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FROM	Chief of Station, []			MICROFILM	
SUBJECT	REDTOP LCIMPROVE AESIDECAR				
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<p>ACTION REQUIRED: Guidance for future handling.</p> <p>REFERENCE: (A) [] [] 3208, 20 October 1967 ✓</p> <p>(B) DIRECTOR 45304, 20 October 1967 ✓</p> <p>1. As reported in reference (A), <u>AESIDECAR-2</u>, whose job is currently Identity-1 (Identities under separate cover as S/C/Att. 1), and who had been in Mexico City as <u>Identity-2</u>, walked in to <u>LNPURE</u> on 19 October 1967 and contacted the <u>QKFLOWAGE</u> officer. He told this official that he had "some information about <u>FJSTEAL</u> athletes". He said that he could be reached in his hotel room that evening if someone wished to contact him. The message was passed to Chief of Station, and after a review of the file it was decided that <u>AESIDECAR-2</u> should be contacted to see what he had on his mind.</p> <p>2. [] met <u>AESIDECAR-2</u> in his hotel room the evening of 19 October. In a two-hour discussion, <u>AESIDECAR-2</u> related the significant highlights of his past contact with <u>WOFIRM</u>, all of which seemed to jibe pretty closely with the information available in the Station file. He even pointed out that his case officer had put him on ice following the flap which resulted from his attempt to help an <u>FJSTEAL</u> basketball player defect in November 1962. Finally getting around to the point, <u>AESIDECAR-2</u> said that he had been delivered</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....continued</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>1 - Identity Sheet, Under Separate Cover 2 - Copy of Letter, Under Separate Cover 3 - Copy of Letter, Under Separate Cover</p> <p>Distribution:</p> <p>✓ 2 - C/SB, w/atts. 1, 2 & 3 2 - C/WH, w/att. 1 only 2 - COB, [] [] w/att. 1 only</p>					
CROSS REFERENCE TO:		DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER		DATE	
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a letter from [redacted]. (It was evident from AESIDECAR-2's statements that this was the first he had heard from [redacted] since the exchange of letters mentioned in DO BASE [redacted] 1314 of 24 January 1967, and subsequent traffic.) This letter had been carried to Mexico by Identity-3. AESIDECAR-2 first heard of the letter from Identity-4 at earlier international events. Identity-4 was very outgoing and friendly, and in the past had rather consistently sought out Americans at these events. During the past week in Mexico City, AESIDECAR-2, who never loses a chance to keep up with athletes and coaches of his own nationality, had renewed his acquaintance with Identity-4, and had given him some equipment of American manufacture to take back home. He had also taken out Identity-4 to dinner with another friend. On 18 October, Identity-4 mentioned that Identity-3 had brought a letter from [redacted] (the personal and professional relationship between AESIDECAR-2 and [redacted] is widely known, at least among athletes of the same nationality). Identity-4 suggested that AESIDECAR-2 go to the hotel of the FJSTEAL delegation to pick up the letter, since Identity-3's duties did not permit him to get to where AESIDECAR-2 was working. AESIDECAR-2 did not get around to doing this, however, and the following day, 19 October, Identity-4 brought him the letter. AESIDECAR-2 was busy and stuffed the letter in his pocket, and it wasn't until later in the day, when Identity-4 reminded him of the letter, that he got around to reading it. Identity-4 asked him, in their common language in front of other members of the FJSTEAL team, what was in the letter. AESIDECAR-2 said it was just friendly greetings.

3. The contents of the letter, as translated rather painfully by AESIDECAR-2 (whose English is not particularly good), were reported in reference (A). As stated, considerable doubletalk was used, but the clandestine, or at least illicit, nature of the letter was not particularly well camouflaged. A copy of the letter is forwarded under separate cover (S/C att. 2), and we would appreciate being advised if subsequent translation uncovers any significant variation from our understanding of the letter. As also reported, AESIDECAR-2 did not know the persons mentioned toward the end of the letter, and is unable to explain the significance of this portion of the letter. AESIDECAR-2 felt that the letter was genuine, but he was willing to accept our advice and respond to it in any way we wished. We told him of our suspicion that the letter was a provocation, basing it on the fact that AESIDECAR-2 was blown to the FJSTEAL IS, plus the fact that the wording of the letter seemed designed to get us to expose our hand for either CA or CE exploitation. AESIDECAR-2 was not told that WOFIRM had suspected from the time of the direct meetings with [redacted] in 1964 that he was under FJSTEAL IS control. We also told AESIDECAR-2 that if the letter was in fact, genuine, to go along with [redacted] request for money, a camera and additional requirements, would be to subject him and all others connected with his letter to an intolerable risk.

4. Headquarters' prompt response in reference (B) is greatly appreciated. Armed with this, a second meeting with AESIDECAR-2 was held the afternoon of 20 October. Because it seemed more natural, it was decided that AESIDECAR-2 would write an innocuous letter to [redacted] for hand-carrying by Identity-3. AESIDECAR-2 was given firm instructions not to try to slip anything between the lines in his letter to [redacted]. He was only to let [redacted] know that he had gotten the letter, and that he was looking forward to seeing him next year, at which time they could go and look for that movie camera which [redacted] needed for his athletic work. Since AESIDECAR-2 had to visit the hotel of the FJSTEAL delegation that evening in order to pick up a piece of

equipment he had lent them, it was agreed that he would give the letter to either Identity-3 or Identity-4, depending on which one he ran across first.

