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TO Chief, EE

INFO. Chief of Station, Germany; Chief of Base, Berlin

FROM Chief, Frankfurt Operations Base

SUBJECT CATARSI CABATON Operational
CABATON Progress Report, 1 January - 31 March 1964

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

ACTION REQUIRED: None, FYI

REFERENCE : EGFA-41088, 24 January 1964

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SUMMARY

1. Ten more live letter drops were recruited during the reporting period; they were designated CABATONs/128 through 137. Five of them are FBPRIME citizens. All new agents are undergoing operational testing, and CABATONs/128, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, and 135 have already been operationally assigned. Requests for new accommodation addresses were rather numerous during the quarter, but we were able to satisfy all of them. As no terminations took place during the reporting period, there were 63 active agents at the end of March. Our means of locating suitable leads remained basically the same, with some variations. At the end of March we held four unexploited POAs, and were awaiting receipt of 12 more on persons who had been visited and favorably assessed. CAWHIP of the Duesseldorf Operations Group recruited two of the new agents, and has conducted several initial interviews on behalf of CABATON in Duesseldorf. The quarter was marked by some personnel changes, as [redacted] became Project Officer, and [redacted] joined the project. [redacted] agents are being turned over to the other case officers.

STATUS OF AGENTS

2. The following summarizes the operational activities of the CABATON agents during the reporting period:

CABATON/5 She delivered one CAROL/1 SW letter and one CAROL/1 test letter. A letter mailed by CAROL/1 in Potsdam on 15 February never reached CABATON/5. It is possible the letter was misrouted, as a second (test) letter from CAROL/1 mailed at the request of BOB arrived with an incomplete address. Because of the missing letter, as well as the fact that CABATON/5 also services the DMMARBLE operation, BOB requested that a replacement be found for CABATON/5 in the CAROL/1 operation. CABATON/133 has since been assigned as the replacement.

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CABATON/21: The agent was met three times by [] and forwarded two test letters and one CAVILLA letter.

CABATON/25: DEYMAN met the agent three times during the quarter. CABATON/25 was assigned temporarily as emergency communications channel for CAPLEA. He received one CAPLEA postcard and two test letters.

CABATON/26: The agent was met twice by [] CABATON/26 received two test letters during the reporting period.

CABATON/29: This agent was met once, at which time he was turned over to [] by []. He received no letters during the reporting period. CABATON/29's salary was raised from DM 80. to DM 100. per month, retroactive to January 1964. The agent is also negotiating the dropping of a safe apartment in Frankfurt which he had rented for FCB/SCB, at the request of that branch.

CABATON/35: The agent's status has not changed since the Reference was written. He will be terminated by [] during the coming quarter.

CABATON/37 and 37A: The agents were met once by [] at which time CABATON/37A turned over to him 25 more dummy test letters she had prepared for use in the project. The agents received no operational mail during the reporting period.

CABATON/44: This agent's status has likewise remained unchanged. He too will be terminated by WRAGRAFF during the coming quarter.

CABATON/47: The agent was met by [] once, and forwarded three CATHUMP/2 letters during the quarter.

CABATON/66: CABATON/66 once. The agent forwarded one test letter during the reporting period.

CABATON/68: The agent was met twice by [] and once by []. He delivered two test letters.

CABATON/72: This agent was met three times by [] and once by [] during the reporting period. He delivered three test letters.

CABATON/74: The agent delivered two test letters and was met three times by []

CABATON/75: CABATON/75 was met five times by []. He handed over three test letters during the reporting period.

CABATON/77: This agent was met once by CAWHIP during the quarter. He forwarded two test letters and one CAMOLAR/6 letter.

CABATON/78: This agent was met twice by [] and handed over one test letter.

CABATON/79: CABATON/79 met the agent once during the quarter. CABATON/79 forwarded two test letters.

CABATON/80: This agent was met once by [] during the reporting period. He forwarded six CAMOLAR/15 letters.

