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SUBJECT
REDWOOD AERODYNAMIC
Debriefing and Assessment of IDENTITY

RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)

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REFERENCE(S)

- A. HABW-6649
- B. HABW-6685

1. IDENTITY, the subject of reference dispatches, was contacted and debriefed on 4 April 1961. The delayed in initiating this contact in order to be certain that IDENTITY had received the letter introducing the case officer before the contact was initiated, since it is not at all uncommon for a letter to be delayed as much as a month in the Argentine post office prior to delivery. A Spanish language PRQ Part I, filled out by IDENTITY, a translation of the PRQ Part I, and two photostats of material concerning IDENTITY's visit to the U.S. in 1960, are transmitted as a separate cover attachment to this dispatch.

2. IDENTITY was contacted by telephone on 3 April, and arrangements were made for a meeting in IDENTITY's office at the University the following day. The case officer spent approximately three and a half hours with IDENTITY, and came away from the interview with the impression that IDENTITY is well suited to meet the requirements set forth in reference A., is quite willing and even eager to accept an academic post in Africa, and would be a useful and productive political action agent if given the proper guidance by a KUBARK case officer. A detailed assessment based on the above mentioned interview is attached to this dispatch.

3. The cover used for this interview served quite well, and IDENTITY gave every impression of accepting the cover story as true. It is felt that Institute cover could be readily used by case officers dealing with IDENTITY in the U.S. if it should be decided to have him travel to the U.S. for detailed assessment and recruitment. IDENTITY was told that the case officer was departing for Chile on the evening of 4 April, that upon his return to the U.S. the case officer would submit a report of his interview with IDENTITY to the Institute, and that IDENTITY could expect to hear from the Institute in approximately one month.

4. RI: Please index PRQ Part I contained in separate cover attachment.

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Attachments:

PRQ-I,--to SR u.s.c.
Assessment --SR, WH

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ASSESSMENT OF IDENTITY

IDENTITY is 49 years old, married, has three children, and has been an Argentine citizen since 1948. The first impression received from meeting IDENTITY is physical, since he is noticeably unhandicapped and quite short (the case officer got the impression that IDENTITY is even shorter than the height he gave on the PR2 Part I). He is somewhat sensitive concerning his physical appearance but not to an exaggerated degree. He is mentally quite alert and vigorous, and, except for his hunched back and small stature, appears to be physically strong, when asked how he would feel about living in a tropical climate he said "despite my appearance I'm as strong as a bull. I have lived in other climates with my family and none of us has any trouble adjusting". He seems to have no qualms about uprooting his family for a year or two (he was told a "crunch" usually ran for two years) as long as he has a chance to "do interweaving work" and to better his financial position somewhat.

Academically, IDENTITY seems to be exceptionally well qualified. He showed the case officer numerous books and articles he had written on various phases of international law, as well as an impressive bundle of letters and references written in his behalf by several well known persons. His range of interests seems quite wide, although his main responsibility is the various aspects of the problem of compensation between developed and undeveloped. Both his conversation and his writings bear witness that he has indeed spent a good deal of time studying these aspects of the problem. IDENTITY was proud that he would probably be considered a "French touch" if he was given a teaching fellowship and implied that he had no qualms about this as his French is superior to his Spanish. His French was better than his Spanish, and his Spanish is distinctly fluent.

Psychologically IDENTITY seems well suited for a political action assignment. He is intense but friendly and seems to get along well with his clients and associates. From the manner in which he was received by other family members he appeared to be popular. The case officer spent approximately twenty minutes in an informal but serious session with three of his graduate students while IDENTITY was occupied elsewhere, and from the comments made by his students he seems to be both respected and popular in the university. In so far as it is possible to judge from one conversation, the case officer is of the opinion that IDENTITY could operate more or less independently with only general supervision. He seems to be a self-starter and somewhat of an organizer in that he made repeated suggestions as to methods in which the West should go about spreading its ideas in Africa and Latin America. He would probably be somewhat weak in draftcraft and would have to be thoroughly briefed as to the practical necessity for the use of trained staff in handling sub-agents etc. since he is basically more interested in

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used than in people. However, if given proper training and indoctrination, and the guidance as to what he would be expected to accomplish, IDENTITY could do quite well in a political action assignment since such an assignment would coincide almost completely with his own natural interests and motivations.

IDENTITY is in rather difficult financial straits although by no means desperate. His University salary is low and there is little hope of a significant increase in his income as long as he remains in the academic field, which he definitely intends to do. This is one of the strongest reasons for his interest in the possibility of a teaching fellowship in the U.S. He was lead to believe that if accepted for such a fellowship he could better his financial situation while at the same time working in the field he enjoys most. IDENTITY is committed to remain at the University through November 1961 when the present academic year ends. He was told that the Institute might call some of the candidates to the U.S. for further interviews and asked if he could take 10 days to two weeks leave within the next two or three months. He would be able to do this at almost any time, providing of course that the Institute would pay travel costs.

In the case officer's opinion, IDENTITY's potential for the type assignment described in reference A is more than sufficient to justify the expense of a round trip to the U.S. for further assessment and recruitment. IDENTITY speaks practically no English, although he can read it. However, he is fluent in Spanish, French, German, and Ukrainian, and the assessment could be conducted in any of these languages.

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