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To: 829

From: 851

Subject: Mounting of CSW Operations

1. Background. CSW has proposed the following illegal operations for the year 1954;

FATRA- A singleton who has been in twice for CSW, has done a good job, and is supposed to exfiltrate a retired officer and his wife.

AESKULAP- The commitment of the priest and V-22023 both of whom escaped from the CSR last year (Aktion Sheriff)

TECHNIK- One of the three who escaped in the spring of 53 and ~~xxxx~~ was debriefed for months thereafter.

2. CSW followed the SOP in all of these operations, and numerous meetings with this field office provided me with a clear picture of their intentions. FATRA has long been approved as an operation. I approved TECHNIK and AESKULAP in April as operations but unfortunately my memorandum was mislaid or held up here. It was subsequently passed on to the 131 office.
3. Since that time however, the execution of these operations has been hung on the Org side. At first I was told that there was a ban on the issuance of Austria I-Karten, then when the Org settled this with the Austrians, it was a question of whether or not these operations, or at least FATRA should be carried out via Berlin (something which required a check of certain documentation).

In a word, nothing has happened in months on these deals. If something doesn't happen soon, they will go sour, or at least have to be carried over to next year. During a recent conversation with 131 he said a decision was reached by 4 Aug 54. Could you discuss this with 121 at the next opportunity, and reaffirm the fact that we have done our share and that the execution, or delay in same, rests with the Org. My only fear is that CSW will get the idea that we are holding up things.

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