 1961 on the new system and achieved a "very good to excellent" rating. EUCA has requested that GRLAUNCH-A/9 undergo this training in the new signal plan. This will be taken up with the agent at the earliest opportunity. It is planned that [] will handle this one-time contact with the GRLAUNCHER's inasmuch as he has previously been exposed to them.

2. UW AREA IV.

A. GRREPAIR-6 [] and GRREPAIR-18 []

Training: Both have completed instruction in basic clandestine theory, security, Dead Drops and Evasion and Escape. GRREPAIR-18 has not completed even basic W/T training.

Equipment: GRREPAIR-18 is in possession of a BT-8 self-training unit. No other equipment has been issued to these agents.

Field Evaluation: GRREPAIR-6 has fairly decent stayability by virtue of his rather innocuous employment, however, his close association with GRSNOW and thereby the OeVP may have a negative effect. It is our opinion that GRREPAIR-6 will probably become active after the commencement of hostilities, but we do not expect him to be particularly effective. A factor which we are not yet able to judge is that he now has an enlarged family.

GRREPAIR-18 will undoubtedly be forced to live and operate "black". He is possessed of a fair amount of personal courage and ingenuity and probably would be able to exist under a "black" situation. We are not, however, very sure that he is sufficiently well motivated to stay behind and perform his communications tasks. Moreover, we are not convinced that he will ever complete his W/T training.

These agents have been seen only twice during the reporting period, but we have kept track of their activities through our monthly meetings with GRSNOW. GRREPAIR-18 has twice been scheduled to take W/T training in Frankfurt, but it was cancelled on both occasions, once due to conflicting time schedules and the first time (October 1961) because he was appointed to a new position for which he had to undergo a four-week course in Graz. We have presently scheduled a training session in August and have asked EUCA to be especially critical of GRREPAIR-18's performance. This entire subject has been dealt with in EASA-5674.

B. GRGIVING []

Training: Complete. GRGIVING is a competent W/T operator and maintains his proficiency at a serviceable level.

Equipment: Incomplete. The agent only lacks his new signal plan and cypher cache to complete his equipment issue (RS-1 and RS-6). This cache should be replaced before the onset of winter 1962.

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Field Evaluation: GRGIVING plans to return to his ancestral home (site of caches) in the event of hostilities and should be able to operate there with little difficulty. He can be counted on to come on the air when needed.

As in the case with GRICE, GRGIVING is a staybehind asset presently living in the Vienna area and has been turned over to [] of SOB (21 March 1962) for continued handling. Communication is provided by the GREBB-60 address. As with GRICE, [] will visit GRGIVING during his trips to Vienna.

On 4 November 1961 [] and GRGIVING made another abortive attempt to exchange the agent's crypto material cached in the Ebensee area and were forced to await the arrival of spring by a snow storm. This expedition provided an opportunity for the new case officer to get to know this rather interesting individual.

GRGIVING is now over the hump and can no longer be classified as a starving young artist. He recently received a commission from the City of Vienna to design and sculpt a monument in stone to be placed at the new Autobahn intersection South of Vienna. The monument is a pyramidal group of human figures in the modern style and four meters high. The whole thing is to stand on a three meter base. GRGIVING is justifiably proud of the recognition indicated by this commission and not a little gratified to see the AS 100,000.00 added to his bank account. Success does not seem to have gone to his head and he is the same old happy-go-lucky Bohemian character he always was. He loves to drink and is a fascinating conversationalist, especially on the subject of art. His usefulness as a staybehind radio operator seems to be in no way adversely affected by his professional success.

GRGIVING plans on taking his annual W/T refresher course from 21 July to 28 July 1962.

C. GRAVIMETRY-4 []

Training: Complete. The agent's code speed has suffered from inactivity, but he still retains the basic skills for operational contacts.

Equipment: Incomplete. The new cypher and crystal cache must be exchanged, for the old during the current season of good weather.

Field Evaluation: This agent's stayability is the best in the GRCROOND organization because of his age and physical disability. He also appears to be the solid, loyal type that will come on the air when the time comes.

