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TO: Chief, Frankfurt Operations Base
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FROM: Chief, EE

SUBJECT: CATARSI/CABATON
 Status of POAs for CABATONs

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

- REFERENCES: A. EGFW-16680 dated 25 June 1964
 B. EGFW-15363 dated 26 June 1963
 C. EGFW-16534 dated 27 May 1964

1. You may have wondered why it is taking so long to get a POA on certain agent candidates for large support projects such as CABATON. A recent review of the situation from the Headquarters standpoint, where clearances from large projects tend to snowball into an unmanageable size, leads us to the conclusion that everything would work a lot smoother, and POAs would be processed more quickly, if additional biographic information were provided at the outset. You have wondered, for example, why a POA has not yet been issued on the Subjects of DORF 0098. Here is a case where in our consideration there is insufficient biographic information to conduct meaningful investigation. The absence of such information is the more difficult to explain because the Subjects of DORF 0098 are PEPRIME citizens. Perhaps there were good reasons why sufficient information could not be obtained at the outset; if so we would like to have them. We also think that more information could be obtained on CABATON candidates who are MHRUSH nationals, and our thinking on this point is as follows:

2. The above request might not be justified if operational conditions were hostile and the cover being used was difficult to work under. But such is not the case in West Germany with a project like CABATON. CABATON assessments are done in a relatively friendly atmosphere, under

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flexible cover. Normally there is no deadline (such as return behind the Iron Curtain) when the agent would no longer be available, and could not provide us with the details we desire. Generally speaking, CABATON candidates are motivated to cooperate through desire to earn money by part-time employment for a friendly power which has legal status in their country. Given these conditions it appears that in the majority of cases the case officers could get much of the PRQ Part I information during the initial interviews. Reasons could be given that this information is needed for the job applications. Ideally we would like a completed PRQ Part I submitted by pouch simultaneous with the POA request. Admittedly this is often difficult to do, and in many cases we have to settle for less. However the minimum information on PRQ Form 1050 which we think should be routinely submitted to speed up the processing of POAs for CABATONS is as follows:

SECTION I Items 1, 4, 5, and 6.

SECTION II Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

SECTION III Items 16, 17, and 18.

SECTION V Complete educational history desired.
Language data under Item 23 not necessary.

SECTION VII Complete military service desired.

SECTION VIII Complete employment history desired.

SECTION IX Items 31, 33, 36 and 37.

SECTIONS XI and XII (if possible)

SECTION XV (suggest ask for references)

3. We do not want the above to be interpreted as a hard and fast rule with no exceptions. We recognize cases will arise where for one reason or another the desired information cannot be obtained as speedily as we want it. Provided the absence of such information is justified, we would be willing to consider a POA request.

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