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Request for CATRANSIT Project Renewal: May 68 - June 69

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ACTION REQUIRED: Please Renew Project

REFERENCE: EGBA-83925, 22 March 1967

Transmitted as indicated below is the request for renewal of the CATRANSIT Project for the period 1 May 1968 to 30 June 1969.

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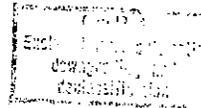
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~~SECRET~~A. CURRENT OBJECTIVES

Project objectives continue to be the maintenance of a pool of couriers for the operational support of agents in East Germany, as well as the performance of other operational tasks required by [redacted]. Perhaps more important, the Project serves to backup, and when necessary, supplement the CABUS Project. The Project also serves as a vehicle for the courier's administrative and operational management.

E. CHANGES

1. Since July 1967 the costs of a safehouse and safehouse keeper have been charged to the Project. Otherwise no changes in Project objectives have been necessary or are foreseen. Since our current emphasis is on Berlin-based (CABUS) courier assets, there are no plans to add any new assets to the Project during the Project year.

2. Since CATRANSIT-50, who was arrested in January 1966 performing an operational mission, was released from prison in September 1967 and subsequently terminated, funding of his family has been dropped from the Project.

C. PERSONNELCurrent Project Personnel

1. CATRANSIT-19, a 55 year old bank clerk from Wuerzburg, has performed three sitting and three operational missions since recruitment in June 1963. During the past Project year he attempted a recontact mission which was unsuccessful. He is scheduled to attempt the recontact mission once again during the coming Project year and, following its completion, will be terminated and offered to [redacted] as a CABATON.

2. CATRANSIT-21, a 52 year old wholesale meat buyer from Wuerzburg, has performed two sitting and five operational missions since recruitment in June 1963.

3. CATRANSIT-37, a 56 year old steel worker from Duesseldorf, has performed four sitting missions since recruitment in July 1964.

4. CATRANSIT-40, a 43 year old engineer from Essen, has performed three sitting missions, including a special address check, since recruitment in August 1964.

5. CATRANSIT-45, a 53 year old bank employee from Duesseldorf, has performed one sitting and one operational mission alone. In addition, he has performed one sitting and one operational mission jointly with CATRANSIT-52. He is inactive but is still in contact with [redacted].

6. CATRANSIT-52, a 62 year old retired bookkeeper from Hamburg, has performed one sitting mission alone, in addition to

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one siring and one operational mission with CATRANSIT-45. He is presently inactive.

7. CARCASSA-80, a 62 year old safehouse keeper.

Terminated Personnel

Two courier assets, CATRANSIT-35 and CATRANSIT-50 terminated during the past Project year. CATRANSITs -22, -26, -32, -33, -36, -39, and -46 are no longer active and will be offered to [] for possible use as CABATON assets.

D. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

This is not an intelligence producing Project.

E. EFFECTIVENESS

1. During the past operational year, CATRANSIT assets have performed ~~one~~ operational and two siring missions. The one operational mission was run for the purpose of an operational telephone call to attempt recontact of a former agent. The safehouse administered under the Project supports a number of Berlin Base activities in addition to those directly sponsored under the Project.

2. Although the amount of ~~operational~~ activity performed by Project assets during the past Project year was minimal, Project couriers provide a needed ~~back-up~~ capability to the CABUS assets. They continue to represent a ~~trained~~ pool of assets that can be called upon to perform various tasks, for which CABUS assets would be unavailable or unsuitable. It should be noted that there are no regular payments made to the Project courier assets and payments are made only upon performance of operational missions.

F. PROBLEMS

No problems have arisen in connection with the Project's activities.

G. LIAISON

The Project is managed ~~on~~ unilateral basis.

H. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

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

I. SECURITY

Project couriers are all unilaterally recruited agents, handled and met clandestinely, and provided with appropriate cover stories for each mission. Project couriers are routinely ~~SGSWIRLED~~ following each mission into East Berlin. There were no security problems in the last Project year. None are foreseen

in the coming Project year.

J. PLANS

No change in the Project operational activity is expected. Because Project assets form a group of trained, experienced and capable support assets, they will continue to be utilized as a supplement to CABUS Project assets, able to perform certain necessary operational tasks, in addition to their normal courier duties.

K. COSTS

1. 1 May 1967 - 30 April 1968

Obligation Authority

Expenditure (9 months)

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2.

FY 1968
2 months
May-June

FY 1969
12 months
July-June

TOTALS

Salaries

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Transportation

100.00

600.00

700.00

Safehouse/Household expenses

200.00

1,200.00

1,400.00

Ops expenses

50.00

300.00

350.00

TOTALS

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3. It should be noted that with the exception of CARCASSA-80, there are no regular payments made to Project assets.

4. Commitments: Specific commitments in case of arrest have been avoided. However, it has been implied that financial support will be provided for the families of couriers during the period of imprisonment. If the courier has no family to support, then a financial settlement should be made upon release. Each case should be given individual consideration, primarily because of differing operational considerations and length of sentences involved. Thus, it is not feasible to provide a fixed figure of the total compensation to be paid in such cases.