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GROSSBAHN - Contact Report on Meeting of GROSSBAHN with EE-1

1. Attention is invited specifically to Para III of attached report. This reflects our trend with GROSSBAHN to attempt to work him into a position where he is making more of a contribution to the overall REDCAP effort. In reference to his closing remarks under paragraph III b, we plan to point out to him at the next meeting that we feel he was mistaken in stating to EE-1 that recruitment of non-Govsone residents to reconnoiter the Soviet area is satisfactory. We have found the courier/observer type sub-agent somewhat unsatisfactory and are convinced that a high priority target such as REDCAP stands little chance of success if the basic groundwork must rely on this type operation. Thus, we plan to inform GROSSBAHN that he should place emphasis, with his people, on the recruitment, in place, of residents of the Soviet area, preferably those having some degree of contact with or access to Soviet personnel.

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