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SPECIFIC— CAMPOSANTO Master Training Program

Attached herewith is the Master Training Program for AEQUOR/
CAMPOSANTO which supersedes the tentative training program of
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SUBJECT: REDSOX/AEQUOR/CAMPOSANTO Master Training Program

Note: This training program supersedes the tentative training program of 29 November 1951, outlined for the AEQUOR project.

The implementation of the formal training plan outlined below began on 28 January 1952. Earlier implementation of the program was held up pending the arrival of the team members who were to accompany CAMPOSANTO 2 on the mission. The order of arrival of the trainees who joined CAMPOSANTO 2 was as follows: CAMPOSANTO 4 arrived 18 December; CAMPOSANTO 6 arrived 3 January; CAMPOSANTO 7 arrived on 29 January (CAMPOSANTO 7 was disposed of after two weeks in training when it was determined that he was unfit for the mission); and CAMPOSANTO 5, arrived on 18 February.

The length of the training program was tentatively set for 10 weeks with the target date being 9 April for a possible dispatch during the April moonphase. In order to adequately prepare the trainees by the target date, the intensive program was broken down into different levels of instruction dependent upon the needs of the trainees for their specific missions. It is planned to arrange the daily training program according to the needs of each individual and in addition to utilize at least three hours each evening to conduct training which will be needed by all the trainees.

The training itself was broken down into the following categories with approximate time estimates.

1. The case officers feel that individuals should be in top physical condition for their mission and, in preparation, approximately one hour a day will be spent in organized physical training and sports. The P/T will be combined with Airborne training on days when this training is given and combined with unarmed defense during the remainder of the week.

2. Para-Airborne Training: In preparation for the para-training the Airborne Section directed the initial physical conditioning as well as the following aspects of airborne training which include:

- a. familiarization with equipment
- b. aircraft procedures
- c. jump tower training
- d. prepare-to-land techniques
- e. chute burial techniques
- f. chute camouflage techniques

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In addition, the Airborne Section initiated training in:

- a. selection of drop zones
- b. reporting drop zone data
- c. selecting and reporting pick-up sites
- d. reception and re-supply procedures.

The bulk of the Airborne training was conducted during the early phases of training in order to determine as soon as possible any trainees unfit for this aspect of preparation. (It was in this aspect of training that CAMPOSANTO 7 was found unfit for the mission. See MGAA 283 Progress Report describing disposal.) All trainees were slated for airborne training (approximate time - 25 hours).

3. Communications training: In the CAMPOSANTO group, CAMPOSANTO 2 will be the only fully qualified, skilled operator. Actually, CAMPOSANTO 2 has been taking full time w/t training since September, 1951, with several months of prior w/t training at home on the instructograph. Since CAMPOSANTO 2 is quite advanced in his training, it is expected to have him continue his training on a 20-hour per week basis until dispatch time. At the same time CAMPOSANTO 4 is being given full time w/t training (approximately 40 hours per week) with the objective of his acting as an emergency w/t operator and as an assistant to CAMPOSANTO 2. (All that is desired from CAMPOSANTO 4 will be a Q signal or some other "indication" in the event CAMPOSANTO 2 will be incapacitated on the mission. The extent of CAMPOSANTO 4's w/t role will be determined by his progress at the end of his training.) As part of their w/t training both trainees will receive:

- a. Radio theory.
- b. Morse code and international Q signals.
- c. Transmitting and sending procedure.
- d. Basic maintenance and repair.
- e. Ciphers.
- f. Sites and antennae.
- g. Operating security.
- h. Indicators.
- i. Behaviour under control.

(time as indicated above)

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In order to assure maximum communications security and to prepare for the contingency that a w/t operator may be controlled, an elaborate system of danger and control signals have been worked out to give the w/t operator prior to dispatch. The danger and control signal plan will be forwarded under separate cover.

