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SPECIFIC—LCCASSOCK "Request for Project Approval"

REF: SFRAN 6124 IN 34591 of 19 June

1. This dispatch is written to further substantiate our request for project approval of the LCCASSOCK effort, as well as for authorization to produce two issues of falsified East Zone magazines per month. (SBRLN 9681). We shall attempt to supplement our recent dispatch (EGBA-5773) on the distribution and security aspects of the project with an evaluation of new developments. It is expected that this dispatch and previous studies will enable the German Mission to rule favorably on our request and will present Headquarters with the necessary data to approve the LCCASSOCK project amendment which was submitted in October 1952. (EGBA-1204).

LCCASSOCK has been run on a "trial basis" ever since its inception in 1952. CADRAIN has never been able to assure CADRIER of continuing support but has repeatedly been forced to inform him that our limited support might cease altogether from one day to the next. This factor has not only been detrimental to the long-range editorial planning by CADRIER and the case officer, but has also prevented the former from building up an exclusive organization, especially in the distribution line, since he, in turn, could not give his people any assurance of relative stability. CADRIER, on the basis of recent discussions, has offered to:

A. Build up an exclusive LCCASSOCK distribution net which can be checked by us on the basis of personal data he will submit.

B. Employ a security man furnished by us to insure physical security in his organization and to have a continual check on personnel and the operation.

The first suggestion is of course contingent on adequate assurance of support, which, of necessity, must go beyond the usual 3 month allotments. These allocations have left even the case officer in perpetual doubt whether each allotment was not the final one and have neither facilitated the planning of future operations nor the building up of a reasonably secure and hand-tailored organization. We therefore wish to request approval of LCCASSOCK as a long range project, and an increase in production to two issues monthly, as outlined in SBRLN 9681. IN 33564 of 16 June

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2. CADRIER and the case officer have discussed the LCCASSOCK effort and potential at length, particularly in light of queries from Mission Headquarters (SFRAN 6124), i. e.;

A. Can LCCASSOCK produce two issues a month in addition to the one issue which they put out for the Kaiser Ministry?

B. Are the LCCASSOCK distribution facilities capable of distributing three issues monthly?

3. As to point 2A, the LCCASSOCK staff, based on three year's experience, is capable of producing within one week any issue which deals with the following general East Zone subjects: Youth, workers, farmers, Volkspolizei, LDPD, and SED party matters. As an indication of the LCCASSOCK production capability the following is submitted: LCCASSOCK produced four completely different issues, designed for four different target audiences in the East Zone between April 23 and May 9, 1953.

A. April 23, 1953, LCCASSOCK produced a highly specialized completely black East Zone library magazine Die Weltbühne. (Reference EGBA-4053).

B. April 30, 1953, seven days after receiving authorization for the 1 May special workers' issue, LCCASSOCK had written and funneled into distribution channels 20,000 issues of the Communist Weltgewerkschafts magazine. (Reference EGBA-4072).

C. On May 6, 1953, a black German-language edition of the Moscow magazine New Times was ready for distribution. (Reference EGBA-4757).

D. On May 9, 1953, a VOPO number had been written by the organization for the Kaiser Ministry.

An evaluation of the above issues will show that LCCASSOCK has, within 17 days, written, edited, printed and distributed four highly specialized issues, differing radically in content, style, and make-up. The caliber of the issues was, we feel, attuned to the specific targets. An assurance of continued financial support, regardless of how limited, would greatly aid CADRIER and the case officer to plan future operations since certain overall factors in our efforts versus the DDR and the Soviets do remain constant.

4. As Attachments A and B we are submitting the last two LCCASSOCK efforts which will convey the flexibility of the LCCASSOCK staff work. Attachment A is the LCCASSOCK falsification of the fourth issue of the new DDR "Elite Troop" magazine which is written by the SSD. We shall write a separate report on this issue, but we believe that the timeliness and the caliber of the work is apparent, if one keeps in mind that this issue was written for "Die Grenzpolizei". The riots enabled CADRIER to get 20,000 copies out immediately.

As an indication of how CADRIER can exploit current events and targets of opportunity, we submit Attachment B which was ready for distribution on 29 June 1953. This issue, written for all residents of the DDR, explained the significance of the recent uprisings and gave advice to all elements of the population. The general tenor of the falsified magazine tells the workers that they have shown the world that the

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DDR residents want freedom, that the DDR wants free elections, etc., but LCCASSOCK also specifically admonishes all DDR readers not to fight tanks with barehands and tells them to desist from further rioting. The copy contains appropriate excerpts from the world press services, and proceeds to advise every stratum of society in the DDR on how to attempt to gain their objectives by utilizing every legal trick, every SED concession, every DDR "constitutional" right. The magazine talks separately to the workers, the farmers, private businessmen, private investors, and to the parents. It also furnishes guidance to the VOPO, the SED functionaries and includes a bilingual appeal to the members of the Red Army not to fire on German workers. The booklet covered the latest developments, from the execution of Götting to the report that Polish troops refused to take steps against striking German workers in Görlitz.

5. It is suggested that consideration be given to a reprint of this booklet since we believe that it fulfills the need of giving temperate, honest, and factual guidance to the residents of the DDR.

We also point to the cover of the LCCASSOCK falsification. It should be remembered that this magazine is the official guidebook for the SED functionaries. We realized that especially after the riots there would possibly be little interest in an official SED magazine. Consequently the cover was overprinted with "Streng Vertraulich!" (strictly confidential), and "Richtlinien zur Durchführung der Verordnung des Ministerrats vom 11 Juni 1953" (Guidance to implement the orders of the SED Council of Ministers of 11 June 1953). It is hoped that these additions will convey the impression that this is a confidential, official guidance directive for party functionaries from SED Headquarters. We believe this will enhance the appeal of the magazine to everyone and remove the stigma of party literature, since all people are interested in reading confidential material. If the reader turns the cover the real content becomes obvious.

