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	AMENDMENT		
X	RENEWAL	BRANCH	SI/PS
	TERMINATION	DESK	2/0
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER	
	OTHER		6000

AUTHORIZATION			
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Chief, SI/PS Division	\$ []	196 6	[]
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ENR DIVISION PROJECT ROUTING SHEET

Crypt CATRANSIT

Date

Recommendations/Action

6/22/66

Regional Chief's Office []

6/22/66

~~OK~~ []
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23 June

Concur in renewal []

DC/ENR

Concur - courses still an essential part of East German program out of Berlin.

C/ENR

Date

REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF PROJECT CATRANSIT

1. CURRENT OBJECTIVES

Project objectives are the establishment and maintenance of a pool of West German couriers for the operational support of agents in East Germany. The Project serves further as a vehicle for the couriers' administrative and operational management.

Potential West German CATRANSIT couriers are selected from respondents to classified advertisements placed in various newspapers in the Federal Republic, without specifying the employing firm. After an initial assessment, and granting of POA, the candidate undergoes psychological testing and LCFLUTTER. If the candidate satisfactorily completes this assessment and testing period, he is briefed on the general nature of the tasks which might be assigned. At later training sessions he is given briefings and practical training exercises in locating deaddrop sites, countersurveillance, and provided with a cover legend. Couriers who successfully complete these preliminary steps are then assigned operational missions. After each operational mission the courier again undergoes LCFLUTTER.

2. CHANGES

No changes in the project objectives have been necessary or are foreseen. However, the current practice of providing inside agents with larger supply caches, thus necessitating larger concealment devices but fewer resupply missions, has brought about a greater emphasis on Berlin-based (CABUS) and automobile equipped courier assets. BOB nevertheless contemplates a continued need for foot courier assets in the future for site finding and occasional deaddrop missions, in addition to other special tasks for which they are qualified, e.g., special address checks, telephone calls, and recontact or recruitment activities.

3. PERSONNEL

a. CURRENT PROJECT PERSONNEL

(1) CATRANSIT-19, a 53 year old bank clerk from Würzburg, has performed 3 siting and 2 operational missions since recruitment in June 1963. He is scheduled to be terminated following the completion of his next mission.

(2) CATRANSIT-21, a 50 year old wholesale meat buyer from Würzburg, has performed 1 siting and 5 operational missions since recruitment in June 1963.

(3) CATRANSIT-22, a 60 year old retired Bavarian businessman, has performed 1 siting and 1 operational mission since recruitment in August 1963.

(4) CATRANSIT-26, a 65 year old salesman from Munich, has performed 3 siting and 1 operational mission since recruitment in November 1963. Although sidelined by illness for much of 1964 and 1965, he is again prepared and able to perform operational missions when necessary.

(5) CATRANSIT-32, a 47 year old office manager from Stuttgart, is presently considered temporarily inactive because of personal problems. An attempt will be made to determine her present willingness to continue cooperation.

(6) CATRANSIT-33, a 37 year old travelling salesman from Essen, has performed 1 siting and 1 operational mission since recruitment in April 1964. He has failed to respond to recent BOB attempts to establish contact, and an effort will be made to establish his present availability and willingness to perform missions.

(7) CATRANSIT-34, a 38 year old construction foreman from Frankfurt, has performed 2 siting and 2 operational missions since recruitment in May 1964. He is scheduled for termination as a courier asset but formal termination will be processed after he is contacted by Bonn Element, Frankfurt for possible use as a CABATON asset.

(8) CATRANSIT-35, a 43 year old KRUPP employee from Essen, has performed 2 siting and 2 operational missions since recruitment in May 1964.

(9) CATRANSIT-36, a 44 year old railway employee from Essen, has performed 1 siting and 1 operational mission since recruitment in July 1964. His wife, CATRANSIT-46, is available to accompany him on operational missions.

(10) CATRANSIT-37, a 54 year old steel worker from Duesseldorf, has performed 3 siting missions since recruitment in July 1964.

