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1. Introduction: CACCOLA 1 has just finished the first five weeks of its planned 6-month training cycle. In the opinion of all the instructors, the start has been good. The one weak feature, again in the opinion of all, is the overall low average IQ of the four students. This weakness does not distress CABOCHE 7, who, considering the operation a long-range one, does not wish to commit his better man until the school has proved itself and until the first group has "come up" successfully in the USSR. In answer to our request, however, he has promised to do his best to provide in January an additional two men of "higher calibre" to be trained without W/T for dispatch this Spring.

2. CABOCHE 1 - US relations: Among all instructors there is a most harmonious relationship. As an example, in two cases of minor delinquencies, CACCOLA 2 requested to intervene, feeling they had a better rapport with the two students in question. (It is also rather illustrative that has been designated to teach the students CABOCHE 1 songs!)

3. The excellence of this relationship can only be attributed to a growing trust, on the part of the CABOCHE instructors, that the Americans are going to play square with them. As CACCOLA 2 and 3 have explained, what mistrust exists is due to past history of unfortunate relations with Americans—forced repatriation, CIC, ECIC—and a fear that CABOCHE 1 would be deceived by the Americans as they once were by the Germans. We try to point out a) that the Germans deceived them less than they deceived themselves; reading "Mein Kampf" alone should have been enough to discourage all hope of an amicable agreement with Nazism; and b) that the still prevalent tendency to lump all Western nations into one category—"The West"—is dangerous. CABOCHE 1 also fears some clever "peace move" by Stalin might convince America a compromise solution with Stalin was possible.

4. In view of WASHFO-17511 the following personal opinion might be of interest. CABOCHE 7 and CACCOLAs 2 and 3 may be narrow-minded, but they are also high-minded. Moreover, as patriots, trying hard to preserve their personal and national identity, they feel an almost pathological necessity to be "more Russian than the Russians." They are unhappy over their present dependence on money and inordinately sensitive to any pressure which this dependence might entail. It is, therefore, unrealistic to assume we are in a position to manipulate them through the bald threat of withdrawing our aid. Moreover, it is practically impossible to veil the threat to hyper-sensitive and intelligent people. Were such a threat to be carried out, either our relations with CABOCHE 1 would cease completely or our control over their operations would be greatly diminished.

5. The example of CABOCHE 7 is interesting. Of the three men with whom we deal, he is the most cooperative. In part this is due to his greater experience and more business like approach; however, in greater part, as he himself states, his cooperative spirit is due to the fact that several months' association with have led him to believe that the Americans are prepared to deal with CABOCHE 1 on terms freely assented to by both parties. This belief produced his immediate assent to the terms of the CARCASS Protocol. (MGMA-7725 (KM-424).)

6. Undoubtedly there will be many instances when we shall have to dissuade CABOCHE 1 personnel from certain ideas and persuade them of the wisdom of others. But it is urged that we be allowed to continue to use, as means, what knowledge and experience we have, at least until such time as these means shall have proved them-

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selves ineffective.

7. CARGASS Instructor Personnel:

a. CACCOLA 2, the senior CABOCHE 1 representative, got off a bad start. Insufficiently briefed by CABOCHE 7 and lacking in experience and self-confidence, he was very much on the defensive, fearing constantly we were treading on his and CABOCHE 1's toes. He also entertained some impractical ideas on missions to be assigned and towards which the training program should point. Now, re-orientated by CABOCHE 7 and with growing confidence in himself and in [] [], he is becoming a pleasant colleague. His strong points are his intelligence and conscientiousness. His personality, unfortunately, is not charismatic, and he has the scout-master's tendency to be over-earnest. (His fireside chats on "friendship", for example, tend to be a bit oily.) He is also constantly shooting over the students' heads. Although a man of tough moral fibre, he is mentally not tough-minded enough for this business. He tends, for example, to idealize the students, seeing in them the makings of working-class heroes of the Gorki type. Although it is not likely, time and experience may toughen him up. He would definitely be more effective with students of higher intellect. Finally, he is very much a party man, always looking for directions from CABOCHE 7.

b. CACCOLA 3 is a success as an instructor in Soviet life. He is hard-working and well-organized. Unfortunately, he has no experience in conspiratorial work and, not a natural conspirator, shares many of CACCOLA 2's impractical notions. Although not an inspiring personality, he is very likeable and his unusual exuberance is a great addition to the morale of the school. With time he undoubtedly will acquire a wide knowledge of present conditions in the USSR.

c. CACCOLA 8 is in charge of all the W/T training. Apparently our Commo men are pleased with his weekly work, which consists of 27 hours of instruction at CACCOLA 1 and 9 hours of further training at CSOB/K. He takes little part in the direction of the school, being quite happy to play the role of the "technical man." His practical nature, good humor, salty Soviet wit and balalaika are great assets.

