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Conference with CAMBISTA 2 Regarding Agent Prospects. Copies of this
memo have been sent through OOLIVE channels as attachments to MGMA-5842.

2. CAMBISTA 2 is arriving in BTEKOTIC this week with the first
pupil. The second one is to be here in ten days.

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Conference with CAMBISTA 2

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Enclosure to 124 CMCWU, dtd 4 June 1951

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SUBJECT: Conference with CAMBISTA² Regarding Agent Prospects

1. [] conferred with CAMBISTA² in Louvain and Brussels on May 6-7, 1951, to determine what progress the latter had made in locating prospective agents for missions to Belorussia. CAMBISTA² was prepared to recommend and discuss two prospects, identified in MUNI-3532. He stated that a number of other men had been considered but were found unsuitable because either they lacked the intelligence to carry off a solo mission successfully or they talked too freely when drinking. The information which CAMBISTA² furnished about the two prospects was given orally because to date CAMBISTA² has hesitated to ask the men to complete the questionnaire which the case officer left behind on his last visit. CAMBISTA² explained that since the two men are prepared to volunteer for missions on patriotic grounds, it might very well create an unfortunate impression to require them to fill out the form at this point. The questionnaire is closely associated with what held true after the war when to complete a "fragebogen" was the equivalent of signing up as a paid agent. Although these two men, if accepted by us, will in effect become our agents, it will be worthwhile to let them think that they are primarily acting in the interests of their nationality. We will get no less out of them for it. Both men have expressed themselves to be quite willing to cooperate with Americans. They realize that only through the Americans can their nationality win the right of self-determination. But because of the circumstances, the case officer believes that the information normally obtained from the questionnaire can in this case best be elicited in the course of conversation with the men. The particulars which CAMBISTA² provided are as follows:

A. The Subject of paragraph 1-A, MUNI-3532. 23-24 years of age. Single. Born in that part of Belorussia then belonging to Poland. Fought with the national (i.e., non-communist) partisans. After the war, made his way to France where he continued his education. Recently went to Belgium for further study of history at university level. He is characterized by CAMBISTA² as an "exceptional phenomenon for these days: a great idealist" (i.e., a nationalist with high ideals). The Subject neither drinks nor chases after women, both of which he regards as a waste of time. He is devoted to his studies, but no puny scholar: CAMBISTA² describes him as being strong as an ox. The picture that emerges: a husky young man, very serious, high-minded but not particularly quick-minded, educated but not intellectual.

B. The Subject of paragraph 1-B, MUNI-3532. About 28 years old. Single. Also born in Polish Belorussian. Served as a non-commissioned officer with General ANDER's troops in Italy, but according to CAMBISTA² without wide military experience. Currently studying political economics in England. Flair for journalism. Brighter than the Subject of foregoing paragraph, but not as strong. In good health.

Drinks moderately. The sum impression CAMBISTA² gives of the Subject: an idea-man; more brains than brawn, though quite capable of holding his own physically; clever; more mature than the first Subject.

2. We wish to interview these two prospects in Munich as soon as possible. The problem this poses is one of finding the quickest way to get visas for the men so that they can enter Germany. Ordinarily, the process of getting visas would be simple, but these two men are not citizens of the countries where they reside and are coming to Germany for an extended period of time. We have suggested to CAMBISTA² that the two men apply to the German consulates in their respective countries for entry visas, representing themselves as students who have received scholarships to continue their studies for the next year at the University of Munich, if necessary specifying Catholic financial sponsorship (papers to support this can be trumped up if need be). If they find that they will be able to get their visas through the German Consulates within two weeks, fine and good. If not, we will have to work out the visa problem through the Allied Combined Travel Board. The pair might be invited here as teachers or tutors to American children, for example. However, we should prefer not to use this latter channel because it will reveal American interest in the two men to a number of people, besides requiring a good deal of time spent in liaison with the proper authorities. We should have definite word on whether or not visas will be forthcoming from the German Consulates on or about May 21, which, if the answer is no go, will give us the last ten days of the month to make other arrangements. We should like to interview the men at the latest by the end of May. The men will come prepared to stay for training, if accepted.

