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CAUTERY-1

- REF: A. EGRA-801h
- B. EGRA-801S
- C. EGRA-9263
- D. EFRAN-9664 | N 22996 of 1 OCT. 1953

1. CAUTERY-1 has been the subject of an extensive amount of correspondence over the past several months. This memorandum is an endeavor to summarize the pros and cons of CAUTERY-1's present assignment and his future assignment.

2. [redacted] has summarized in references "A" and "B" the results of a discussion held between him and CAUTERY-1, concerning Dr. Otto JOEN's offer of employment to CAUTERY-1. [redacted] conclusions concerning the advisability of CAUTERY-1's accepting said employment were that this would constitute a definite asset for KUBARK, in that we then would have a long-time tested agent situated in a probable position of prominence within the BfV. The undersigned agrees with [redacted] conclusion in this respect, for at the present time we are faced with the definite shortage of trusted penetration-type agents within the BfV. It is further believed that CAUTERY-1 could amply fulfill tasks delegated to him by JOEN or other officials of the BfV. However, it must be brought out that the job possibility offered to CAUTERY-1 is still not definitely established, and in all likelihood will not be confirmed for some period of time.

APPROVED: [signature]

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3. This posed us with an interim problem as to how CAUTERY-1 could most usefully be employed to the advantage of EUBank. Shortly after [] conversation with CAUTERY-1, it became apparent that LCCASSOCK was in need of a security officer. After due consideration of CAUTERY-1's strong and weak points, it was decided that for a job of this nature, in which he would be specifically required to tighten the overall security procedures followed by LCCASSOCK, his operational shortcomings would not detrimentally affect his performance of this function. The primary operational weaknesses of which CAUTERY-1 has been accused in the past are a lack of initiative and a rather poor judgment in assessing a good operational lead from a poor one. In general, however, the security practices followed by CAUTERY-1 always have been satisfactory. Further, CAUTERY-1 has been frequently accused of being hard to handle. However, it was felt, and since been shown, that [] is fully capable of handling CAUTERY-1 with the requisite firm hand. Once this relationship was established, it then became merely a question of outlining to CAUTERY-1 the scope and functions of the job he was expected to perform.

4. We feel that by the above solution we have arrived at the most satisfactory way of handling several problems at the same time, i.e., procuring a qualified security officer for LCCASSOCK, and keeping CAUTERY-1 gainfully employed while he waits clarification of his proposed employment with the RIV. It is not intended to maintain CAUTERY-1 as a security officer for LCCASSOCK on a permanent basis. It should be pointed out, however, that there is an extreme dearth of qualified individuals who can successfully perform tasks of this nature. We are continuing to search for an individual who can replace CAUTERY-1 and who will be assigned as a permanent security officer for LCCASSOCK. In his present job, CAUTERY-1 has no operational function other than his prerogative of advising and suggesting corrections a/o recommendations regarding the improvement of LCCASSOCK security procedures.

5. It is therefore the field's consensus that for the time being, as well as for the immediate future, CAUTERY-1 can successfully be continued in his present capacity as LCCASSOCK security officer. Further reporting on CAUTERY-1's activities will be submitted periodically by [] the handling case officer of LCCASSOCK.

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