4. Field Craft and Survival: In this aspect of their training, CAMPOSANTOs 5 and 6 will receive the bulk of the practical experience while CAMPOSANTOs 2 and 4 will receive less field training since they will spend the major part of their work week on w/t training. However, the theoretical discussions on survival will be arranged to at least enable all four trainees to benefit to this extent. All four trainees will, as a climax to their training, participate in a 6-day live problem implementing and putting to use prior survival training under conditions similar to those they will encounter on the mission. As part of their field craft and survival training the trainees will receive:

- a. Theoretical and practical survival instruction
 - (1) Hunting and fishing techniques
 - (2) Setting up base camp
 - (3) Bunker building
 - (4) Shelters
 - (5) Snares, deadfalls and traps
- b. Field topography
- c. First-aid and hygiene
- d. Weapons familiarization and firing
- e. Unarmed defense
- f. Caching, burial, and preservation techniques
- g. Scouting and patrolling

The above training will constitute the bulk of CAMPOSANTO 5 and 6's outdoor training together with the participation of CAMPOSANTOs 2 and 4 on a time available basis. (time as indicated above)

5. Tradecraft Training: It is expected to familiarize all four trainees with clandestine techniques and procedures in order to assist them in establishing clandestine nets on their mission. A tradecraft topical breakdown is as follows:

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- a. Individual security
 - (1) cover, legends, alibis
 - (2) self-discipline, policing possessions
 - (3) evasion of security controls
 - (4) evasion surveillance
 - (5) emergency action

- b. Clandestine Communications
 - (1) basic principles
 - (2) safety and danger signals
 - (3) safehouses
 - (4) live and dead drops
 - (5) meetings
 - (6) accommodation addresses
 - (7) cutouts
 - (8) couriers

Most of the tradecraft training will take place evenings in order to enable all four trainees to participate in theoretical classroom presentations. Actual field application of basic principles will supplement all classroom presentations (approximate time - 20 hours).

6. Observation and Reporting: The basic principles of observation and reporting will be given all four trainees with the bulk of field exercises falling on CAMPOSANTOs 5 and 6. Topics to be covered are as follows:

- a. Techniques of observation
- b. Description and sketching
- c. Memory training
- d. Reports writing (how not to report)
- e. Personality reporting

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The above training will be given the trainees on a time-available basis. [REDACTED]

7. Technical Training: Specialized technical training will be given the trainees in the following techniques:

a. Document falsification: All trainees will receive at least a general orientation on this topic and will be taught techniques of re-producing cachets, filling out spravkas, komandirovkas, etc. The trainees will be thoroughly briefed on document controls, methods of evading document controls, etc.

b. Photography: Since it will not be possible to send in extensive photographic equipment with the group, photography will be largely restricted to document photography with the Minox camera. CAMPOSANTO 2, having had the most training, will be the specialist; however, the other trainees will be given photographic training on a time-available basis by the photographic expert []

c. Secret Writing: The technique will be given all four trainees since it will be used as an alternate means of communication. The basic principles will be given the trainees by the case officers but a high grade S/W system will be given each trainee before dispatch.

d. Driving: All the trainees will be taught the mechanics of operating a motor vehicle in addition to techniques of how to disable a car and how to start a car without the ignition keys. This training will be given on a time-available basis by [] or []

8. Briefing: In order to prepare the trainees for the transition from Western cultural orientation to the controlled regime found in the Soviet Union, an ambitious program was initiated of re-Sovietization. To aid in furthering this program, the following outline is planned to make available to the trainees:

- a. Current Soviet publications, newspapers, magazines, books, etc.
- b. Soviet radio broadcasts
- c. Lectures on Soviet internal controls
- d. Lectures on Soviet security forces and their operating techniques.
- e. Area study materials -- maps, books, etc.
- f. Other Soviet data on communications, industry as will be available.

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In addition, each trainee will work out with the case officers a detailed legend prior to departure and will be thoroughly briefed on the specific mission and assignment of the CAMPOSANTO group. 

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