We would appreciate your reaction to this magazine and would also appreciate your comments on the advisability of reprinting the gist in this, or some other form.

6. As to the questions implied in SFRAN 6124, "Does the material actually go into the Zone?"; "Is there any proof?", we submit as Attachment C a selection of verbatim transcripts from distributor reports and reports of effectiveness which have been received from the Soviet Zone. We point to our dispatches in which we submitted pictures which were sent to LCCASSOCK's PO box from the Soviet Zone as a result of an appeal in various LCCASSOCK falsified issues. The content of the pictures is relative in the light of the realization that people have read LCCASSOCK issues and have taken the pains to send pictures.

However, this we feel is not enough to fulfill the ever growing requirements for an assessment of the effectiveness of distribution facilities. CADRIER and the case officer have talked at length on this specific problem and we have come to the following conclusions:

A. Successful illegal activities must be founded on a smooth interplay of all facets, operational and logistical, the latter including financial. CADRIER has never had assurance from us that this support was forthcoming for any length of time. He has, on the other hand often been told by us, as we were forced to by circumstances, that the support might be dropped at any time.

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B. The distributors from the Soviet Zone expect us to live up to prior commitments whether they be financial, or whether they be promises of regular delivery of material according to a specific timetable. CADRIER could never do that and was forced to make "aus der Not eine Tugend", i. e., to make an asset out of a need. Since CADRIER never had a large apparatus and financial means at his disposal he had to be certain that the material he produced was of high enough caliber to motivate people to take it into the Soviet Zone regardless of irregular time schedules, etc. For that reason he has instituted a reporting procedure with his distributors, which proved to be a great asset. Every distributor regularly submits suggestions, evaluations and criticism of the issues he personally carries out. His views and comments are, if they fall within general trends, often reflected in print in subsequent LCCASSOCK issues. Most of the LCCASSOCK distributors consequently have the feeling that they are definitely members of a team, that they do have a voice in the editorial work of the group and are in turn actively concerned with the success or the failure of the individual operations. This distributor reaction is in fact credited by CADRIER as being one of the main factors why the LCCASSOCK issues have been accepted by the residents of the Zone, since they have consistently been in tune with the prevalent feeling of the specific target groups. It is also of note to consider that many distributors took issue with the "Marxist tenor" of some of our completely black issues, but were ready to see that the SED functionaries received these efforts, trusting in the good judgment of the LCCASSOCK staff personnel, even though many distributors admitted that the material was "too deep" for them.

7. Just to show how flexible the LCCASSOCK distributions were, we point to the manner in which the falsified LDPD issues were distributed.

A. The first action in March 1951 was sent by DDR mail channels to 34 out of 80 regional LDPD party headquarters. This was possible since many of the first distributors were former members of the LDPD.

B. The second LDPD falsified LCCASSOCK issue printed in April 1952 was put out with the cooperation of two co-workers in CADROIT. The issue was also sent through DDR mailing channels. We refer you to our previous dispatches in which we have reported the comments of a former LDPD official who has fled to West Berlin and who reported extensively on the commotion this falsified issue created in DDR circles.

C. The third LDPD issue which we printed in May 1953 was mailed in official envelopes with the cooperation of East Zone LDPD mailing officials.

8. CADRIER, to reiterate, is willing to:

A. Build up as exclusive a distribution net as possible. He will utilize the best distributors in his organization, will furnish us with names and will expect us to check these names with our files, in order to insure the organization of a secure, militant and exclusive distribution apparatus.

B. If two issues are approved, CADRIER will take advantage of our offer to furnish him with a security man. He needs a man who has connections with

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the overt Berlin law enforcement agencies and who can advise and assist him in matters of personal security. He does not care if this man comes from us since, he states, he has nothing to hide and he welcomes a double check on his activities.

C. In turn, CADRIER would like an assurance of continued financial support, for one year, two years or until the day of reunification - i.e., a certain time which will permit him to make plans accordingly. We, of course, told him, that such a time limit was hard to guarantee, but we strongly request that all steps be taken to give us some assurance of such regular financial backing, barring unforeseen circumstances.

9. Under Attachment D we are submitting a detailed financial breakdown which would insure two LCCASSOCK issues per month. This estimate does include the 700 DM monthly special allotment for security.

10. It, therefore, appears that we have the opportunity at the present time to obtain CADRIER's and his staff's services on a completely controlled basis. We have pointed out previously that editorially this step has already been accomplished, but it now seems that we can also have a decisive voice in the distribution and the security aspects of the project. The German Mission and Washington Headquarters will have to decide whether the project, as outlined, should be approved. BOB/CADRAIN strongly recommends a favorable ruling on this request since they believe that LCCASSOCK has been instrumental in furthering our objectives in a competent and imaginative manner in a relatively new field.

11. Concerning CADRIER's one issue per month for the Kaiser Ministry it should again be pointed out that the case officer regularly receives all the proofs prior to the publication of this issue, is furnished with the reaction and distribution reports on these issues and has been forwarding them to Headquarters. CADRIER receives 10,000 DM monthly, directly from von Dellingshausen of the Ministry.

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Attachments: UNSEPCOV

A - Grenzpolizei
B - Agitator
C - Transcripts
D - Financial Breakdown

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