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15 June 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief, DOB/AR

SUBJECT: GRALLSPICE 1

1. While familiarizing himself with the files in DOB, the undersigned noted that an attempt is being made to bring the subject into the United States and to employ him at DOB. Having had personal experience with the subject in Germany and Austria, the undersigned has an unfavorable opinion of him. This opinion is based on the results of some of the subject's activities and on personal impressions.

2. Approximately during the middle or later part of 1952 the subject was sent to Austria on a REDCAP mission. He was given the necessary documentation and security briefing. He was specifically told not to carry anything that would compromise him or attract attention to him on the part of the border police at the German-Austrian border when he was on his way to Austria. Yet, when he was stopped at the border to undergo a routine border search, the Austrian border police found a pistol in his possession. This incident, of course, was a source of embarrassment to his case officer and caused a delay in the project. On another occasion the subject ignored the instructions of the undersigned not to purchase an air ticket to Austria when the purchase of such a ticket had to be made with Military Payment Certificates. The subject was not authorized to possess MPC's as these monetary units were created for the sole use of Americans on duty and violators of their proper use were subject to prosecution. Fortunately, however, nothing was compromised this time.

3. In the autumn of 1952 during the time when the undersigned was taking care of the subject (as a part of his REDSOX assessment duties), the undersigned and the subject met and discussed various problems. In these meetings the subject told about his experiences in Austria, gained on previous REDCAP assignments. Some of them sounded absurd. The subject blamed all his failures on the Americans, and specifically on the poor support which he claimed they gave to his missions.

4. The subject impressed the undersigned as a cynical man, difficult to control. He appeared to be of the "know-it-all" type. He probably could not be successfully rehabilitated and retrained for DOB purposes since he is a man who is solidly set in his ways. Fibbing for personal advantage was a simple matter to him and he seemed to

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have only material interest in work. He took advantage of all commitments made to him during his recruitment and even tried to get more. He undoubtedly is shrewd and highly capable of taking care of himself. His one-time case officer, [redacted] (pseudonym) had all kinds of problems with him, his wife, and his grocery store in DP camp.

5. It is believed by the undersigned that if the subject is brought to the United States for operational reasons, he should not be employed by DOB without assessing his motivation and analyzing the means to control him.

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