CABATON/81: LECHLADE met the agent once. CABATON/81 forwarded three CAMOLAR/1 letters during the reporting period. The CAMOLAR/1 assignment was transferred to CABATON/126 after a CAMOLAR/1 letter forwarded by CABATON/81 was opened by ODIBEX following its mishandling in the APO (FROB-6725, 16 January 1964).

CABATON/82: The agent was met once by [] and forwarded one test letter. CABATON/82 had been assigned to the DIVENAL operation, but of three DIVENAL postcards sent him, he admitted destroying one and may have destroyed the others as well. The agent is somewhat senile and has proved unreliable as an LLD. The DIVENAL assignment has been transferred to CABATON/130, and CABATON/82 will be terminated by [] shortly.

~~CABATON/84:~~ This agent was met twice by [] during the reporting period. Since his AVBACON assignment was cancelled in November, he has been unassigned. >

~~CABATON/87:~~ [] met CABATON/87 once, and the agent forwarded one CASNAP letter during the quarter. BOB requested a replacement for CABATON/87 in the CASNAP/1 and 2 operation, because CABATON/87 was compromised to the West German authorities in 1963. The CABATON/124 address was given to BOB as the replacement. We intend to use CABATON/87 in the future in an operation which would not suffer through the use of a compromised address. Upon BOB's request, however, we have deferred this new assignment until the CASNAPs have written to the CABATON/124 address. >

~~CABATON/88:~~ The agent was met once by [] He forwarded one CAOXY/6 letter and one test letter during the reporting period. >

~~CABATON/89:~~ This agent was met once by [] and forwarded three CAMOLAR/3 letters and one test letter. >

~~CABATON/90:~~ [] met CABATON/90 once during the last quarter. CABATON/90 forwarded one DYNEMAR letter and two test letters. >

~~CABATON/95:~~ During the reporting period, this agent was met once by [] and forwarded two test letters. >

~~CABATON/96:~~ [] met the agent once. CABATON/96 forwarded two test letters. >

~~CABATON/97:~~ The agent forwarded one CAMOLAR/4 letter and two test letters. He was met once during the reporting period by [] >

~~CABATON/98:~~ CABATON/98 was met once by [] She forwarded one test letter during the quarter. >

~~CABATON/100:~~ The agent was met once by [] and forwarded three test letters. >

~~CABATON/102:~~ This agent forwarded one HITIME letter and two test letters during the quarter. He was met once by [] >

~~CABATON/103:~~ CABATON/103 forwarded one CATHYROID/6 letter and one test letter. He was met once by [] during the reporting period. >

~~CABATON/104:~~ The agent forwarded three test letters during the quarter. He was met once by [] >

~~CABATON/105:~~ The agent was met twice by [], and forwarded two test letters. He was assigned during the quarter as a backstop address for Vienna Station contact agent CABATON/105 retains his CANALIZE/17 assignment. >

~~CABATON/106:~~ This agent forwarded one test letter during the quarter. He is met once every three months, when he travels to Frankfurt from his home in Regensburg; he was not met during the reporting period, however. >

~~CABATON/107:~~ CABATON/107 forwarded one CAVITAMIN letter and one test letter during the reporting period. [] will turn this agent over to [] soon. >

~~CABATON/108:~~ This agent forwarded seven CATHYROID/3 letters during the quarter. He was met twice by [] >

~~CABATON/110:~~ The agent forwarded two test letters, and was met once by [] He is currently unassigned, although his address had been given to two BOB agents who were later given other accommodation addresses. >

~~CABATON/111:~~ CABATON/111 forwarded one BEFUNNY letter and two test letters. He was met once, when he was turned over to [] by [] >

~~CABATON/113:~~ [] met the agent once. He forwarded one CARPATHUS/1 letter and two test letters. CARPATHUS/1 was terminated on 14 March 1964, however, so the agent is currently unassigned. >

CABATON/114: The agent was met once by [] and forwarded three test letters.

