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TO : SAINT, Caserta
 FROM : SAINT, Bari *BAB-007*
 SUBJECT : Personnel and Security in Bucharest

1. The X-2 Branch in Bucharest is indeed well-staffed. As you will note from the attached roster, sixteen (!) persons are employed by the office there, ten of whom are natives. Unfortunately none of the native employees in the organization had been vetted. Therefore our first move in Bucharest was the preparation of personal history forms - samples attached - and arrangements made through the Security Office, with the approval of the Commanding Officer and the Chief of X-2, to have the native employees fill out these forms and return them to this base together with a passport-sized photograph. The forms filled out by X-2 personnel were brought back by B5 007 on his return, and those of the other branches are gradually coming in. Tracers are being sent to both Washington and London on all these individuals.
2. This and a good many other rather embarrassing security problems consumed most of our time in Bucharest.

Illustrations: a) One of the native female employees of X-2 made seven instead of six copies of all reports because, as she said, she took one copy home with her "to study for possible corrections" (!)

b) The safe containing intelligence and administrative files was kept open in the room where the native employees worked. Subsequently this safe was removed on our recommendation and strict instructions given to the office manager to keep it locked day and night.

c) Some of the enlisted men (note roster) were assigned to X-2 (!) without previous indoctrination, and X-2 secret symbols are known to these as well as to some of the native employees, etc..

3. Recommendations:

a) Considering the fact that the field offices are not equipped to process intelligence documents, thus they are to forward such material to the base or direct to Headquarters together with the necessary explanatory notes and comments, X-2 Bucharest is obviously over-staffed. (Neither Caserta nor Bari had any idea of the personnel situation there.) In our opinion four persons would constitute an adequate staff for that station.

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b) As soon as practicable all X-2 Bucharest personnel should be recalled, some to work at the base and others to be assigned to non-Russian controlled theatres.

c) New X-2 Bucharest personnel to operate under cover of the Allied Control Commission

d) In view of possible compromise, the revision of all X-2 symbols is recommended.

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