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SUBJECT: CATARSI/CABATON/Operational
 CABATON Progress Report: 1 April - 30 June 1964

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES
 Action Required: None; FYI
 Reference: EGFA-41542, 1 April 1964

STATUS OF AGENTS

1. The following CABATON agents continued to function normally throughout the quarter, without change to their status or operational assignments:
 CABATONS -5, -47, -72, -74, -77, -87, -88, -89, -95, -96, -97, -98, -102, -103, -105, -106, -107, -108, -115, -116, -118, -120, -121, -122, -123, -124, -125, -126, -127, -128, -129, -130, -133.

2. Changes in operational assignments or status (except for terminations) took place with regard to the following agents:

CABATON-21:

Berlin Operations Base notified FOB in March that because CAVILLA-1 was to be terminated shortly, CABATON-21's assignment to that agent was being cancelled. As CAVILLA-1 would remain in East Germany, BOB advised against issuing the CABATON-21 address to another denied area agent. In June CABATON-21 was assigned as a backstop address for BOB's CAPRY-1 (a possibly compromised address was considered suitable for this operation); the assignment is expected to last no more than three months.

CABATON-25:

has notified us that will no longer write to the CABATON-25 address. CABATON-25 remains assigned to CAPLEA, however.

CABATON-26:

BOB notified us in April that the CAMOLAR-2 assignment previously held by CABATON-26 had been transferred to a Munich CAGENERAL address. Unless assigned to a non-Bloc operation within the next few months, CABATON-26 will be terminated.

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CABATON-29:

CABATON-29 was directed during the quarter to give up a Frankfurt safehouse he had rented on behalf of FOB Soviet Operations Branch, and has nearly completed the necessary negotiations. His CABATON status is unaltered, however.

CABATON-68:

The CABATON-68 address was reissued by BOB to CANALIZE-16 in April.

CABATON-74:

Because of the incident concerning the unexplained letter received by CABATON-74 (see Security), we are obliged to terminate this agent shortly. The CAGAVEL-2 assignment previously held by CABATON-74 was transferred to CABATON-148 in June.

CABATON-78:

BOB requested in March that we cancel the CABATON-78 address, as CAFIB-1 and -2 were considered compromised and would no longer be using it. BOB advised against reissuing the address to another denied area agent. In April CABATON-78 was assigned to STSEVER-1 (FOB/Satellite Branch) for receipt of telephone calls and telegrams.

CABATON-79:

We were notified by BOB in March that the CABATON-79 address had been issued to CAGAVEL-9, who later claimed he had written to it once (though no letter was ever received). Since then CAGAVEL-9 had been given a West Berlin accommodation address, however, so CABATON-79's assignment was cancelled. BOB again recommended that the address not be issued to another inside agent. CABATON-79 was later assigned at BOB's request to CASILO, an operation in which mail will arrive from Canada.

CABATON-81:

This agent will soon be terminated because of the security problem concerning a CAMOLAR-1 letter forwarded by CABATON-81 last December (PROB 6725, 16 January 1964). The CAMOLAR-1 assignment has been transferred to CABATON-126.

CABATON-84:

CABATON-84 died on 18 March, at 80 years of age. Although his widow is quite willing to stay on as a CABATON, we must terminate the relationship because her husband's address had been used by CATHYROID-6, who sent a letter which went astray and may have been returned to East Germany. CABATON-84 was unassigned at the time of his death. The termination will take place during the next few months.

CABATON-90:

CABATON-90 has been a handling problem almost from the beginning, and has repeatedly neglected to carry out an instruction we gave her. We feel she is an undependable agent, and plan to terminate her as soon as we issue a replacement address to DINECTAR, to whom she is assigned.

CABATON-100:

BOB notified us in March that because CASNORT-1 was "a present or former MFS surveillant", the CABATON-100 address which had been given him might be compromised and should not be issued again to any inside agent. Unless a need arises for a non-Bloc assignment, CABATON-100 will also be terminated shortly.

CABATON-104:

BOB issued the CABATON-104 address to a CAPANEL target who was recruited in Athens for BOB in April.

CABATON-110:

Because this agent's address was inadvertently given to two BOB agents at the same time (and later withdrawn from both), he cannot be used again for Bloc operations. CABATON-110 is currently unassigned; he too will be terminated unless there is some non-Bloc need for his address.

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CABATON-111:

We neglected to mention in the Reference that CABATON-111 is also assigned to DILING.

