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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ^{Dep. Dir. - Plans} DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Plan Redcap

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1. Annex A provides a brief outline of the plan for establishing a domestic training base for REDBIRD Agents mentioned in para. 4 of my 25 April 1950 memorandum to ^{you} on "Expansion of USSR Operations ^(about?) Program."

2. The complex ^{problems} concerned with the establishment of this base, involving as it will (A) coordination and support within CIA, (B) coordination and support from outside CIA, especially Department of Defense, and (C) clarification of ~~Domestic Security~~ and immigration implications, make it necessary that these problems be thoroughly explored before a final detailed project can be drawn up.

3. It is accordingly requested that Chief, ^{FDS} ~~FDS~~ be authorized to explore this plan with

a. Chief, Alien Affairs Branch/I&SS (For matters of Alien entry concerned with ^{the} Federal Bureau of Investigation and ^{The} Immigration and Naturalization ^{Servic}).

b. Chief, Contact Branch/OD (for support in domestic recruitment).

c. Chief, TRD/OSO, OPC (For ~~Provision of~~ Training and assessment support).

d. Mr. Garrett, Directorate of Intelligence/USAF (For USAF ~~Provision of Logistic Support~~); as a second alternative, Mr. Ted, G-2/Department of the Army (For possible Army support).

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ANNEX A. Plan Redcap

Objective: The establishment of facilities for the assessment and training of Redbird agents in the United States for despatch by field bases.

Planned Implementation:

- Requirments*
1. Housing: a fenced and guarded compound, preferably an unused USAF (or possibly Army) installation, within a fifty-mile radius of Washington, D. C.
 2. Logistic Support: guard, administrative, supply, and other normal administrative personnel to be supplied by USAF (or Army).
 3. Training: operational training personnel to be supplied by Commo OAD, TRD, and FDS; parachute training by USAF.
 4. Headquarters control: The Redcap installation can be managed and directed ^{most securely} ~~instantaneously~~ by a joint OSO/USAF unit attached to an appropriate division of the Directorate of Intelligence/USAF.
 5. Cover: the Redcap installation can probably operate ^{but} under cover of a USAF interrogation project directed at procuring target data on the USSR (in effect, a domestic counterpart of the present USAF Wringer project).
 6. Budget: substantially OSO, but ~~probably~~ with non-reimbursable USAF support.

Procedures:

1. Agent recruits will be selected by:
 - a. Redbird bases in Germany, [] and [] from current defectors and from post-1940 DP's and emigres from the USSR.

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b. Other field stations (such as [] or []) in countries where post-1940 residents of the USSR are available.

c. OO/Contacts, as directed by OSO, from post-1940 residents of the USSR now in the United States.

2. Agent recruits will be transported from abroad by special aircraft to an airfield in Eastern U. S. and brought securely to a screening unit at the Redcap Base where they will be given:

- a. Intensive counterintelligence re-interrogation.
- b. Final assessment of their personal capabilities.
- c. Preliminary evaluation of their possible future assignment(s), both in terms of mission and area.

3. Accepted agent recruits will be given a 4-6 months training course as determined by individual requirements for ~~C~~ommunications, ~~P~~arachute, or other specialized training. Trainees will:

- a. Be confined to the base.
- b. Operate under ~~P~~seudonyms.
- c. Be trained in nationality and/or language groups.
- d. Have ~~n~~o knowledge of the nature or area of their intended missions.

4. Agents who have successfully completed their training will be transported by air to the field base from which they will be despatched and they receive:

- a. Detailed briefing on the operational and communications aspects of their missions.
- b. Documentation.

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c. Clothing and other operational supplies.

5. The agents, singly or in teams, will ~~be then~~ despatched with their communications controlled by the despatch base.

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