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Chief, EE (Attn: Chief, SR)

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Chief of Base, Munich

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AEQUOR/Kugown Guidance to CAMBISTA 1

1. Since the arrival of numerous items designed to assist [] in its KUGOWN activities, it has occurred to the undersigned that similar activity could be undertaken in regard to CAMBISTA 1 publications currently subsidized by us. In the past, guidance has been given to CAMBISTA 2 and 5 on an informal basis only. CAMBISTA 2 and 5, however, have always expressed a willingness to accept any suggestions for propaganda lines to be taken. CAMBISTA 2 readily admits that he knows very little about newspaper work and leaves the formulation of policy more or less up to the editor of the paper. The paper is, nevertheless, the organ of CAMBISTA 1 and the formulation of policy regarding particular themes to be followed should properly be made by its leadership. This leadership needs considerable prodding if it is to assume a more direct control over policies of the paper. The undersigned believes that we are in an ideal position to influence the leadership of the CAMBISTA 1 if we are able to provide them with specific suggestions and policy direction.

2. In connection with the above, it is suggested that material be forwarded to the field which reflects KUBARK-KUGOWN thinking on propaganda and psychological warfare themes. So far as the satirical magazine is concerned this material could be in English. Suggestions could be implemented more readily if they were in the Russian language but material in English is acceptable since both CAMBISTA 2 and 5 read English. We feel it would be better from a security standpoint to work entirely through CAMBISTA 2 and 5 since the staff of the newspaper, other than CAMBISTA 5, is unwitting regarding U.S. support. If Headquarters approves of the above suggestion and is in a position to implement it fairly soon, the matter will be taken up with CAMBISTA 2. CAMBISTA 2 will be assured, of course, that any material which is given to him or CAMBISTA 5 is in the nature of suggestion only. We do not want to appear to be dictating policy to them. The feeling here is that most of our suggestions would be followed as a matter of course by the CAMBISTA 1 publications.

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