

GAMBIT / FORD  
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TO: AB-51

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FROM: AB 102

SUBJECT: DEFECTION PROJECT SKURIN

1. Complete file on FORD is herewith returned as requested.
2. The undersigned consumed as much of it as can be expected under the circumstances, but would like to make the following comments:
  - a. He is NOT properly informed on the actual execution of the operation.
  - b. The project as outlined in HSC/OPS/OIO and discussed in a brief talk with AB-51 does not appear to be either feasible or practical. The undersigned does not accept the ~~thesis~~ thesis that in intercepting SKURIN on the street, while the latter is about to arrest GAMBIT, he has any chance of defecting SKURIN in a "five minute" blackmail talk.
  - c. Unless other more feasible plans are worked out with which the undersigned is not acquainted, he does not accept any responsibility for the success of such an operation.
  - d. The alternative suggestion is that AB-102 meet SKURIN at a neutral place as the notional American Capt. THOMPSON. In such a case the chances of success in defecting SKURIN appear to be at least fifty-fifty.

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