CABATON-113:

CABATON-113 was assigned in June to MERIG-1 (FOB/Satellite Branch), but only for receipt of mail from outside the Bloc. Because this address was used by CARPATHUS-1, it cannot be issued again to a denied area agent.

CABATON-114:

BOB informed FOB in March that the CABATON-114 address had been issued to CAMOLAR-8, but that nothing further had been heard from him. The assignment was cancelled, once again with the recommendation that it not be reissued to a denied area agent. We plan to keep CABATON-114 for other assignments, however.

CABATON-119:

BOB returned this agent's address to us in June, as it had never been issued to CAMOLAR-12. We later reassigned the address to BOB as a reserve address.

CABATON-131:

This agent is being reserved for probable assignment as 24-hour telephone cutout for a Headquarters operation.

CABATON-135:

CABATON-135 was assigned in April to BECAPER (Headquarters).

CABATON-136:

The CABATON-136 address was assigned in April to FAGARDEN (Headquarters).

CABATON-137:

CABATON-137 was assigned to CATIME-1 (BOB) in April to replace CAPARCEL-4, a Hamburg Operations Base LLD who is due to be terminated.

3. Six agents were terminated during the quarter, summarized as follows:

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date of Termination</u>	<u>Operational Assignment</u>	<u>Reference</u>
CABATON-35	22 April 1964	WATRIM/WARHEAD	EGFA-41843, 30 April 1964
CABATON-44	22 April 1964	CAOXY-4	EGFA-41842, 30 April 1964
CABATON-66	21 April 1964	CALION-1	EGFA-41847, 1 May 1964
CABATON-132	7 April 1964	None	EGFA-41632, 10 April 1964
CABATON-134	27 May 1964	CAVOCAL-1	Dispatch will follow

4. Seventeen agents were recruited during the reported period, as summarized below:

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date of Recruitment</u>	<u>Operational Assignment</u>	<u>Reference</u>
CABATON-138	6 April 1964	STOIL	EGFA-41634, 10 April 1964
CABATON-139	6 April 1964	FAGLASS	EGFA-41629, 9 April 1964
CABATON-140	8 April 1964	CAVOCAL-1	EGFA-41995, 26 May 1964
CABATON-141	7 April 1964	None	EGVA-242, 4 May; EGVA-243, 12 May; EGVA-246, 14 May 64.
CABATON-142	15 April 1964	CAWATCH	EGFA-41713, 21 April 1964
CABATON-143	15 April 1964	CAJUTE	EGFA-41788, 27 April 1964
CABATON-144	16 April 1964	CALOCATE-7	EGFA-41789, 27 April 1964
CABATON-145	28 April 1964	HIWAY	EGFA-41907, 13 May 1964
CABATON-146	28 April 1964	CALOCATE-9	EGFA-41905, 13 May 1964
CABATON-147	7 May 1964	CAFREEZE	EGFA-41908, 14 May 1964
CABATON-148	7 May 1964	CAGAVEL-2	EGFA-41993, 27 May 1964
CABATON-149	21 May 1964	MESTRING	EGFA-42163, 16 June 1964
CABATON-150	21 May 1964	CADEFIANT	EGFA-41998, 27 May 1964
CABATON-151	4 June 1964	None	EGFA-42057, 5 June 1964
CABATON-152	20 June 1964	None	EGFA-42170, 23 June 1964
CABATON-153	23 June 1964	None	EGFW-16625, 8 June 1964
CABATON-154	23 June 1964	None	EGFW-16575, 26 May 1964

AGENT PROSPECTS

5. We continue to adhere to the tried and tested methods of finding suitable agent candidates which have brought consistently good results in the past. The majority of our leads are still found through the work-wanted advertisements in German newspapers. We have expanded this program so that we now peruse each week newspapers from several areas in Germany, some of which are removed from the regions of traditional ODIBEX concentrations. While a great deal of case officer time must be expended in following up these leads with personal visits, we have been able to recruit most of the people for whom we have obtained POAs.

The second lucrative source of agent leads continues to be the (non-ODYOKE) PBPRIME citizens residing in Germany, most of whom are retired. Most of these people are notably well motivated, though as a group they are not as promising as the German citizens because of medical or other factors. The recent court decision concerning retention of citizenship in spite of extended residence abroad will, we expect, prove highly beneficial to this project. Nearly all PBPRIMERS we have interviewed (and even some of those who are recruited agents) have had to worry about either obtaining regular passport extensions or being forced to return to PBPRIME periodically. We believe we will now be in a much better position when approaching these candidates. In this connection, we recently arranged with the Frankfurt PBPRIME consulate to extract information on PBPRIME citizens from their files. While some 16,000 persons are so listed there, we intend for the time being to find about 100 good leads, and then to return to the consulate for another batch six months hence. In this search we are limiting ourselves to those persons who have registered recently; previous experience has shown us that many PBPRIMERS have moved since first registering with ODACID. For this reason we have decided not to pursue any leads from the Stuttgart ODACID files (mentioned in the Reference), as this data was over a year old.

