

23 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Failure of Headquarters German Desk to Supervise  
and Guide Bund Deutscher Jugend Apparat

REFERENCE: Memo for DD/P from Chief, I&R, dated 17 December 1952,  
Subject: Bund Deutscher Jugend Apparat Project

1. The Chiefs of the EE German desk were responsible for providing adequate headquarters support, guidance, and supervision to the Bund Deutscher Jugend Apparat project. A review of the project reveals that the German desk was remiss in giving effective direction and guidance to the operation.

2. Chiefs of the EE/OPC German desk during the various phases of this project were:

a. [redacted] from December 1948 to February 1951.  
(Implementation of the project).

b. [redacted] from March 1951 to January 1952.  
(Arrival of [redacted] in the field and major part of the activity under the project)

c. [redacted] from January 1952 to May 1952.  
(Continued activity under the project and reassignment of the operation to paramilitary staff)

d. [redacted] from May 1952 to the present.  
(After liquidation of the project had been ordered and during the phasing out period)

3. The records on the Apparat do not disclose that an organizational plan was established or that the strength, purpose and function of the Apparat was set forth prior to the time that [redacted] submitted reports on his organizational efforts from the field. It appears from the files that [redacted] was chief architect of the Apparat and that the headquarters desk was little more than a repository for information received from the field. The headquarters desk did not press for details with respect to the degree of separation of the overt Bund Deutscher Jugend and the covert Apparat, the strength of the Apparat, the intended function of the Apparat in case of war, the methods of recruiting members, or the effectiveness of [redacted] cover. It did not oversee the establishment of the cover corporation nor ensure that the corporation was serving the

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purpose for which it was set up. The responsible officers on the German desk did not press for reconciliation of inconsistent reports received from the field nor keep abreast of the assets being developed under this project, according to available files at headquarters.

4. The above criticism is made with qualifications, however. During November and December of 1951 an assessment of the project made by the German desk indicated concern over the lax security procedures which had been followed in recruiting and in operating the organization. A thorough review and overhaul of the organization was suggested with a view toward tightening its internal security, improving its compartmentation, and reducing the size of its proposed force. This analysis was not detailed insofar as operational aspects were concerned and was not sufficiently followed up. A change in desk chiefs at this time, from [ ] to [ ] , was perhaps partially responsible for inattention to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. [ ] as Chief of the German desk from March 1951 to January 1952, did not adequately direct or keep abreast of the project's development. This inattentiveness was partially corrected, however, during November and December of 1951.

2. [ ] , as Chief of the German desk from January 1952 until May 1952 did not adequately direct the project during that period and failed to see that specific action was taken with respect to the headquarters' policy guidance statement of December 1951.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. [ ] be reprimanded for inadequate supervision and direction of the Bund Deutscher Jugend Apparat, made ineligible for an increase in grade and pay for a period of at least one year and that this reprimand be made a part of his personnel file.

2. [ ] be reprimanded for inadequate supervision and guidance of the Bund Deutscher Jugend Apparat during the time that it was under his direction, made ineligible for an increase in grade and pay for a period of at least one year and that this reprimand be made a part of his personnel file.

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