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DISPATCH NO. 088-331

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FROM Chief VE

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SUBJECT { GENERAL REDSKIN  
SPECIFIC NIGHTWATCH

Reference: 088A-799

1. Attached is a memorandum covering some of the lessons learned by SR in past association with the CAMBISTA organization. We believe that the points made regarding the problems of security and control of operations run with NIGHTWATCH/1 or his group are valid ones. The revised Project Outline (Attached) has been submitted for approval and includes modifications of the original objectives and tasks of the operation.
2. Considering the operational limitations of the NIGHTWATCH personnel, we believe that including them in recruitment attempts (paragraph 7 (2), (3) of the Project Outline) would not only risk blowing the operation to the whole CAMBISTA organization and beyond, but would very likely result in a struggle between KUBARK and NIGHTWATCH/1 for control of any agents recruited by NIGHTWATCH personnel. For these reasons, we suggest that KUBARK requirements for the NIGHTWATCH operation be restricted to the observation of Soviet seamen in Antwerp.
3. The NIGHTWATCH operation is considered a worthwhile expedient to increase our knowledge of the target area. Past information regarding the accessibility of Soviet seamen in Antwerp has been primarily hear-say. It will be of great value to have a current survey of the potential in that area on which to base future operations.
4. The NIGHTWATCH operation is complicated by the fact that SR, Munich and Headquarters, retain an active interest in CAMBISTA personnel for eventual AECUOR missions. NIGHTWATCH/1 acts in the double capacity of patron to NIGHTWATCH and recruiter of AECUOR candidates from amongst CAMBISTA personnel. For instance, NIGHTWATCH/7 while being processed for an eventual REDSOX mission for AECUOR was nevertheless selected by NIGHTWATCH/1 as an agent in NIGHTWATCH. A proposal has also been

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made to send NIGHTWATCH/6 to Paris and NIGHTWATCH/9 to London as area representatives of the CAMBISTA organization. If these individuals leave Belgium, their positions in NIGHTWATCH will be filled by NIGHTWATCH/1, without, it appears any thought being given to the eventual turnover of NIGHTWATCH personnel or the security hazard of exposing an eventual REDSOX candidate to the NIGHTWATCH operation.

5. A dispatch is being written to [ ] pointing out the above facts and requesting that he discuss the problem with NIGHTWATCH/1. It will be suggested that, if [ ] anticipates drawing future candidates from NIGHTWATCH/1's group in Louvain, he should point out to NIGHTWATCH/1 the hazards of having individuals briefed on other KUBARK operations and suggest that NIGHTWATCH/1 distinguish between those in his group who he believes might be of value in another area and those who he believes will be most permanent in [ ]. It will be suggested that [ ] approach such a conversation from the effect such actions had on AECUOR, and he should not become involved in the NIGHTWATCH operation.
6. It is felt that a discussion concerning AECUOR with NIGHTWATCH/1 should only be undertaken by Munich. The introduction of this subject by KUBARK, [ ] would broaden our relationship with NIGHTWATCH/1 beyond that which is necessary for the NIGHTWATCH operation and would give to NIGHTWATCH/1 the opportunity of playing [ ] against Munich. Although NIGHTWATCH/2 is undoubtedly the eyes and ears for NIGHTWATCH/1, it is felt that every attempt should be made to direct the NIGHTWATCH operation through NIGHTWATCH/2 personally and make him more dependent on KUBARK. Questions of plans and policy, etc. brought up by either NIGHTWATCH/1 or NIGHTWATCH/2 which transcend this particular operation should not be discussed by KUBARK, [ ]

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Chief, WE

Enclosures

1. Memorandum
2. Project Outline
3. Cryptonyms
4. Traces on NIGHTWATCH personnel  
(under separate cover)

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