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Chief of Station, Vienna

SUBJECT: Difficulties encountered in burial of W/T Sets

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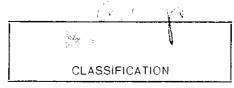
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A. The W/T sets themselves:

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- 1. Of the ten V/T transmitter and receiver sets sent to this station, only one was ready for immediate disposal. All waits of this set had been wowped in waxed eleth and could be considered absolutely vater-proof; no apparent effort had been made to vater-proof the remaining mine sets and some difficulty was ensembered preparing the units for disposal. In the baxes containing spage parts, antennes, etc., plie-film Thompson-Submachine fun lags were founds these bage were used as an inner neisture proof cover for the sets. After many trials it was decided to put the entire set composed of three units (transmitter, receiver, and pover-yeak) into a 5-gallen lard tin and to solder the tin shut. The sets were consequently removed from their swimmed carrying cases and reposited in the lard cans.
- 2. Although those lard-come are heavy, workildy packages it is felt that they are an improvement ever the original suitence type packing. The suiteness although postable, seemed to have a demoralising affect upon agents and would-be V/T operators. Besides, the suiteness did not fit into standard recludent and therefore the pertability of the Y/T set was limited. The S-gallon lard can fite a runkmek well, and if discovered by an inquisitive policemen searching a traveller, a coaled lard-sen might be passed off as containing lard or some other foodstuff. whereas a small, heavy suitense would immediately excite suspicious. It is full by this case efficer that in the event of hostilities, immediate travel restrictions will be imposed by the Soviets, and all travellers (and even pedestrians within the city) will be subject to frequent searchings and controls; if such a lard-can vere discovered chances are that it would be confincted and not eponed on the spet, thus offering the agent a chance to got mer.
- S. The 5-gallen lard-cam is not accepted as the witinute in cumning conscalment of Y/T transmitters. It is suggested by this case officer that Machington attempt to build the separate units of the sets into small, compact vator-proof containers that can be disguised as food, oil or even paint cans. These qualler waits sould be transported individually with case and sould be more readily concoaled.



3. Composiment of V/T transmitters:

- l. Three complete V/T sets were given to trained V/T operators controlled by this case efficient two sets were conscaled by one operator south of Vicana in the Seviet Sens and detailed sharts of the locations were submitted. The third was buried by the ease officer and and the location subsequently shown to the operator. Although detailed sharts on the locations of these three sets have been submitted by this same officer, it is believed that no attempt should be made to locate the sets should the agents be "knowled out". In this event the sets and their locations should be considered "blown" and highly dangerous; it would not take much time for the Seviets, eace knowing the location of a buried set, to nine or beely-trap the area.
- 2. With reference to the consequent of two further sets by this case efficer and I. I', it is pointed out that although aix Besires of the city of Vienna are controlled by the US Ausy it was difficult to find reasonable burial locations. We suitable locations very found vithin the built-up area of the city. The parts of Vienna are small, well eared for formal gardens in which it would be impossible to conseal a radie; the bout-damaged areas, ordinarily excellent places of consealment, are rapidly being elected up; some thought was given to hiding radies in the valle of building eccepted by U. S. or friendly personnel, but the idea was given up when it was realised that those building in the event of hostilities, would be undoubtedly eccupied by either the Seviets or the local Generalists.
- S. It was finally decided to bury the sets in the weeded area that surrounds the Vestern suburge. There again difficulty was encountered in finding locations that were accordate, easy to describe and at the same time included enough to permit digging without discovery by the many Austrians who seem to have little more to do then room the woods with their families collecting wood, terrice, muchrouse or just walking. Several locations were examined by 🖂 😗 and this case efficer; smong them were nonments, bridges, road-intersections, power-pylone, etc.; these eatily recognized land marks proved in the main unsuitable for two reseases 1) either there was no place to conseal a V/T transmitter expect by burial and the ground was too hard for quick digging using infantry entroughing tools, or (2) there vas no suitable cover to mask our activities and the future activities of an agunt eventually exhaning the set. Two locations were finally decided upon that fulfilled the backs requirements: good conseniment and in an area easily found. Burial was dome during very bad weather when the possibility of interference and discovery was at a minimum. The same officer and Γ - very curyrised to find that the quick empavation of a hole 2 feet by 2 feet by 5 feet in solid, recky ground using entrumbing tools entail a let more work than thought pessible. There was also the problem of disposing with the loose earth; this was solved by shovelling the soil directly on to a terpendin and later dragging the terpendin a safe distance away and sectoring the remaining earth in the underbrush,
- 4. Since burial, the locations have been revisited and this case officer would like to state that in all instances little or no trace of digging can be found.

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