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CASTIRUP - Recent Talks with [] []

Ref: EGNA-11346, 20 Mar 47

Summary: Agreement has been made with [] [] whereby CASTIRUP will supply us with information from current cases which are either of general interest or touch on U.S. security interests and we will furnish him with traces. The arrangement will be strictly unofficial since he has no specific authorization for this step. Case files will not be disseminated by Bonn, but NO and OB information of significance will be extracted. ODOPAL and KUBARK at the Bonn level will exchange such information received from CASTIRUP. CASTIRUP is not an information, but an executive agency and therefore has slightly different goals from KUBARK's. This must be kept in mind in reading their reports.

1. As the collection of CARVEL's offerings of the weekly CASTIRUP reports has piled up, we have become more and more aware that there was a considerable area of potentially valuable information to which we have no regular access. While true that we could get these cases from CAVATA once the executive phase was finished and the court opinion written, there is a delay often of several months between CASTIRUP activity in the case and the time it comes to rest in CAVATA archives. Likewise it would be necessary for CAVATA to be able correctly to interpret our interests and call cases to our attention. The question that this would ever be practicable. Accordingly, we had a talk on this subject with the ODOPAL liaison officer to determine his needs and insure that he was not already getting CASTIRUP reports.
2. As a result of this talk it was agreed that we would approach [] [] jointly with the following proposition:
 - a. [] [] would instruct his people to expedite notification of ODOPAL on cases involving the security of the U.S. military and supply full information.
 - b. [] [] would undertake to inform [] [] on any cases involving the eastern services where there were identifiable hostile case officers, installations, where a new operational gambit or a particularly important hostile operation appeared to be involved.
 - c. KUBARK, to the extent possible, would undertake to supply traces on hostile OB information as an aid to the CASTIRUP interrogators.
3. The opportunity to have this talk arose early in February between [] [] and [] [] Since ODOPAL was not represented, we confined ourselves to gener-

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alities about the meager exchange between CASTIRUP and U.S. agencies. Liberal use was made of the platitudes about knowing the enemy, value to the interrogators and analysts of extensive knowledge of the opposition, and the dependence of our OB records on continuous infusion of new informational blood. [redacted] indicated we had previously had some reservations about appearing to be prying into official HEGROPING secrets or matter which could be considered sensitive by them. These precautions appeared quite superfluous, since [redacted] conceded he too had felt the exchange tempo could well be stepped up and that there should be only the greatest confidence between the allies in dealing with the common enemy. He went on to say that he was somewhat concerned that if this exchange became known his superiors could make trouble for him, since there was no official authorization for such exchange at his level. He conceded, however, that neither was there any prohibition, and he could, if necessary certainly justify it on grounds of efficiency, common interest, NATO membership and the like. For appearance's sake, however, he would have to confine the material passed to the Handakte, or the working file of the interrogator, rather than the official file which is used in the court case, and in which all transactions concerning the case must be recorded. He realized the advantages we had pointed out and said he would instruct CABANJO and Identity 1 accordingly. We, on our part, said the material would be handled with the utmost discretion.

4. Several days later Garside, the SPECIAL liaison officer and [redacted] visited CABANJO and his colleague (Identity 1) who had already been briefed by [redacted]. There was apparently either an incomplete understanding of the agreement by CABANJO or he did not entirely approve, for it was necessary to repeat the two-fold OBYONK requirement to him with justifications. We also made the point that any of us would be happy to come to CASTIRUP if summoned by phone and read any file they wished to put before us in order to save themselves typing and time. (Comment: CASTIRUP has no female clerical help. The officers are their own typists.) Alternatively, we would be happy to be able to borrow a file for a few hours and make the necessary notes in our own office, since we were usually less interested in the entirety of the case than in the OS and MO aspects of it. This met with the full agreement of all present. We have now only to judge over the next few months how the thing works in practice.
5. We consider that this agreement marks a distinct liaison gain, as well as an opportunity for us to give the HEGROPING security and intelligence community a boost. Reference contains the first such file put at our disposal. (Comment: You will shortly receive, we presume, the photographs of the case forwarded to COS for development, printing and distribution under EGNA-11371, 12 March 57.) In addition, we have been promised the Arends case mentioned by [redacted]'s OS officer in Berlin, the Leo RUDOL case recorded in Bonn-3186 and 3261, and the SCHAUER case forecast in Bonn-3299. There have already been signs of increased contact between us and CASTIRUP officials, particularly Identity 2, with whom we have always had friendly relations.
6. To avoid a reproduction problem here, we will concentrate on extracting from the cases the following information for concerned KUBARK elements, including photocopies of the case file only where it appears to us to be necessary to follow the thread of an important case:

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- a. dramatic personae with descriptions
 - b. recruitment (when, where, by whom)
 - c. control
 - d. text of agreement to work signed by the agent
 - e. training (where, when, what, by whom)
 - f. mission (what and where)
 - g. meetings (frequency, locus and participants)
 - h. communications (w/T, w/R, DLD, courier)
 - i. payments
- (license plates, car makes, phone numbers, addresses and descriptions wherever pertinent to the above.)

If we can avoid getting involved in a large scale reproduction process, we can service all interested parties much better. We are likewise making the above breakdown available to CASTIRRUP both to focus their attention on these items and to enable them to present us with complete stories.

7. In order to cover any cases of mistaken identity between us and ODOPAL on the part of CASTIRRUP, we and the ODOPAL liaison officer have agreed to exchange here such information as is received from CASTIRRUP. We have made the point that even in cases involving the military, we would like to get basic information from the case for our card files and notebooks. The ODOPAL liaison officer has agreed to this exchange, and we will watch closely and with interest to see how closely he sticks to the agreement.
8. One word of caution should be included here. CASTIRRUP has a heavy work load. It is primarily an investigative agency preparing cases for trial by the state. Its goals, therefore, differ from our own, and its personnel are not trained in CE interrogation. For the time being we must content ourselves with this situation, although we intend as far as possible to try and convince [] of the greater efficiency of his personnel and greater overall usefulness of the product to all consumers if his people can somehow, without exceeding their authority, combine the CE interrogation phase with the criminal. Alternatively, they should endeavor to make an arrangement whereby CAVATA can send a qualified interrogator to feed questions to the accused. In any case, CASTIRRUP reports should not be read with the same critical eye that a XUBARK interrogation gets, since it is not necessary for them to go into the same detail to get the results they require.

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