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1. At the request of CAPABLE 7, [] met on 16 May 1953 with CAPABLES 3, 4 and 7 at Frankfurt. On the CAPABLE 1 side, CACCOLA 2 was present as CAPABLE 7's assistant on CACCOLA matters.

2. CAPABLE 7 opened the meeting by proposing the following agenda:

a. Planning and control of CACCOLA 1 internal operations, as distinct from training, after movement of CACCOLA 1 to the U.S.

b. Rediscussion of the CACCOLA 1 protocol, with the object of clarifying and elaborating procedures.

c. Instructor and trainee personnel for the third cycle.

3. [] suggested that the first two points in the proposed agenda be covered by a review of the CACCOLA protocol. Accordingly the protocol (attachment to EGMA-09832, dtd 3 June 52) was read and discussed as follows:

a. Re Part I, para 1: The CAPABLE 1 Staff fully agreed with the necessity for moving to the U.S., and wished merely to clarify the modus operandi after the move.

b. Re Part I, para 7: CAPABLE 7 remarked upon the essential difference between operational planning and post-dispatch control of agents on the one hand, and training on the other. Although in practice the CAPABLE 1 senior CACCOLA instructor in the U.S. would combine these two functions, CAPABLE 7 suggested that in principle these functions could be held by two different persons if necessary. [] replied that we agreed with this statement, but pointed out that it was desirable to have direct operational control over an agent in the hands of the person who had trained him and who therefore knew him best, even though, as now, higher headquarters has the final word.

c. CAPABLE 4 requested a clarification of how precisely operational planning and control would be handled after the move, as between KUBARK and the CAPABLE 1 Staff. How much of CAPABLE 1's part in planning and control would be done by

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the CAPABLE 1 Staff in Germany, and how much by their stateside representative? If the KUBARK officers who have done the planning and control so far were all to be in the U.S., and if the CAPABLE 1 Staff remained in Germany, where would be the "center" for this work -- which no doubt will grow in importance and complexity? We replied that mission planning would be done in accordance with para 6 of the protocol, adding that CAPABLE 7 would be enabled to consult with us personally during the mission-planning phase. The senior CACCOLA instructor in the U.S. must be empowered to make at least routine operational decisions for the handling of traffic with agents: however, CAPABLE 7 and the KUBARK Frankfurt case officer [] would consult together on traffic and would forward their recommendations to Headquarters. CAPABLE 7 explained that their apprehension on this point concerned the scope of [] responsibility on CACCOLA matters, in which so far he had always played a passive role, acting only as a channel of communications with Munich. In other matters, although he always required Headquarters approval, [] was able to discuss plans and recommend action. Would [] authority on CACCOLA now be enlarged? We replied that it would be, that [] would be supplied with copies of all CACCOLA material, and would in effect replace Munich in the discussion and recommendation of CACCOLA plans. The CAPABLES stated that they were completely satisfied with these arrangements.

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d. CAPABLE 7 further wished to define the role of the senior CACCOLA instructor. In addition to his duties in CACCOLA operations and training, the latter could be empowered to act as CAPABLE 1's Stateside representative with KUBARK on other AESAURUS matters as well. We replied that it would probably be very convenient to give him this wider range of responsibility, provided that this did not interfere in any way with his CACCOLA duties.

e. CAPABLE 7 requested that the senior instructor (and only he, of the entire instructor panel) be at liberty to leave the school site whenever necessary to perform these extra duties. He gave as an example the senior instructor's possible usefulness in supervising the activities of a Stateside CAPABLE 1 recruiting officer, if one were appointed. CAPABLE 7 assured us that his candidate for senior instructor was an extremely responsible person, and would never take advantage of his prerogative to the slightest disadvantage of his primary task, but wished to define his position in principle. [] replied that there would be serious objections to any extension of the senior instructor's activities which in any way acted to the detriment of his primary job as CACCOLA 1 chief, especially with regard to security. It was agreed that any trips taken by the senior instructor on such matters would always be coordinated with us and financed by us.

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f. Re Part I, para 8: The CAPABLE 1 Staff requested a revision of the statement to provide for the possibility that CAPABLE 7 personally might not be able to make a trip to the U.S. at a moment when it is desirable that he do so. It was suggested that the specified trips be made by "the CAPABLE 1 Chief of Operations or by a representative cleared by and acceptable to KUBARK for the specific purpose of a particular trip." (COMMENT: This amendment, with which we tentatively concurred, would provide much more flexibility and increase our control over the who's and wherefore's of these trips. It will sometimes be difficult, from the overall AESAURUS point of view, for CAPABLE 7 to quit Germany. At such times CAPABLE 7 could best be represented by CAPABLE 3 or 4. The latter are not conversant with the operational details of CACCOLA but are informed on matters of general planning and cadre procurement. Thus, while strictly operational matters can always be solved on the spot by the senior CACCOLA instructor, or in important cases settled by cable with CAPABLE 7's participation, CAPABLES 3 and 4 could profitably be consulted on the general aspects of CACCOLA which fall within their scope, and can make on-the-spot decisions for the Staff on these and other AESAURUS questions. In this connection, however, it was pointed out to CAPABLES 3 and 4 that even if their knowledgeability on CACCOLA remained limited to general aspects, the more direct concern with CACCOLA which they would unavoidably have if the protocol were revised as suggested would make it desirable for them to undergo LCFLUTTER. CAPABLES 3 and 4 recognized the necessity for this, adding that their reservations about LCFLUTTER applied only to the effect it might have on younger CAPABLE 1 members, and not to responsible CAPABLE 1 officers who understood the relationship of the organization to the American Service.)?