CABATON/115: [] met the agent once. The agent was assigned in February to a special operation directed by Headquarters. He forwarded three test letters during the quarter.

CABATON/116: [] agent forwarded two test letters and was met once by []

CABATON/118: HANBURE turned this agent over to [] at one of the two meetings held with him during the reporting period. CABATON/118 forwarded two test letters. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement with CABATON/118 were forwarded with EGFA-41464, 23 March 1964.

CABATON/119: The agent was met once by [] and forwarded two test letters during the quarter.

CABATON/120: The agent was met twice, and turned over by [] to [] He forwarded two test letters, one of which originated at BOB. PRQ Part II and an MOA on the agent were forwarded with EGFA-41466, dated 24 March 1964.

CABATON/121: [] met this agent once. He forwarded three test letters. CABATON/121 will be turned over in the near future to [] PRQ Parts I and II on the agent are in preparation and will be forwarded soon.

CABATON/122: This agent was met once by [] during the quarter, and forwarded one test letter.

CABATON/123: [] met the agent three times. He forwarded two test letters.

CABATON/124: [] assigned to CASNAP/1 and 2 as the replacement for CABATON/87. He forwarded three test letters and was met once by CAWHIP during the quarter.

CABATON/125: CABATON/125 handed over one test letter and was met three times by []

CABATON/126: [] met the agent twice. The CABATON/126 address was given to BOB as the replacement for CABATON/81 in the CAMOLAR/1 operation. The agent forwarded two test letters during the quarter.

CABATON/127: [] turned the agent over to [] at the one meeting held during the quarter. CABATON/127 forwarded four test letters. He has been assigned as the LID in the PARAGOS operation, run by Headquarters. PRQ Parts I and II and an MOA on the agent were forwarded with EGFA-41539, dated 24 March 1964.

CABATON/128: This agent, the Subject of EGFA-40901, 8 January 1964, was recruited by [] on 3 January 1964. PRQ Parts I and II and the Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-40901. CABATON/128 was assigned later in January by Headquarters to the DMRIPE operation, and has since received one postcard from DMRIPE. He has been met three times since he was recruited, and has forwarded three test letters successfully. [] turned CABATON/128 over to [] in February.

CABATON/129: CABATON/129, the Subject of DIR-89105, 14 December 1963 was recruited by [] on 21 January 1964. [] is now handling him. PRQ Parts I and II and the Memorandum of Oral Agreement are in preparation and will be forwarded shortly. CABATON/129 is a naturalized FBPRIME citizen. His address was offered to BOB in February in response to their request for an address to be used in a recruitment attempt at the Leipzig Fair. The address was never issued, however, and was returned to BOB control on 6 March 1964. It was later given to Headquarters for use in the DMSEPIA operation, (EGFA-41394, 10 March 1964), and will be used as an alternate address in that operation (EGFW-16305, 19 March 1964). The agent has forwarded three test letters successfully, and has been met once since he was recruited.

CABATON/130: CABATON/130, the Subject of EGVA-217, 18 February 1964, was recruited by CAWHIP on 18 January 1964. This agent is also a FBPRIME citizen. PRQ Part I was forwarded under EGVA-206, 14 February 1964, and PRQ Part II under EGVA-217. A Memorandum of Oral Agreement was forwarded with EGVA-207, 14 February 1964. CABATON/130 was assigned as the replacement for CABATON/82 in the DIVENAL operation (FROB-7044, 25 February 1964). She has forwarded three test letters since recruitment, the first of which she opened by mistake.