8. CARGASS Domestic Personnel:

a. CACCOLA 9, CACCOLA 8's wife, is an excellent cook and handles herself in town in a secure fashion. (See "Security".)

b. CACCOLA 10 is a cut above the students and is an excellent Hausmeister, chauffeur and First Sergeant. Were it not for his wife and 2 children, he would be an excellent agent candidate.

9. CARGASS Students:

a. CACCOLA 4, until 1946 a sergeant in the Soviet Army, is probably the best of the students. He is independent, and has a quick mind with much intellectual curiosity. Three years in Belgium and a great deal of reading have given him a good understanding of a Free World. He works hard and successfully. His big fault is basically superficial nature. His awareness of it, however, and his mental exertions and apparent commitment to the work he is doing go far to compensate for it. For his occasional fits of temperament he is prompt to apologize. (Interestingly enough, during his last fit of temper--in which he declared either CACCOLA 5 or he would have to leave the school--he told [] [] he thought CABOCHE 1 had committed a crime in sending men of such low calibre to do such high calibre work.)

b. CACCOLA 5 unfortunately is a very hard drinker and, admittedly, when drunk is given to fighting, grabbing women, etc. Whether he talks a lot has still to be seen. He appears anxious to reform, however, and is ahard, if unimaginative, worker. He is probably driven more by a certain lust for adventure than by ideological convictions. This lack of convictions, coupled with his drinking, make his reliability problematical. Another drawback for CABOCHE 1 type of activity is his inability to make friends easily, and those he has, he does not inspire. #

c. CACCOLA 6's chief talent seems to be a penchant for illegal existence. While still in Russia, he deserted from the Soviet Army but turned himself in when he thought desertion too hot to handle. In post-war Italy he forged documents and was active in a variety of petty illegal ventures. He joined CABOCHE 1 only last August and is in the game quite frankly for the excitement. He appears a loyal little fellow, however, and is good in conspiratorial subjects. He handles himself well but unfortunately has an overly nervous nature. (He had to be CARRIAGED three times.) With increasing self-confidence, he is far more relaxed than when he arrived, but it is obviously questionable how much strain such an unstable nature will take. He is weak in W/T but improvement seems to be mostly a question of greater effort.

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 d. CACCOLA 7 is the problem child. Of peasant background, he has the peasant's stubbornness but little of his cunning. He has had only three years of schooling and, with a low IQ, no instinct for conspiratorial work, and no flexibility, he is difficult to teach. Although he tries hard, his work in W/T is very weak. His obstinancy and pettiness make him unpopular with everyone. (He refused to come to lunch when someone sat down in his place!) As a stubborn anti-kolkhoznik, he could probably be counted on to work hard in the USSR, but mostly as he saw fit. With no mind or instinct for conspiracy, his assignment would have to be extremely modest. His reporting, were he to complete W/T training, would be of no great value. These considerations have caused all instructors to agree that the question of his further training must be decided this month.

10. CACCOLA 11 has not been seen since CARRIAGED. His work is to record and type lectures given in the CABOCHE 1 cadre school--for what purpose he has not been informed but has probably guessed. The fruits of his work are beginning to appear (see "Training") and his intelligence and knowledge of German, French and English will undoubtedly make his addition to the CACASS program valuable.

11. Training: The students work nine hours five days a week (excluding twenty minutes PT before breakfast, twenty minutes listening to radio Moscow, and half-hour "fireside chats" on a variety of subjects three evenings a week). Saturdays there are only 4 class hours. Working five hours a day on W/T during the first five weeks, they have learned all letters of the Morse code and the ten digits. During this same period, they have had 22 hours of CABOCHE 1 ideology, including the molecular theory of revolution. They have also had 14 hours of economic geography, including Soviet RR nets, 6 hours of the Party and the Komsomol; 4 hours on the Soviet constitution and 1 hour on the US constitution, 7 hours on various aspects of Soviet Life; and 14 hours on basic conspiratorial subjects. (The latter are taught by CACCOLA 2 and []) Beyond this, they have learned the basic elements of map-reading and have successfully run two night azimuth problems. They are learning hand-to-hand combat and can run two miles before breakfast without difficulty. This week they begin para-training.

12. The "fireside chat"--in front of a large open fire at the end of the day--afford a good opportunity to build up the ideological stimulus in the students.