GRAVIMETRY-4 was turned over to [] by [] on 18 October 1961. [] let agent three more times during December to furnish him some accessory code practice equipment. Aside from the fact that his code speed has fallen off, GRAVIMETRY-4 is ready, willing and able to come on the air if the balloon goes up. His amputation (arm) very nearly assures his stayability and he has indicated that he is capable of performing the necessary W/T functions. He now has all the necessary practice equipment to remedy his lack of code speed; all he has to do is use it.

On 29 May 1962 GRAVIMETRY-4 informed [] that he doesn't believe he will be able to come out for the annual summer refresher training because of his wife's illness. She has never fully recovered from complications resulting from child birth and suffers from various intestinal problems which will require her undergoing a period of treatment this summer and this will require GRAVIMETRY-4 to remain home with their 15-month-old daughter. He hopes to at least be able to get away for a long weekend of training in the fall. By the next meeting (10 August 1962), we should know more about his schedule. [] gave GRAVIMETRY-4 AS 1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of his wife's treatment.

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3. UW AREA VI.A. GRREPAIR-9

Training: This agent is not a W/T operator and has therefore only been trained in general clandestine operations principles.

Equipment: None.

Field Evaluation: This agent can be counted on when needed, if he can remain free. He as others of the GRCROOND organization will probably have to go black because of his general social position.

[] introduced [] to GRREPAIR-9 on 11 November 1961. Nothing has happened to GRREPAIR-9 since the last meeting that would effect his value to KUBARK as a P/A. He is doing well in his work as a travelling hardware salesman (just bought a new Mercedes 180-D), but is looking forward to getting a job that won't require so much travelling. He refused a position of buyer in a factory some 30 kilometers from his home when the director of one of the local factories told him to wait awhile and he could have such a job closer to home.

The next contact will be sometime in the spring of 1962 when he plans a trip to Munich on business.

B. GRREPAIR-15

Training: Complete. The agent is a competent W/T operator.

Equipment: Complete. Two complete sets (RS-1 and RS-6) were cached for him during the summer of 1961.

Field Evaluation: It is our opinion that this man will be willing and able to come on the air when needed. His stayability should be quite good due to his job (steel mill) and his physical disability (one eye). It will require more attention and perhaps more money to keep him happy during the present period of quiescence, but when the chips are down, he can be counted on.

As previously reported, this W/T agent is considered operationally ready, but it has been recommended that he be given more training to take some of the rough edges off his W/T operating. Accordingly he spent a week in Frankfurt in December (2-9 December 1961) and plans to take another week of training as soon as he can spare the time.

It has become obvious that GRREPAIR-15 is becoming strapped for funds by the construction costs of the house he and his cousin are building. He sold his car and ploughed the money into the building and is now casting about for more funds. He told [] that he feels he needs more frequent training sessions to keep fresh. Although he may honestly feel he needs more practice, it is [] opinion that the money he makes is a strong inducement to undergo as much training as possible. In any event it does not appear that GRREPAIR-15's hunger for money seriously effects his usefulness to KUBARK.

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Contact with GRICE on 8 and 9 November 1961 to Turnover Agent to [] and Conduct an Inspection of Cache Site in "Rohr im Gebirge"

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: The initial meeting on 8 November was set up by [] at a previous meeting. [] met GRICE at the Cafe Wortner, Vienna, at 1600. The meeting lasted until 1700 when C/O's rushed off to a brief contact with ORGIVING, and GRICE drove back to Wiener Neustadt in his VW. Arrangements were made for GRICE to pick up [] at the Bahnhof in Wiener Neustadt the following day for a visit to "Rohr im Gebirge" to inspect the cache site.

FUTURE CONTACT: GRICE was told that [] would become ultimately responsible for contact with him but [] would continue to meet him until spring when [] would probably be leaving Vienna. Next contact in Vienna was arranged by [] for early in December.

OPERATIONAL: 8 November Contact in Vienna

The initial meeting in the cafe on the 8th was conducted over coffee, and seemed to go very smoothly. [] was introduced as []

The first business was to agree upon a mutually convenient time to conduct an inspection of the "Rohr im Gebirge" cache. GRICE preferred to undertake the trip on the weekend, but when informed that [] had to leave Vienna no later than Friday night (Note: [] had a contact with GREENFAIR-9 scheduled for Saturday, 11 November), GRICE suggested he take time from work the next day and make the trip. It was arranged that [] would take the 0935 train from Vienna arriving in Wiener Neustadt at 1038. C/O suggested that there might be too much snow at the cache site (1000 meters high) but GRICE insisted that there would be no problem. It seemed obvious that GRICE was most anxious to make this trip and his primary motivation seemed to be to get a better look at the new C/O, and to allow him the opportunity of showing the new C/O his "empire".

