

Matt
 No commitments to be made to individual at present. No one at present will be sent to the law assessment. I get together with Dave to see if you can keep recommendation of drawing to SR Board from meeting of contract employees.

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TO: Chief, SR/DOB
 FROM: David Bird
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SUBJECT: Proposal to Bring Kenneth W. DESNEW (NOSTRIL) into SR as a contract employee

Do not feel more generous to do tasks involved than could be a spotter

1. Kenneth W. DESNEW, a student in the current AEREADY course, has a three year history with CIA. He worked as a spotter and general informant in Amman, Jordan, in 1953 - 55 before emigrating to the United States with high recommendations from the [] station for continued employment. Subject served without compensation, as a spotter among the North-Caucasian community for AEREADY, and was a resourceful, cooperative worker.

2. In making the recommendation that he be brought into SR as a contract employee, I see the following characteristics in his favor:
- a. Subject is a leader. His biography attests to this fact.
 - b. Subject has an aggressive personality but works well in a subordinate capacity with a boss he can respect.
 - c. Subject speaks, besides his native tongue, Cherkess, the following languages, all with operational fluency: Russian, German, Italian, Arabic and English.
 - d. Subject has an articulate knowledge of the psychology of

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Caucasians in particular, and people in general.

e. Subject has high recommendations from his last employer, the Mutual Insurance Co. of New York, as a capable and promising insurance man. Subject passed the examinations for insurance salesman less than a year after arriving in the United States.

f. Subject has experience in the Middle East where he lived for five years.

g. Subject has the intellectual potential to become a valuable asset to SR and SR/DOB.

3. A full assessment on Subject is in the files along with a supplementary AEREADY assessment and AEREADY training reports. Persons having knowledge concerning Subject's usefulness and character:

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AEREADY staff

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[] (NEA)

4. It is envisaged that Subject would be used in the following ways:

- a. as an agent trainer and handler
- b. as a consultant on REDSOX projects
- c. as a researcher in the Caucasian field
- d. as a contract agent for SR in the Middle East
- e. as a spotter-assessor for AEREADY

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5. I have discussed with R. Taylor the requirements for training of Subject which are mandatory if Subject is to become useful to the Division. It is hoped that a decision will be rendered by August so that Subject's processing can be coordinated properly with the termination of the AEREADY course. It would not be necessary for his training to begin until October.

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