Talks on the US seem to be particularly popular and always evoke a lot of questions. Obviously, the more a man's spirit is quickened here, the easier it will be for him in the Soviet Union when, working alone, he will have only his personal resources to fall back on.

13. We are now beginning to receive the recorded and in part type lectures of CABOCHE 14 given at the CABOCHE 1 cadre school. They are on a variety of conspiratorial subjects and are excellent. Copies of them are being forwarded to CSOB/K as they become available. We also expect to receive lectures of other top CABOCHE 1 men on a number of subjects.

14. Missions: Mission assignments will be determined in joint conference with [] and CABOCHE (5) in early January. From all appearances, the students can hardly be expected to do more than attempt to settle legally in some city and report on their progress and on other matters of operational interest. The amount of direct intelligence information we shall receive from them will be determined by their modest intellectual faculties, the intelligence possibilities in the cities to which they are sent, and by our Protocol commitment not to allow the gathering of intelligence information to impair the primary task of preparing the way for revolutionary activities.

15. The students have been thoroughly debriefed and some of the requirements for their legends have been submitted.

16. Administration: We are receiving excellent support from Major Hawkins - Fuessen Sub-Post commander—who was told originally by [] that we were preparing an OSS type operation with non-American personnel." As the Major appears discreet, this is probably a wise move. Aside from a small MP contingent, we constitute the only



To the external world we are a small signal detachment testing various types of signal equipment. (Small detached signal units are common in the American Zone.) [] as an Army Captain, is a signal officer, and [] is a civilian advisor. All the agent candidates are in full American uniform whenever they are outside the house. The CABOCHE instructors have also submitted to wearing full uniform.

b. External Security: The school is happily located at some five kilometers from Fuessen and is some three kilometers from any other houses, except for one, which lies sixty yards away and is shared by two German border guards and their families. (The Austrian border is only half a kilometer to the south.) The school is however, located on a lovely small lake - the Alatsee - which, as one of the local spots of scenic beauty is constantly visited. These visits have been somewhat curtailed with the winter weather.

The "Wschoolhouse" was formerly a fifteen room hotel used by various occupation units as a rest center or officers' club. For the last five months it has been in disuse. Never has this house nor any other in the Fuessen area been used for our operational purposes.

The house is approachable from the road which leads from Fuessen to the lake and runs directly in front of the house. To block off this road would mean a deprivation

for sight-seers and a considerable hardship on a few lumber men who have only this road on which to log a large part of their wood. Furthermore, the attention such a drastic measure would attract would be undesirable. Instead we have placed the usual "of-Limits to all unauthorized personnel" signs in English and German in conspicuous spots some fifteen to twenty yards from the house.

c. Internal Security: As in all our training units in Germany, the success or part success of our security will depend mainly on the effectiveness of our internal security measures. We have taken the following measures:

- (1) The only non-American personnel allowed to go into Fussen are the cook and the housekeeper. The former, CACCOLA 9, fortunately is a Volkadeutsche and her impeccable German is no indication that there are foreigners in the school. She does all the shopping with the exception of those items purchased in the local commissary.
- (2) No one is allowed outside the house except in uniform.
- (3) Russian is spoken outside the house only when it is certain that it will not be overheard.
- (4) No one leaves the house except in the company of a case officer.
- (5) Every other week-end the men are taken to a city not less than 60 kilometers away where they are dropped on Saturday afternoon and picked up the next day.
- (6) Within the house the radio and victrola are never played too loudly.
- (7) At night all curtains are drawn.
- (8) All Soviet posters are hung in the class-room upstairs where they are not visible from the outside.
- (9) All classified material is secured in the safe every night.
- (10) There is someone in the house at all times.
- (11) When CABOCHE 7 visits the school, he is met at some other town than Fussen and brought to the school in a secure fashion.
- (12) Major Hawkins has been asked to pass on to us any comments concerning us that might come to his attention.

18. Finance: This subject will be covered in a separate dispatch being prepared.

19. Conclusions: The CARGASS operation seems to be justifying itself. The (CABOCHE 1) instructor staff, while not brilliant, is satisfactory and with accumulated experience is able to handle students of high calibre. We might, however, make a bid for CABOCHE 14 in lieu of CACCOLA 2. The students, to be sure, are not satisfactory and the continuance of the operation should be made contingent on CABOCHE 7's producing better students for the next cycle. This he has already promised to do. In the meantime we must try to persuade him to give us two good men in January for training without W/T. As these two men are probably not at loose ends, it would mean he would have to take them from current CABOCHE operations, which he will be reluctant to do.

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20. In order not to waste time next Spring we must soon start planning the next cycle in some detail.

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