We also continue to receive from Dusseldorf Operations Group each month new registrations of PBPRIME citizens at the Dusseldorf PBPRIME consulate, and in addition some leads who were initially contacted for CATRANSIT assessment but found to be more suitable candidates for CABATON (conversely, we have turned over to the CATRANSIT Project some CABATON leads who appeared to be well qualified for that work).

Finally, BOB has begun offering to turn over to us for CABATON recruitment those CATRANSIT agents whom they are terminating. CABATONS -151 and -152 - formerly CATRANSITS -4 and -6 respectively - have been recruited in this way.

Our production-line system, which begins with the location of a lead and ends with his recruitment, is functioning well. We constantly strive to maintain both a large input of new leads and a sufficient flow of POA requests to Headquarters to assure us of ample opportunities for recruitment in succeeding months.

OTHER MAIL FACILITIES

6. During the quarter we conducted a periodic review of the operational assignments held by the 16 post office boxes and one Poste Restante address we maintain in Frankfurt. Many of these assignments have been inactive for some time. While we are still awaiting answers from other bases and Headquarters concerning some of these assignments, we expect to be able to drop at least five boxes during the coming quarter. This will appreciably reduce the amount of case officer time now committed to the regular servicing of these addresses.

One of our ODIBEX cover addresses came to the attention of CATIDE in May (see Security).

SECURITY

7. Two incidents affecting the Project's security occurred during May. In the first, CABATON-74 received an envelope mailed him from Frankfurt which contained a letter written by an East German woman and mailed in Rumania to another woman in Frankfurt. Neither sender, addressee, nor the Frankfurt address to which the inner letter was sent have any connection with either CABATON-74 or CAGAVEL-2, the BOB agent to whom his address was assigned.

Some days later CABATON-74 received a telephone call from an unidentified man who asked what he had done with the letter. CABATON-74 replied that inasmuch as it had not been for him, he had dropped it in a mailbox. The agent was later instructed by his case officer not to answer any further inquiries unless they were made by identified government authorities. There have been no further developments, and neither FOB, BOB, nor CABATON-74 can furnish any explanation for these events. The CAGAVEL-2 assignment has since been transferred to CABATON-148, and we will terminate CABATON-74 soon.

The second incident involved one of the ODIBEX cover addressees (Box 2, APO 757, U.S. Forces) to which CABATON agents forward the operational mail. CATIDE inquired as to whether it belonged to KUBARK, then later reported that a source of theirs had received a letter requesting a reply to that address "if interested"; fearing a provocation, CATIDE said, this source had reported the matter. We know this story to be untrue, because the Box 2 address is given only to recruited CABATON agents; when writing to agent leads we utilize another cover address. We have asked MLB, which relayed the original query, to request from CATIDE a copy of the letter in question. As we had expected, however, CATIDE has hedged on this. We believe the fact of the matter to be that one of our recruited agents approached CATIDE for confirmation that he was indeed working for the PBPRIMERS. We are still awaiting amplification through MLB, and may be forced to issue another address to the 27 CABATON agents who are now using Box 2.

FINANCE

8. [redacted] was obligated to the Project during the period 1 April - 19 June, as compared with [redacted] allotted for 1 April - 30 June. The CABATON Project Renewal Request was approved on 11 May (EGFW-16521, 11 May 1964) in the sum of [redacted] for the project year beginning 1 April 1964; this figure is \$1,376.00 more than we had requested.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANS

9. We plan during the coming quarter to recruit enough agents from the sources listed under Agent Prospects above to enable us to satisfy the continuing demand for clean accommodation addresses made by BOB, FOB, other bases, Stations, and Headquarters. We will also continue to handle our 75 active agents through regular monthly or bimonthly meetings.

PERSONNEL

10. [redacted] and CAWHIP of Dusseldorf Operations Group (on a part-time basis) remain assigned to the Project. [redacted] is to return to Headquarters PCS on 1 September, and will be replaced by [redacted] who has been training in [redacted] job on a half-day basis and will be assigned exclusively to CABATON beginning 15 July.

APPROVED: [redacted]

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