

FIELD PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT CRYPTONYM: CAUTERY

RECOMMENDED BY: [ ]

July-Dec 1950

Chief of Field Installation

Date

1. Area of Operations and Headquarters: Germany, Karlsruhe (Berlin Operations Base)
2. References: Overall project related to individual defections of Soviet personnel. MGB-A-6274 (GBTS 309).
3. Aims:
  - a) The systematic collection and exploitation of operational leads identifying Soviet personnel in Germany believed to be defeatable.
  - b) Soviet personnel and German nationals believed to maintain professional or personal relations of a more than casual nature with Soviet nationals.
  - c) To investigate all operational leads at our disposal, with specific emphasis on the intermediary's background and reliability. To pinpoint German nationals believed to have close personal or professional contacts with Soviet nationals with a view to enlisting their help in inducing defection, with special emphasis on the development of contacts with German women known to fraternize with Soviet nationals. To pinpoint potential Soviet defectors and to attempt to contact them directly.
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  - a. CAUTERY
  - b. Personal record which will be forwarded presently. Sub-sources will be checked locally and reported to you in the form of a brief personal description.
5. Cover: The agent will use his overt position as senior investigator employed by HICOG Berlin Element (Trade and Program Section) for cover purposes. Most of the routine investigations will fall within the purview of his overt duties. The case officer is known to CAUTERY as [ ] representative of a U.S. intelligence agency not CIC.
6. Contacts and Communications: Agent will be contacted at his office in the HICOG compound. He can be called on a military number or on his private phone. Only the agent will communicate with sub-agents.

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7. Control: Although de-Nazified, Agent will meet tough-sledding in getting reinstated with the Federal Criminal Police. He hopes that we shall intercede in his behalf if he performs satisfactorily. As a former ranking member of the German criminal police with a simulated SS rank, his chances of survival in the Soviet Zone would be extremely slim, especially if it becomes known that he has worked for U.S. Intelligence. (documentary evidence). Agent is ideologically on our side.
8. Special Equipment: None as yet. Will be applied for as needed.
9. Coordination: Coordination with MOB is desirable in those cases where we have sufficient data on a potential defector on which to base an assessment of his intelligence value.
10. The assignment started on 1 June 1950. As yet the project is in an exploratory stage with Agent lining up sub-sources and casing the Berlin and contiguous areas for the availability of defection leads.
11. Estimated Cost: For the period from 1 July to 31 December 1950 and covering all expenditures between 1 and 30 June made in excess of  allocations: Total.....14 000 Westmark. Operational supplies at a value not exceeding \$100 per month. The loan of a passenger car (Volkswagen) to CAUTERY.
12. The only commitment made thus far is that CAUTERY's employment by BOB should not stand in the way of his accepting an offer of employment with the Bundeskriminalamt if forthcoming.