The business of reserve emergency supplies was again brought up by GRICE. (He had earlier requested a case each of Maxwell House coffee, canned milk and American corned beef.) Agent was informed that we would be most happy to pay for such supplies if we could figure out some secure means of acquisition. It was suggested that GRICE purchase the items on the Austrian or German economy and submit a bill. Agent agreed to make the attempt. (Note at 9 November meeting agent informed [] that American corned beef was unobtainable on the open Austrian market at which point [] said he would look into the matter further.) The question of the value of corned beef came to GRICE's attention when he was called in to inspect some emergency supplies in the hands of the Austrian Red Cross and ran across

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American owned beef that had been pecked some six or seven years earlier and was still in first-class condition. It is GRICE's professional opinion (Dr. of Vet. Med. and Chief of meat inspection for Wiener Neustadt) that no Austrian canned meat product could be trusted after one year of storage but this American meat seemed to be indestructible.

GRICE also raised the question of a gidgee counter to be placed with his emergency supplies. FROELICH said he would look into this but gave no firm promise.

There was a good deal of small talk both political and cultural aimed at alluding the new C/O and agent to become acquainted. GRICE struck [redacted] as being an extremely intelligent, reflective and purposeful individual. His manner is inquisitive and his questions and comments were generally incisive and purposeful.

There seems to be no language problem. GRICE complimented [redacted] on his German and during the second day meeting agent had an opportunity to try his English on C/O. (Note: GRICE claims to read and write English with no difficulty and he seemed to understand spoken English very well, but his command of English is best described as broken and rusty, but it would be useable in an emergency.)

9 November Meeting - Cache Inspection Trip to "Bohr in Gebirge"

As planned [redacted] arrived in Wiener Neustadt at 1030 to be met by GRICE. After an extremely invigorating ride up the mountain (agent drives like a man possessed), C/O and agent proceeded to wade through knee-deep snow on their search for the boundary marking stones which lie adjacent to the cache. After about an hour of stamping about, we finally located all the pertinent stones and were thus assured that the stones continued to exist. The more important question of the existence or state of health of the cached equipment was impossible to determine through a meter of heavy snow. Agent seemed assured that "Alles in Ordnung ist" so we waded back to the car and embarked upon another hair-raising ride, this time down the hill.

About half way from the cache site to the village of Outenstein GRICE came to a screeching sliding stop in front of a Gasthaus that appeared to have had it's last "Gast" some time prior to World War II. Without so much as a knock GRICE "barged" into the rather worn and "aromatic" kitchen of the establishment where he was greeted with open arms by the entire family including grandpa and the two cats. GRICE insisted that they make no special fuss and asked that we be able to share the dinner already prepared for the family. Much to chagrin the main course turned out to be a sort of "Blutkuech" which may look appetizing to an Austrian but failed to do much for the C/O. All in all the visit to this Austrian country "Gasthaus" was most instructional. It is obvious that although GRICE has been away from this area for six years, he still retains the respect and admiration of the many people he served during his tenure as the country veterinarian for the area.

On the basis of this short contact with GRICE, it is quite apparent that we are dealing with an extremely ambitious, proud and capable individual. It is most difficult to ascertain the agent's motivation for continued contact, and for this reason, [] is eagerly looking forward to the spring training session which should afford a better opportunity for assessment.

SECURITY: It is this C/O's opinion that to be seen with GRICE in the Gatenstein area or in Wiener Neustadt does not represent a security hazard, because the agent is continually receiving foreign visitors and guests. (In the few days prior to [] visit the good "Doktor" entertained a group of American veterinarians and a group of British visitors.)

FINANCE: GRICE will straighten out the financial matters with [] at their next meeting. The primary expense was the rental of a VW for the Gache inspection trip. GRICE also insisted on paying for the lunch in the Austrian "Gasthaus" (circa AS 24.).

FUTURE C/O ACTION REQUIRED:

1. Emergency supplies
 - a. 1 case of corned beef
 - b. geiger counter

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