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Chief, Foreign Division M

15 December 1950

Acting Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Operational/Redbird

Field Project Outline - CAUTION

RECOMMENDED BY:

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1 July-30 November 1950
1-31 December 1950
January-June 1951

Acting Chief of Field Installation

Date

1. Area of Operations and Headquarters: Germany, Karlsruhe (Berlin Operations Base)

2. References: None.

3. Aims:
- a) Objectives: The systematic collection and exploitation of operational leads identifying Soviet personnel in Germany believed to be defectors.
 - b) Targets: Soviet personnel and German nationals believed to maintain professional or personal relations of a more than casual nature with Soviet nationals.
 - c) Tasks: 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 establishing contact in incoming direction, with special emphasis on the development of contacts with German women known to fraternize with Soviet nationals. To pinpoint potential Soviet defectors and attempt to contact them directly. To report information and operational leads pertaining to SECRET objectives and to pursue those leads.

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4. Personnel: CAUTERY 1, CAUTERY 2, CAUTERY 3.
5. Cover: The agent will use his overt position as senior investigator employed by RIGOO Berlin Element (Trade and Program Section) for cover purposes. Most of the routine investigations will fall within the ~~range~~ of his overt duties. The case officer is known to CAUTERY as [redacted], representative of a U.S. intelligence agency not CIC.
6. Contacts and Communications: Agent will be contacted at his office in the RIGOO compound. He can be called on a military number or on his private phone. Only the agent will communicate with sub-agents.
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. Establishment: 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:

1 July to 30 November 1950 - During this period a total amount of 2058.80 Westmark has been expended, MKN-5725 erroneously having been construed as project approval. In view of MKN-6806, we request retroactive approval of the amount expended.

1 to 31 December 1950 - Allocation of 1000 Westmark is requested.

1 January to 30 June 1951 - Allocation of 14,000 Westmark is requested. This amount covers
a) all fixed compensations for members of the CAUTERY chain,
b) travel and operating expenses directly relating to RIGOO assignments, and
c) costs of other operations including CAUTERY during certain development phases only.

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Costs of supplies for the period of 1 January to 30 June 1951 are estimated at \$100.

A Volkswagen and a field safe have been supplied to CAUTERY 1.

Safe house rental will be charged to

12. Special Problems and Commitments: All members of the CAUTERY chain have been promised free air travel for themselves and their families to the Western Zone upon the agreed termination of their contracts.

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