CABATON/131: This agent, the Subject of EGVA-216, 19 February 1964, was also recruited by CAWHIP on 18 January 1964. PRQ Part I was forwarded under EGVA-200, 7 February 1964, and PRQ Part II under EGVA-216. A Memorandum of Oral Agreement was forwarded with EGVA-206, 14 February 1964. CABATON/131 is another FBPRIME citizen. His address was given to the Vienna Station for issue to HISPEED (FROB-7055, 25 February 1964), but was not issued by Vienna (VIEN-5288, 20 March 1964). The agent has forwarded three test letters, the first of which he opened by mistake.

CABATON/132: CABATON/132, the Subject of DIR-92735, 7 January 1964, was recruited by [redacted] on 18 January 1964. Because he receives his mail at his local post office (where he is known), and because he will be in FBPRIME for six weeks sometime during 1964, however, it has been decided that CABATON/132 would not make a good IED. [redacted] will soon visit the agent, explain that he will be unable to receive mail properly (which CABATON/132 suspected, in fact), and terminate him. No PRQ has been forwarded on this agent.

CABATON/133: CABATON/133, the Subject of EGFV-16027, 21 January 1964, was recruited by [redacted] on 14 February 1964. PRQ Parts I and II and the MOA are in preparation and will be forwarded shortly. CABATON/133's address was given to BOB (FROB-7110, 3 March 1964) in response to an urgent request for an accommodation address to be used by CADARK. BOB later decided to use another address for CADARK, however, and returned CABATON/133 to FOB control in BRIM-5972, 4 March 1964. CABATON/133 was later assigned as the replacement for CABATON/5 in the CAROL/1 operation, however (FROB-7240, 19 March 1964). CABATON/133 has forwarded three test letters since recruitment, the first of which he too opened by mistake.

CABATON/134: This agent, the Subject of EGFA-41461, 19 March 1964, was recruited by [redacted] on 3 March 1964. CABATON/134 is a FBPRIME citizen. PRQ Parts I and II and the Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-41461. There is some question as to whether CABATON/134 will be permitted to remain in Germany beyond May 1965, but BOB has been notified of this (EGFA-41459, 17 March 1964) and informed that a replacement address will be found for CAVOCAL/1 next year if necessary. The CABATON/134 address was given to BOB on 4 March (FROB-7124) in response to an urgent request for an address to be issued to CAVOCAL/1. The agent has forwarded two test letters successfully.

CABATON/135: CABATON/135, the Subject of EGFA-41396, 12 March 1964, was recruited by [redacted] on 4 March 1964. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-41396. CABATON/135's address was given to BOB (FROB-7252, 23 March 1964) for possible issuance to a CAARGUS agent candidate, in reply to a BOB request. The agent has forwarded two test letters successfully since she was recruited.

CABATON/136: CABATON/136, the Subject of EGFA-41397, 16 March 1964, was recruited by [redacted] on 11 March 1964. Subject is a FBPRIME citizen. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement were forwarded with EGFA-41397. The agent has forwarded two test letters successfully.

CABATON/137: This agent, the Subject of EGFV-16226, 9 March 1964, was recruited on 19 March 1964 by [redacted]. PRQ Parts I and II and a Memorandum of Oral Agreement MOA are in preparation and will be forwarded shortly. The agent has forwarded one test letter successfully since he was recruited.

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AGENT PROSPECTS:

3. The methods for locating suitable CABATON agent candidates remain essentially the same as those described in the Reference, though they have been enlarged upon somewhat. We continue to reply regularly to work-wanted advertisements in the German newspapers. We have recently expanded this program by obtaining newspapers from areas hitherto untouched by us operationally, and sending out our ODIBEX form replies to those persons who placed advertisements in them. This field by its very nature is a lucrative one for us, as all these advertisers are seeking extra money. Our second major field of agent leads continues to be the non-ODYOKE-affiliated FBPRIME citizens living in Germany. Five of the top new agents recruited during the past quarter are from this group. Although we believe we have exhausted the Frankfurt ODACID files of promising leads, we intend to begin shortly to comb the registration files of FBPRIME citizens in the Stuttgart ODACID area, microfilms of which we also possess. If we find that these records (which are now about a year old) prove unreliable because many of the people listed in them have since moved, we shall not devote too much time to them. A more promising group of leads in this category is now available to us through the data on FBPRIME citizens newly registered at ODACID Duesseldorf, which the Duesseldorf Operations Group is now forwarding to us monthly. This information has the advantage of being up to date. CAWHIP will contact promising leads in Duesseldorf, while FOE CABATON officers will approach those in the Cologne area. This is being done out of security considerations, because CAWHIP lives and works in Cologne and might be recognized by leads in that city. In addition, DOG has begun to give us lists of German citizens who have applied at ODACID Duesseldorf for visas to FBPRIME, most often to visit relatives there. Although this group may prove too prosperous to be good CABATON candidates, we believe that many of these people are likely to be pro-FBPRIME and would not be averse to visits by ODIBEX representatives. We plan to begin calling on these people after they have returned to Germany. Usually, we are obtaining occasional leads from the CATRANSIT project. CATRANSIT candidates who were interviewed but found unsuitable for that work are being referred to us for consideration. We believe that through these various sources we will be able to keep the input of agent leads high enough to assure us of a steady flow of POAs and hence opportunities for recruitments in the forthcoming months.

At the end of the reporting period we held four unexploited POAs and were awaiting POAs on 12 more persons whom we had interviewed. We will approach all these people for recruitment as POAs are received for their use.

OTHER MAIL FACILITIES:

4. We continue to administer and service regularly fifteen rented post office boxes in Frankfurt. Although these boxes are not nearly so heavily used as they once were, several standing operational assignments make their continued possession necessary. About ten items of operational mail per month are received through the boxes. We expect the usage of this mail facility to remain about the same for the immediate future.

The APO cover unit addresses, to which all CABATON agents living outside Frankfurt forward operational mail, continued to function smoothly during the reporting period.

SECURITY:

5. There were no security problems during the quarter. No further developments or repercussions took place in the matter involving CABATON/109, which was described in the Reference.

FINANCE:

6. [redacted] was obligated to the CABATON Project during the quarter, as compared with [redacted] allotted for the same period. Of [redacted] authorized for expenditure by CABATON during the project year which ended on 31 March 1964, [redacted] had been obligated as of 29 February. We believe that we finished the project year within the authorized sum, though the final figures are not yet available.

The CABATON Project Renewal Request was forwarded as EGFA-41198, 13 February 1964. It requested an authorization of [] for the forthcoming project year, to end 31 March 1965.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANS:

7. We intend during the coming quarter to accumulate a sufficient number of agent leads from the various sources described under "Agent Prospects" above, and to develop and attempt to recruit them as before. Our goal continues to be the recruitment of two new agents each month. We believe that as we continue to maintain a substantial influx of worthwhile leads, we will be able to maintain this rate of recruitment. The constant requirement for new accommodation addresses for use by Berlin Operations Base has not lessened, and in addition we have been called upon increasingly by Headquarters to furnish LIDs for various other Bloc operations. We are trying to effect release of addresses which we have offered for assignment where we believe the address may never have been issued to the agent. Occasionally addresses are returned to our control in this way.

We will continue to carry out the sizeable task of handling more than 60 agents through regular meetings.

We will also continue to implement our test letter program, which has proved essential in the cases of the many LIDs who have received no operational mail for several months. We have seen that this is a necessary factor in maintaining both agent efficiency and agent morale.

PERSONNEL:

8. The personnel makeup of the project altered somewhat during the reporting period. [] moved on to other responsibilities and became Project Officer about 15 February. [] was transferred to the project as a case officer. [] continues to be the third CABATON officer, and [] remains as the staff agent assigned exclusively to it. As mentioned above, CAWHIP performs some CABATON work in Dusseldorf. [] returned to PBPRIME in February prior to reassignment elsewhere.

APPROVED: []