(11) CATRANSIT-39, a 41 year old female draftsman from Stuttgart, has performed 3 siting missions since recruitment in August 1964. She is being considered for termination because of poor performance.

(12) CATRANSIT-40, a 41 year old engineer from Essen, has performed 2 siting missions, including a special address check, since recruitment in August 1964.

(13) CATRANSIT-43, a 48 year old pensioner from Essen, has performed 2 siting and 2 operational missions since recruitment in October 1964. This asset recently was dispatched to East Berlin to contact and assess an East German employee of the North Vietnamese Trade Mission in East Berlin, for the purpose of possible recruitment. The contact was successful and an attempt is being made by this courier to recruit the East German as an in-place reporting source.

(14) CATRANSIT-44, a 60 year old semi-retired trucker from Duesseldorf, has performed 1 siting mission since recruitment in October 1964.

(15) CATRANSIT-45, a 51 year old bank employee from Duesseldorf, has performed 1 siting mission alone. In addition, he has performed 1 siting and 1 operational mission jointly with CATRANSIT-52.

(16) CATRANSIT-46, the 45 year old wife of CATRANSIT-36, was recruited in November 1964 and has accompanied her husband on one training mission.

(17) CATRANSIT-52, a 60 year old retired bookkeeper from Hamburg, has performed 1 siting mission alone, in addition to his siting and operational mission with CATRANSIT-45.

b. TERMINATED PERSONNEL

Eight courier assets were terminated during the past Project year including CAPERCH-11 and CATRANSIT-50, both of whom were arrested in East Berlin. This leaves a Project strength of seventeen assets.

4. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

Any intelligence which may be produced by this Project would come as an incidental by-product of its primary service of operational support.

5. EFFECTIVENESS

During the past Project year CATRANSIT couriers have performed eleven siting, eleven operational, and nineteen test-letter mailing missions. In the course of the operational missions, Project couriers have infiltrated and deaddropped material including East German and other Bloc currency, SW carbon sheets, development pills, cipher pads and instructions, sanitized case officer letters, intelligence collection briefing material, OWVL instructions, pre-written cover letters, a radio transmitter and a radio receiver. Agents in East Berlin and East Germany cannot be sustained without such supplies. In addition, one mission was run for the purpose of an operational telephone call, and one mission for the purpose of a personal meeting between an inside asset and a courier.

6. PROBLEMS

During the past project year two CATRANSIT assets failed to return from missions into East Berlin

CAPERCH-11, an experienced West Berlin asset, was dispatched on a letter mailing mission for the purpose of testing East Zone mail controls. It was later learned that she was arrested on a charge of document falsification, which is a less serious charge than espionage.

CATRANSIT-50 was dispatched into East Berlin in order to make a personal meeting with a recruited inside agent (CADARK-1). It was later learned that CATRANSIT-50 was arrested and is to be charged with espionage. It is believed that CADARK-1, who continues to conduct normal business activities, is under opposition control and caused the arrest of CATRANSIT-50.

Berlin Base is seeking to learn as much as possible regarding the loss of these two assets. No other problems have arisen in connection with the CATRANSIT Project, and it is believed that the above incidents constitute no additional danger to other CATRANSIT assets.

7. LIAISON

The Project is managed on a unilateral basis.

8. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

No interagency coordination is required in the management of the Project.

9. PLANS

No substantive change in the Project operational activity is expected. However, in order to effect a more manageable accounting of funds, West Berlin courier assets who were previously funded under the CATRANSIT Project will now be carried under the CABUS Project.

10. COSTS

a. 1 May 1965 - 30 April 1966.

Obligation Authority
Expenditures (10 months)

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b.

	FY 1966 2 Months May-June	FY 1967 10 Months July-April	Totals
Salaries (non-Berlin Based assets)	[]	[]	[]
Transportation	200.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
Supplies	20.00	180.00	200.00
Ops Expenses	130.00	1,170.00	1,300.00
TOTALS	[]	[]	[]