3. CAMBISTA² had the following remarks to make about operations into Belorussia:

A. Infiltration: CAMBISTA² stated that if it were not possible to get the men into Belorussia by airplane (this remark was spontaneous; no hints had been dropped by the case officer on this score), it might be possible to arrange a crossing over the Finnish border. CAMBISTA² indicated that he was in contact with a Finnish group, but he was reluctant to give details until it appears that this route is actually to be used. CAMBISTA² considers the overland route from Germany the least acceptable because two frontiers, the Polish and Soviet, must be crossed.

B. Timing. CAMBISTA² is eager to get men into training as soon as possible so that we can take advantage of the good weather during the summer months for dispatch.

C. Contact. CAMBISTA² considers it of prime importance to establish radio contact with Belorussia, which is the main reason he holds the overland route to be particularly inappropriate. It would be practically out of the question to carry radio equipment over two frontiers and the distance involved. The case officer pointed out that if we are to profit by the good weather, it is imperative to get the men into training

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with utmost speed since the time required to turn out a radio operator is at minimum three months, which places the date of dispatch, even with optimism, in September.

D. Disposal: CAMBISTA² has already expressed his concern over proper disposal. He thinks that in the case of these two particular prospects disposal should present no problem if both men leave their respective countries legally and with the understanding that they will be away for about a year for the alleged purpose of pursuing their studies abroad.

E. Instructors: CAMBISTA² was asked whether there were any men available in the ranks of his organization who might serve as instructors to agent trainees. The case officer explained that it would be the function of the instructor not only to assist in actual training but to infuse the trainees with enthusiasm for their mission and to help keep their spirits high. CAMBISTA² was of the opinion that such a man would probably be hard to come by because the restricted number of men in his organization qualified for the job are engaged in personal affairs which they would find very difficult to drop. However, CAMBISTA² stated that he would consider offering his own services after he has completed the series of examinations he is now taking in connection with getting his medical degree. When the case officer asked whether he could seriously consider chucking his own career to take over the job, CAMBISTA² explained that as a foreigner he could never practice medicine legally in Belgium, at most as an assistant to a Belgian doctor, and that at any rate there was no use in launching a career which would be snapped off inside of two years by the outbreak of war. In the case officer's opinion, CAMBISTA² would come close to being the ideal type of instructor. He is both intelligent and athletic. He has had experience as a teacher and as a military commander in the field. His knowledge of medicine should be a great asset. Moreover, CAMBISTA² through his own personal enthusiasm, should be able to keep the morale of his charges at a very high level.

4. CAMBISTA² stated that when he accompanied the two prospects to Germany at about the end of May, he would come prepared to talk about prospects for the KLOPE project. He was asked to bring the names of specific candidates, but he said that he would probably not have the time between now and then to get names, but that he would at least be in the position to estimate approximately how many of his countrymen are available in each of the West European countries for this type of training.

5. Finances: To date, CAMBISTA² has been given the equivalent of \$280 to arrange for the following trips:

A. CAMBISTA 1. Round trip by air, Belgium-England, to contact Subject of MUNI-3532, paragraph 1B. Expenses en route.

B. CAMBISTA 1. Round trip by rail, Belgium-Munich, to introduce Subjects of paragraphs 1A & 1B, MUNI-3532. Expenses en route.

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C. Subject of paragraph 1A, MUNI-3532. Travel from Belgium to Munich via France, where Subject is officially registered and must apply for visa into Germany. Expenses en route.

D. Subject of paragraph 1B, MUNI-3532. Travel from England to Munich with expenses en route.

6. Our next communication, then, should cover our meeting with the two prospective agents and contain our assessment of them. You will hear from us beforehand if delay is caused by difficulties in arranging for the entry of these two men into Germany.

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