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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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- Operational/HERAK/ALQUOR/ETUDE
- Payments re: ALQUOR Team II

Reference: MEMA-15266 dated 25 April 1955

1. Under the existing terms of the wills signed by ARCANFORANTO's 6, 8 and 9 prior to their dispatch in August, 1953, the death gratuity plus the annuity accrued in escrow cannot be paid to the designated beneficiary until certain conditions have been satisfied, to wit:

- A) A period of two years has elapsed since the last communication.
- B) Ample proof of the death of any or all of the individuals comprising ALQUOR Team II has been submitted.

2. Up to the present time, HERAK received acceptable confirmation of the facts surrounding the death of ARCANFORANTO 4 in 1955. There had been no substantive reason, though questions in matters similar to this will always exist, to doubt the validity of the confirmation. Therefore, payment was made to the beneficiary designated in accordance with the expressed desires of the deceased. The surviving members of ALQUOR Team II continued to operate in furtherance of their mission objectives.

3. It should be fairly obvious that the conditions for payment on the surviving members have not been met. The team has continued to operate, HERAK has been in communication with them and none of the remaining team members has been reported dead. The statement made in Para 1 B) of the reference, that

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"should they be deemed to be under control, in testament to death" cannot be accepted as sufficient grounds for payment under the existing wills. As long as they are alive, whether under control or not, the possibility exists that one of the agents may exfiltrate, or be exfiltrated by the NK, to the West. If this should occur, KUBARK is obligated to reimburse that individual or individuals in the full amount of the cumulative fund held in escrow. Hence, payment to the beneficiary under any other conditions would be illegal. The money which is being held in escrow will continue to remain there until such time as the conditions outlined under paragraph 1 have been satisfied. Since the last communication from ANSOOR Team II was in January 1955, no consideration can be given to the payment of said monies until January 1957. Earlier payment can only be made if death is confirmed.

4. For the fiscal year 1955, ANSOOR/KUBARK will be limited to setting aside enough money to reimburse the members of the team as agreed upon. If there is no further contact, then arrangements will be made to pay the beneficiaries on the January 1957 date. This payment would include both the death benefit and the monies in escrow.

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