5. In a meeting the morning of 21 October, AESIDECAR-2 reported the events of the previous evening. He had gone to the hotel and asked for Identity-4. The latter was nowhere to be found, and AESIDECAR-2 was given a bit of a hard time until it was confirmed that AESIDECAR-2 had in fact lent the FJSTEAL team the equipment he had come to pick up. He then asked for Identity-3, who happened to turn up at just that moment. Identity-3 greeted AESIDECAR-2 warmly, saying they had met at the previous meet a year ago. AESIDECAR-2 did not remember meeting him, but nevertheless they proceeded to chat for some time. Identity-3 said that he would be seeing [redacted] on his way home, and would be glad to deliver AESIDECAR-2's letter and anything else AESIDECAR-2 wished to send. As agreed with the case officer, AESIDECAR-2 said that he wanted to send [redacted] wife and daughter a small remembrance, such as a pair of stockings. Identity-3 repeated several times, however, that AESIDECAR-2 could send along anything. He added that the athletes' luggage was not checked when they returned home, and they could bring anything in. Identity-3 also asked AESIDECAR-2 when he had last seen [redacted]. Was it at the European Championships in Belgrade in 1964? AESIDECAR-2 replied truthfully that they had last met in the United States. Finally, they walked out of the hotel and AESIDECAR-2 handed Identity-3 the letter for [redacted]. A copy of the letter is forwarded under separate cover (S/C Att. 3). According to AESIDECAR-2, his letter acknowledges [redacted]'s and proceeds to tell [redacted] about the athletic events in Mexico City and how AESIDECAR-2 saved Mexico from international embarrassment. AESIDECAR-2 writes that when [redacted] comes to Mexico next year "we can get you a camera so you can take movies for your work" (this was in the context of [redacted] athletic work). AESIDECAR-2 concludes by saying he will try to get the body-building book [redacted] had asked for in the United States, and that he was sending along a little something for his wife and daughter.

6. AESIDECAR-2 arranged to meet Identity-3 the afternoon of 21 October to give him the presents. At the same time he was to give Identity-3 a piece of the tartan track, newly developed by the 3M company for track and field events. Identity-3 wanted to bring it home so it could be analyzed and duplicated there. AESIDECAR-2 explained that the secret was not in the ingredients, but in how it was put together. Nevertheless, Identity-3 wanted a piece badly. AESIDECAR-2 was also to see Identity-4 again. Identity-4 had some FJSTEAL currency which he wished AESIDECAR-2 to change for him so he could get dollars and buy things to take home. We advised AESIDECAR-2 to tell Identity-4 he couldn't find any takers for him, and we pointed out that the activities and statements of Identities-3 and -4 were further indications that the whole business was a provocation. At this point, AESIDECAR-2 asked if we had information that [redacted] was working for the FJSTEAL IS. We told [redacted] that we did not have such information, but that it was always possible that he had confessed to his recruitment; or that this information had been forced out of him. Perhaps, after AESIDECAR-2's involvement with the basketball player, the FJSTEAL IS had decided to check out all of AESIDECAR-2's FJSTEAL contacts -- of which [redacted] was one of the closest, and certainly well known. This could have led to [redacted] compromise. If our suspicions about Identities-3 and -4 were correct, it was very possible that the FJSTEAL IS was using people like them to contact known AIS assets such as AESIDECAR-2 in order to divert AIS attention from other, more vulnerable FJSTEAL athletes. This explanation seemed to satisfy AESIDECAR-2, and it was designed to take some of the

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edge off his evident unwillingness to believe that a friend could have betrayed him. J 04 X

7. (AESIDECAR-2) decided that he would return home on 22 October. He would be returning to Mexico City on 25 October to put his wife and daughter on a plane for the United States. He was given a Station telephone number and was asked to call in on 26 October so that he could be debriefed on his final meetings with Identities-3 and -4 and also inform us whether he had decided to accept the job of Identity-2 for 1968. This would be a big job and requires his giving up his Identity-1 position. He explained that his services are desired for this job, but he will not accept unless he is guaranteed a free hand and financial arrangements equal to those he has in his Identity-1 position. We have no plans for regular contact with (AESIDECAR-2) but, unless Headquarters objects, we will ask him to inform us whenever he hears from [redacted] He will, of course eventually have to be given some instructions for 1968 should [redacted] in fact appear (AESIDECAR-2 believes that [redacted] will show up with information and will defect to us). X

8. (AESIDECAR-2) impressed the case officer as being a rather honest and straightforward person, with a tendency to blow his own horn regarding his professional capability. From other sources who know him professionally we hear that he is known as a capable person, but his bluntness has gotten him in trouble with the authorities and therefore his services are not as greatly desired as he would have us think. Be that as it may, we take at face value his assertion that he had come to us because he had felt it his duty -- he has no desire to get involved in intelligence activities, and he makes no bones about his inexperience in this particular field. (In spite of his obvious desire to believe that [redacted] letter was genuine, and his desire to answer in kind, he has, by his own statements at least, responded faithfully to the instructions given him. We had originally hoped that his walking in was the result of contacts made with him by (FJSTEAL) officials. This was not the case, and there is no reason to believe that he will have any such contacts in the future. His only usefulness is in connection with [redacted] and we believe that AESIDECAR-2 will be a willing and able instrument of whatever action Headquarters proposes. X

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Attachment #1

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IDENTITY SHEET

Identity-1 Director of Physical Education for the State of Vera Cruz

Identity-2 Technical Director for Track and Field portions of 1967 Preolympic games.

Out Identity-3 Elmars *MARTIN, born about 1909, Estonian national, Soviet citizen; currently trainer (masseur) serving with Soviet track and field team attending 1967 Preolympic games in Mexico City.

Out Identity-4 Janis *LUSIS, DPOB, unknown, Latvian national, USSR citizen; star javelin thrower; attended 1967 Preolympic games in Mexico City as member of Soviet team.

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