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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, SR/DB
ATTN: DB/AR Staff

FROM: Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT: SR/2 Agent Requirements for 1954 Operational Season

REF: Memo from Chief SR/PI entitled "Branch Agent Requirements", dated 24 March 1953

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1. The following requirement is directed toward REDSOX type missions and is common for Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

- a. Number of agent required - 6 for each area; total 18
- b. Qualifications
 - (1) Native born with fluent command of language and good area knowledge of native land.
 - (2) Maximum age - 40 years
 - (3) Good knowledge of Russian language
 - (4) Previous military experience combined with a sense of discipline and a willingness to follow orders.
 - (5) At least 2 for each area should have above average organizational ability and the capacity to establish support points and a clandestine net on their own initiative.
 - (6) Previous experience in clandestine activities.
 - (7) Capacity to learn and absorb easily and cooperatively.
 - (8) High degree of motivation.
- c. Employment - to be used in each area in either two or three man teams.
- d. General mission - to establish communications, organize support points for future operations, attempt legalization, initiate exfiltration, report positive and operational intelligence.
- e. Location - within each Baltic country concerned.

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2. The following requirement is directed towards a HEDSOX type mission with ultimate aim at establishing a position of long term legalization in the USSR.

a. Number of agents - 2

b. Qualifications

- (1) Native born Great Russians with fluent command of language previous knowledge of Kola Peninsula area.
- (2) Maximum age - 40 to 45 years.
- (3) Background and past record that will insure a reasonable chance of accomplishing legalization.
- (4) High degree of initiative and independence, and individualistic thinking.
- (6) Previous experience in clandestine activities.
- (7) High degree of motivation.

3. The SR/2 is desirous of building up a command type team of agents to be directed against such targets as may be appropriate. At present there is available only one individual. This team would be considered as a Division wide asset and not necessarily restricted solely to the activities of SR/2 Branch.

a. Number - 6 to 10 members.

b. Qualifications

- (1) Preferably of Finnish, Scandinavian or German nationality
- (2) Maximum age - 40 years.
- (3) High level of physical condition and stamina.
- (4) Knowledge of winter warfare, long range reconnaissance, survival in sub-Arctic conditions and cold climates, field and woodcraft, seamanship.
- (5) Previous military experience with special emphasis on observation, reporting, patrolling, scouting, reconnaissance.
- (6) At least 2 members of the team should have outstanding leadership qualities, initiative, and reliability.
- (7) Willingness to accept missions against any area of the USSR.
- (8) High degree of motivation.
- (9) Ability to "get along" and work with team members of other nationalities or background.

- c. Employment - to be used either as a full team, a portion thereof, or even on a singleton basis depending on the nature and requirements of the mission.
- d. Mission - to be directed against the USSR against specific targets or engage in specific support operations. It is anticipated that missions will be of short duration, hit and run nature, and tourist type. The team will not engage on long range projects but will be restricted to one-time, one-shot efforts. These missions would be strictly black.
- e. Location - generally against the NW USSR and Arctic Coast. Also in the Far East with reference to Sakhalin Island, the Maritime Provinces, Kamchatka, and the Chukchi Peninsula. However it is not beyond possibility that members of the team might be properly employed in SR/3's and SR/4's area of responsibility.

4. The following requirement is directed toward REDSKIN type of missions and is common for Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Karelo-Finland, and the Kola Peninsula.

- a. Number - unknown at present
- b. Qualifications
 - (1) Knowledge of native and Russian language, and if possible a Scandinavian language.
 - (2) Preferably of native Baltic background or foreign background thoroughly familiar with Baltic and Scandinavian areas.
 - (3) Business background which would permit great flexibility i.e. journalist, buyer, export-importer, travel, economist, etc.
 - (4) High level of intelligence combined with an ability to operate independently and for a long period of time without close supervision.
 - (5) Capacity for observation and reporting.
 - (6) Mature outlook and capacity to learn clandestine operations thoroughly.
 - (7) Personality and ability to recruit others.
 - (8) Qualifications for these type of prospects are of the "highest" intellectual level.

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- c. Employment - unknown at present but outside USSR on an independent singleton basis.
- d. Mission
 - (1) To develop overt means of communication into USSR.
 - (2) Recruit personnel who are in a position to gain access into the USSR.
- e. Location of Mission - unknown at present.

5. The following requirement is directed towards a REDSOX type mission against the Kaliningrad Oblast.

- a. Number of agents - 2
- b. Qualifications
 - (1) Native to the Kaliningrad Oblast area or to regions of East Prussia adjacent thereto.
 - (2) Fluent command of German and Russian.
 - (3) Maximum age - 40 years.
 - (4) Same as 1 b (4)
 - (5) At least one member should have above average organizational ability and the capacity to establish support points and a clandestine net on his own initiative.
 - (6) Same as 1 b (6)
 - (7) Same as 1 b (7)
 - (8) Same as 1 b (8)
- c. Employment - to be used in area as two man team.
- d. Mission
 - (1) Establish communications, organize support points for future operations.
 - (2) Report positive and operational intelligence.
- e. Location - within Kaliningrad Oblast.

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