4. CAPABLE 7 presented a panel of instructor personnel for the third CACCOLA cycle, as follows:

- Senior instructor and CAPABLE 1 representative on AESAURUS matters . . . CAPABLE 24
- Deputy to CAPABLE 24 and instructor in Soviet Actuality, Tradecraft, etc. . . Iden. 283
- Instructor in Soviet Actuality, Tradecraft, etc. CACCOLA 3
- Instructor in W/T CACCOLA 8
- Assistant instructor in W/T CAPABLE 42

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reason for leaving

COMMENT: CAPABLE 24, who has been CAPABLE 1 chief of the AESAURUS/Berlin operation, would be replaced by Iden. 117, recently arrived from the U.S. and now understudying CAPABLE 24, (Iden. 117's appointment is, of course, subject to KUBARK and JAVELIN approval). CAPABLE 24 is undoubtedly the most able and experienced operations man in CAPABLE 1, outside of CAPABLE 7 himself, and is strongly commended by [] for his work in Berlin. Iden. 283 served until very recently as instructor at the ~~EL school~~ at Oberammergau. CAPABLE 7 recommends him as being not only an excellent instructor but a disciplinarian and administrator as well. If in the future it becomes necessary for CAPABLE 24 to spend more and more of his time on operational planning, Iden. 283 could function in his place as the man on the spot who could handle effectively the training schedule and discipline. Our assessment of these instructor candidates will start immediately. Whether all of them will be needed for the third cycle cannot yet be determined; however, they undoubtedly will be if it becomes necessary to split the training into two sub-groups. Even if we limit our plans to one operational base team plus singleton CACCOLAS, the base team will require much separate training once the basic course is over. Secondly, we have found both in the first and second cycles that mission briefing, which requires that each trainee be worked with separately on an individual basis, necessitates an adequate number of instructors.)

5. [] raised the question of trainees for the third cycle. Our assessment of candidates already available promises to yield at least two and possibly four acceptable men. Of the thirty who have just begun their Cadre School training, nothing is known as yet. [] therefore requested CAPABLE 7 to have CAPABLE 14 move to the Cadre School as soon as possible for the purpose of pre-assessing the present contingent. CAPABLE 7 agreed. Otherwise, CAPABLE 14 will remain with the school until it is moved to the U.S. He will be able to break in CAPABLE 24 and assist in the preparation of the new training program. CAPABLE 24 will not be available until late August.

6. CAPABLE 4 asked about the perspectives for CACCOLA cadre requirements, not only for this year but for the future. He explained that the difficulties we are facing now arise from the fact that there has been no opportunity so far either to establish fairly firm requirements or to build up some cadre "fat" from which to draw, since new recruits are now being immediately siphoned off as soon as they are found willing and able.

7. [] replied that in the third cycle we should be prepared to train up to 12 radio operators, of whom approximately three could be included in a team which would establish an operational base in the NW U.S.S.R. while the others were trained as

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singletons. The base team would undoubtedly require two or three non-W/T agents, who could be drawn from the Cadre School class scheduled to begin 1 August. Meanwhile, the W/T men should all commence radio training on or about 1 August. (COMMENT: Although we agree basically with DIR-04326, we feel strongly that whether or not AKTIVIST work is started in 1954 we are obliged to initiate the establishment of operational bases in the northwest U.S.S.R., from which exfiltration via seaplane to Norway would be possible. This is badly needed. For example, there are one or two people who were dispatched by CAPABLE 1 to the U.S.S.R. in the early '40's and with whom CAPABLE 7 is still in touch. One of them is allegedly a first class operations man, whom it would be particularly desirable to exfiltrate. Further, a base of this type would be continually useful in servicing other CACCOLAS.) For this and all future cycles as well, the initiation of AKTIVIST-type operations which we had planned will depend on the results obtained from the CACCOLA agents already dispatched. In future cycles, it will not be desirable to expand operations too quickly in any case, even if these results are good, both because the quality of training must be maintained, and because there will always be limitations on our dispatch facilities.

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8. CAPABLES 3 and 4 once more discussed the problem of providing CACCOLA with adequate cadres over a continuing period. CAPABLE 3 stressed that it will be extremely helpful for them to know far in advance the numbers of trainees we can handle. Granted this knowledge, CAPABLE 1 can plan the size of its Cadre School courses adequately and economically, can do a better job of pre-assessment, and will know how many future candidates it should maintain (once they are through with the Cadre School) in jobs which will give them additional experience and keep them on tap. All agreed that this latter problem merits separate discussion.

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