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ATTN : Senior Representative, [ ] [ ]  
: Chief, SE [ ] [ ]

- ~~SECRET~~/ALBANIA/INTEL/SUPPORT  
- TROSOFF/3

REFERENCE: SCAA-10128

1. With regard to paragraph 2b of first reference, Trosoff/3 was not given any cover story for his activities and stay in the Western Hemisphere which would be applicable to what the field has in mind. Subject was only told that he was in a rehabilitation center and that this was for the benefit of Trosoff/3 alone. He was not to use this cover story elsewhere. Since subject's stay in Central America was completely in the black it was impossible to provide him with any cover story which could be backstopped.

2. Due to the conditions mentioned above, Trosoff/3 prior to his departure for Greece via Frankfurt, was told during his final briefing by the FJHOPEFUL case officer, that he was never to mention the fact that he was ever in the Western Hemisphere. He was also told that as far as his cover was concerned it should be a continuation of the cover he had in Germany or Greece prior to his arrival in Central America. However inadequate this may appear to be it was the only alternative since his stay in the Western Hemisphere as stated above was completely in the black.

3. Frankfurt had requested background information on Trosoff/3 from 1939 to date for purposes of supplying subject with a cover story and documentation while he was in Frankfurt awaiting his return to Greece. This was done only as a precaution against any delay due to bad weather etc. which might have prevented Trosoff/3 from leaving Frankfurt as scheduled.

4. Although some effort can presently be made to determine the best means of effecting Trosoff/3's resettlement as well as to set the stage for such resettlement there are certain basic questions which must be considered and resolved before actual steps can be taken in this direction.

a. Cover must be established for subject in Greece or Germany which would conceal the fact that he was ever in Central America. It is the consensus here that Greece would be more logical than say Germany because /there would

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there would be less delay in establishing such cover and also because such cover could be more readily backstopped. This would require [ ] support as in [ ] as to the cover story he is to use as well as providing the necessary authentication for backstopping it. To mention one example, THORNTON/3 could have been working as a laborer in Northern Greece during the period he was in Central America. Possibly a false pay book could be given subject w/o his name could be added to the list of employees of the Greek Army or some other official government agency in Northern Greece during the period in question. Alternatively, it may be possible to backstop through [ ] the claim that he worked with a private concern or individual. The latter should be queried as soon as possible as to whether he could provide any support on this matter. If it is impossible to establish any cover story in Greece then other areas must be considered. It is therefore necessary that this be determined as soon as possible. Another factor pertaining to cover which must be considered is concerning THORNTON/3 to stick to the story. Although subject was briefed prior to his departure for Greece via Frankfurt that he was never to mention the fact that he was ever in the Western Hemisphere, he was reported to have written a letter (SOAM-9652, para. 2a) to his girl friend mentioning that "he had traveled from America to Greece just to make their union possible".

b. The affair with his "girl friend" must be resolved one way or another before his resettlement can be effected satisfactorily. THORNTON/3 signed the statement requested by [ ] which stated without reservation that he would emigrate to any country that would admit him and that he would be allowed to remain in Greece only until arrangements for his emigration were made. However, in a statement he made to [ ] and reported by the letter in SOAM-3830 para 2 -a.-vi, Subject appears to have qualified the agreement he had signed by stating that he would not reside in emigration unless his staying in Greece would enable him to marry. [ ] can be queried as to THORNTON/3's intention in relation to this statement, as well as subject's intention to abide by the agreement he signed that he will emigrate without reservation as soon as arrangements are made.

5. Any comment or recommendation Field has on the problem of effecting THORNTON/3's resettlement especially with regard to paragraph 4a and b will be welcomed.

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