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TILBURY/1 Operation - Transmittal of Operational Papers

REFS: A. OSMA, 3758, 20 June 1955

B. OSMA-3783, 30 June 1955

1. Transmitted herewith are pertinent portions of the Station's working file on the TILBURY/1 operation. It consists of rough translations of TILBURY's reports in German and copies of our instructions to him with the exception of those already transmitted in the references.
2. On the profit side of the operation we obtained considerably more data on the complex than we have had heretofore. In addition to the GE debriefing transmitted with reference A, we have received four lengthy positive reports from TILBURY with more to come. The first four were transmitted in OSMA-3805, 11 July 1955. TILBURY/1 was given a briefing that should enable us to set up a s/w link with him. Perhaps not least of all TILBURY has been indoctrinated to a certain extent in what is wanted in the way of GE and operational debriefing. Throughout the whole operation TILBURY did everything that was asked of him but did not show any initiative in establishing TILBURY/1's bona fides.
3. On the debit side we were not able to determine the bona fides of TILBURY/1 or of the resistance organization which he represented, because TILBURY's GE debriefing, which was done at our instigation, was received and translated too late to permit follow-up questioning. In retrospect the situation could probably have been improved by pushing TILBURY faster from the beginning. However, at the time it was decided to concentrate on obtaining TIERAR cooperation, while taking into account the difficulties of TILBURY's position in serving two masters, the TIERARS and KUDARK. As we now reconstruct it, once returned to work the TIERARS did not cut us into the operation to the extent hoped for and by the time this was clear the infiltration was about to start. At one point we considered attempting to put in contact with TILBURY/1 via TILBURY without the

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knowledge of the TIEBARS, but this idea was abandoned when the TIEBARS informed us that the operation was being postponed until fall. The reasoning here was that we would have sufficient time to continue the CE debriefing either through TILBURY or the TIEBARS, or that KUBARK would be given TILBURY/1 for interrogation and future utilization. It is an interesting sidelight that TILBURY's positive reports, were received in carbon copy, the original going to the TIEBARS, while the CE debriefing was almost a single original. The details of the liaison relationship during this operation will be filled by [] in a later dispatch.

4. In his 22 June report TILBURY speaks of the possibility of another courier coming out next year. In preparation for such an eventuality it is considered highly desirable that the analysis requested in reference A be used as a basis for deciding what sort of support should be given to TILBURY for the TIEBAR/TILBURY complex inside Latvia. As in the case of support for [] discussed in OSMA-3795, 7 July 55, we will inform TILBURY that his assets inside Latvia are being examined in the CE light and will solicit his help in the task.
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