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SUBJECT: REDSOX/LCHOMELY - Combined Progress Report 9 and 10.

TO: Chief, ZACACTUS
Washington, D.C.

INFO: Chief of Mission
Frankfurt, Germany

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Attached herewith is a combined progress report, 9 and 10,
for LCHOMELY, covering the month of December, 1951, prepared by

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Progress Report 9 and 10

1. LOBOMELY
2. Indefinite
3. [] has been assigned to the spotting, assessment and recruiting program under [] and []
4. 1 December to 1 January, 1952.

On 27 December word was received from [] that arrangements for the assessment had been made and that GIORDANO should leave for Sweden as soon as possible. GIORDANO was recalled from Hamburg where he was awaiting his wife's imminent departure, was given his final briefing and returned to Hamburg to obtain a Danish transit visa on 29 December. He had been unable to obtain this visa in Frankfurt as planned due to the closing of the Danish consulate there. It is assumed that he has now departed for Sweden although the expected confirmation cable from Hamburg has not yet been received in Munich.

His briefing prior to departure covered the following points:

a. GIORDANO consulted us regarding his cover via a vis Colonel SAARSEN, who is an old friend and professional compatriot. GIORDANO is aware that SAARSEN has had contact with other Americans interested in intelligence activities and realizes, as we do, that the best cover story will not hide the nature of GIORDANO's activities from him over any period of time. For this reason and because SAARSEN's usefulness outweighs any possible loss of security, GIORDANO was instructed to inform SAARSEN in the strictest professional confidence that he was again engaged in intelligence work in Germany and to request SAARSEN's help in such matters as CE and location of a w/t instructor.

b. GIORDANO was briefed on the background of the selection of the recruits as given in MOMA 07967 para 2, and was instructed to conduct himself with the utmost security and discretion. He was informed that [] has been limited to indirect contact with our officers [] for security reasons, and that for the same reasons his own contact will be limited to [] and/or his deputies. However, we have requested [] to permit GIORDANO to talk to [] directly since the latter would be best informed about the possibilities of tying into or developing information-gathering activities among Estonians in Germany. This subject is partially covered in MOMA 07967 and will be thoroughly covered in a following dispatch.

c. GIORDANO was briefed on the hazy-answered questions the recruits had previously asked through [] most of which concerned pay, insurance, family allotments, etc. Since the scale of these arrangements is adjusted to the individual case, GIORDANO was instructed to discuss the matter with the recruits without making final commitments.

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d. GIORDANO was instructed to interview and assess, if possible, both potential w/t instructors in Sweden (MUNI 6042, paras. 3 and 4) and to learn when and if they could be available for work in Germany. While GIORDANO feels capable of handling almost all phases of w/t training, and is anxious to supervise the advanced training, he realizes that involving himself to such an extent in communications would curtail the time available to him for planning and teaching other subjects to the recruits. He therefore realizes the importance of obtaining a native w/t instructor as quickly as possible, even though the absence of such an instructor will not delay the beginning of training.

GIORDANO's wife and son received visas to the U.S. and passed the local INS office on 20 December. Their departure is anticipated in early January and will be a great relief to GIORDANO and to anyone who deals with him. GIORDANO was given time over the Christmas holidays to spend with her prior to her sailing and is now prepared to continue his work for us full time regardless of her actual sailing date. The only difficulty now foreseeable is that she will be detained by INS officers in the U.S. since she is not actually legally eligible for emigration and passed INS officers in Westorf only through their good graces.

GIORDANO's emigration possibilities have been entirely eliminated. His visa, which is not eligible for renewal, has expired and no more visas will be granted due to the expiration of the DP Act. As a result even GIORDANO recognizes that it is useless to reopen his case with INS. A last minute effort was made through our contact at the U.S. Consulate to grant GIORDANO emigration under 3e even though he had legally been excluded, but the effort failed due to the closing of the Estonian quota. It is therefore obvious that GIORDANO's only chance of emigrating is under the 100 Act. In order to assure his wife that her emigration would not mean a permanent separation, GIORDANO was told that he would be able to receive a visitor's visa to the U.S. in about one year.

GIORDANO completed his preparation of a training schedule and of a summary of experiences which will be forwarded under separate cover. The latter are valuable as a source of training information and prove GIORDANO's operational value to us as a Chief trainer. GIORDANO has been elaborating his report at our request and completing answers to specific questions.

5. During the next two weeks GIORDANO will be in Stockholm. On his next return, decisions and plans will be made regarding the training areas of the recruits and the best place for their further assessment (carriage and radio aptitude). Until these decisions are reached, planning for training and

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housing the recruits cannot be carried further. It is our strong opinion that the training should take place in the U.S. and that it would be in every way a mistake to bring these trainees to Germany.

6. Again we stress the importance of giving GIORDANO some assurance of eventual emigration. According to 3216 CWPG, para 1d, the 100 Act is applicable not only to those who have served us, but to those whose potential operational value is sufficient to warrant granting emigration under this Act prior to service. We feel that in GIORDANO we have an exceptionally well-qualified, well-rounded chief agent capable of handling almost all phases of training. considers him the most qualified experienced trainer in military espionage and communications. Establishing GIORDANO as a future U.S. citizen would greatly increase our control over him which will be an important factor in the LOROMELY operation due to GIORDANO's stubborn personality and our lack of an Estonian-speaking case officer.

This request for a reconsideration of GIORDANO's emigration under the 100 Act is distinct from Washington's suggestion in para 3 Wash 19030. We believe that GIORDANO is the best qualified technical trainer that could be found for LOROMELY training and therefore agree that he should accompany the group when LOROMELY training is transferred to the U.S. However, it is our understanding that GIORDANO's presence in the U.S. would be extra-legal in such a case and would not be a step towards actual emigration.

7. Report of experiences from GIORDANO.

8. No comments.

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