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5. Past experience has shown that areas such as Bonn, Rome, Paris, Frankfurt, etc., are able to provide only a very few accommodation addresses, and most of these are acquired from the post-country service, a practice we consider generally insecure. A good number of drops in these areas have not functioned well, if at all. Whether the problem is in the type of drop acquired or the ability of postal authorities in the East to censor the comparatively small amount of mail to such areas has never been determined. Whatever the answer may be, we have little hope that the majority of these drops will work well in an emergency.

6. The heavy volume of letter-type mail for West Germany which is posted daily in East Berlin and East Germany should provide, we believe, an excellent coverable program. For this reason, we would like to formalize such mail in the hands of the East German postal service. Accommodation addresses in West Germany, of the type which we have contacted, should be directed, directly any time, to post offices in East Germany or to a Western Embassy in East Germany which will act in consultation with the East German postal service. Allowing for a small reserve of West German addresses to be used should the first drop be cancelled or unable to function, we would like to see more drops in West Germany during the next six months. If this time, we are not in a position to issue all-wests drops to all agents who should have them, but we urgently need others, which can be issued almost immediately. These addresses must not be in the Hamburg area. Drops in the Munich, Dusseldorf, and Stuttgart areas, which are required and can be serviced quickly, would be completely acceptable. (Drops in the Hamburg area also can be used and a brief dispatch concerning our needs is being prepared for HOB.)

7. The past generosity of Frankfurt Operations Base in providing accommodation addresses for the exclusive use of our agents is greatly appreciated. We fully realize that this request for fifty new addresses will place a heavy burden on FOB operations officers. However, we have no choice in the matter if the operations we now have are to be productive for any length of time. For obvious reasons of efficiency and management, we cannot acquire West German addresses ourselves, but we can and will divert as much BOB-agent mail from CABATON addresses to letter drops in West Berlin, knowing that the events of recent months have caused FOB officers to devote much time and effort to the servicing of CABATON assets assigned to us. Your comments on FOB's ability to provide fifteen new addresses immediately and thirty-five additional addresses during the next six months will be greatly appreciated.