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USAGE - Russian Project

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1. A meeting was held between [] and USAGE 17 February to discuss the present status and future of his Russian aspirations, and more specifically, his proposal regarding UJ DRUID. USAGE was informed at the outset of the disappointment his project as originally submitted had caused at FOB and that his entire future with AIS rested on his ability in the immediate future to expiate what we considered his sins. I informed him that [] was mentally prepared to drop him entirely within the month unless USAGE could convince us by deeds that his retention was merited. Surprisingly enough, USAGE accepted this gracefully, and his demeanor gave the impression that he was resigned to his fate were he unable to change it.

2. The counterproposal advanced by [] and contained in para. 10, MIL-A-5214, was then given to USAGE, who stated he would do his utmost to comply with each requirement. He advanced the following points, however, in relation to each requirement listed in MIL-A-5214.

a. (Para. 10 a) USAGE will request that a courier return immediately after contact is made with BB-1000 to a U.S. agency in Rome or preferably Trieste. We must provide the name, location of the agency, and parcels to be used by the courier in advance. USAGE doubts that UJ DRUID will consent to the immediate return of BB-100, as he states such a round trip into Rumania, using the passport held by BB-100, will almost certainly blow, or at least place BB-100 under Rumanian suspicion.

b. (Para. 10 b) USAGE will attempt to persuade UJ DRUID to provide a sample of what he has to offer. USAGE states, however, that his position is one of having to persuade UJ DRUID on one hand to enter the intelligence field, and on the other, of demanding that UJ DRUID prove his worth before he will be allowed to enter. He emphasized that he will try, however.

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c. (Para. 10 c) All the points in this paragraph will be taken up with UJ DRUID, and USAGE feels that he will be successful in obtaining considerable detail.

d. (para. 10 d) No argument. USAGE is willing, once the line is in operation, to cut out UJ DRIFTER entirely.

3. USAGE states that there is no feasible means of handling this matter with UJ DRUID other than a personal meeting, inasmuch as he must depend largely on persuasion and his personal rapport with UJ DRUID to make Hallop's counterproposals effective. He states he must therefore make another final trip to Rome, but not in the company of UJ DRIFTER.

4. In the event of approval of this exploration in its present form, it will be necessary for us to provide the name and location of an agency in both Rome and Trieste as well as passwords arranged in advance for the use of the courier who will be returned by BB-1000. Some consideration should be given this now so that with approval of the project we can be in a position to pass on the necessary information without loss of time.

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