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*French desk memo
rec'd from giving
de Vosjoli report to
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[]
20 March 52*

MEMORANDUM TO: []
FROM: []
SUBJECT: TASH - NAK et al.

1. Pursuant to conversations with [] and a [] of NE, 20 March 1952, the following information and recommendations emerged.

2. [] informed the writer, for his information only, that (1) contact with General Dro and the TASH - NAK organization has continued for several years, and that this relationship has been ineffectual and unproductive until recently; (2) that Dro has worked for the French, British, and Americans at various times, and nothing has been accomplished; (3) that conferences were held in Cairo in October 1951 at which time General Dro expressed the notion that effective operations would result from active and close collaboration with one service only, preferably the Americans. Subsequent conferences in Washington, involving CIA personnel and General Dro, produced an agreement substantially as follows:

*Background
part []*

- a. That the Americans would lend support to Dro's organizations
- b. That the British SIS would be advised.
- c. That the French were not to be cut in but that Dro would diplomatically inform the French of the arrangement.
- d. That a CIA liaison officer would be stationed at []

3. Having read what are presumably de Vosjoli's comments (of which [] took note and copied for his information) it became evident that either (a) de Vosjoli knows something of the arrangement and is seeking to provoke more information concerning CIA's relationship with General Dro, or that (b) General Dro has approached the French as indicated by [] pursuant to the agreement, and that de Vosjoli's maneuver reflects Dro's approach to the French.

Note: [] is not worried about this but finds the whole matter puzzling and irregular. [] lays particular stress upon the phrase, "...He (Dro) has now proposed..." indicating action on Dro's part subsequent to the Washington conferences.

[] recommended:

- a. That de Vosjoli be told that conversations have taken place and that CIA has tentatively agreed to assist General Dro's party and/or CIA has indicated an interest and given tenta-

*Recommendation
by []*

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tive assurance of support.

- b. That the office of the DCI be alerted so that if de Vosjoli should request an audience with the DCI, this office could have ample opportunity to brief the General of take whatever steps seem necessary.
- c. That [redacted] office should prepare a memo for the DCI's information covering the above cited developments.

[redacted] 5.C [redacted] advised the writer that the question of approaching and informing the British of the CIA - Dro agreement, was discussed at length by [redacted] in the presence of [redacted]

Specifically, what were the British told?
Disadvantages of telling French about some
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