

EUR DIVISION PROJECT ROUTING SHEET

CRYPT CATRANSIT

DATE	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
	REGIONAL CHIEF'S OFFICE
	E/BF - E/SS
	E/R DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2G NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007
	E/GA AND/OR E/FI/CI Concur in renewal []
13 April	E/COPS Concur []
15/4/68	DC/EUR Recommend approved. []
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PROJECT ACTION				CRYPTONYM CATRANSIT			
	TYPE OF ACTION	X	FI/CI		CA		OTHER
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION European					
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION					
X	RENEWAL FY 1968-69	BRANCH German			DESK E/G/INT		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER				DATE 3 APR 68	
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 4 C 44	BUILDING HQS	TEL. EXT.	RED 1235	BLACK 6752	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS						
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	DATE	INITIALS (and signature)	DATES		MEMO ATTACHED	
			IN	OUT	YES	NO
ADC/E/G		[Signature]		4 April 68		✓
C/E/G		[Signature]		4 Apr 68		✓
C/E/BF		[Signature]		5 Apr		✓
C/E/FI/CI		[Signature]	5/4	9/4		✓
EUR/COPS		[Signature]	10 April	13 April 68		✓
DC/EUR		[Signature]		15 April 68		

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS						
ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	DATE	INITIALS (and signature)	DATES		MEMO ATTACHED	
			IN	OUT	YES	NO

APPROVAL				
	PERIOD	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL AMOUNT
	FROM 1 MAY 1968	TO 30 JUN 1968	1968	\$
			1969	\$
APPROVING AUTHORITY CHIEF, EUR			DATE 15 April 1968	

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CATRANSIT PROJECT RENEWAL

A. Current Objectives:

CATRANSIT Project objectives continue to be the maintenance of a pool of West German couriers used for the operational support of agents in East Berlin and East Germany and for the performance of other operational support tasks required by Berlin Base. CATRANSIT assets back up and supplement CABUS operational activities. (CABUS is a courier pool made up of third country nationals who reside in West Berlin.) The CATRANSIT Project serves as a vehicle for the administrative and operational management of the courier assets.

B. Changes:

1. During the past project year one safehouse and one safehousekeeper were added to the project. This safehouse and safehousekeeper support a number of Berlin Base activities in addition to those directly sponsored under the project.

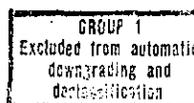
2. Two courier assets, CATRANSIT-35 and CATRANSIT-50 were terminated during the past project year. CATRANSIT-50 was arrested in January 1966 while performing an operational mission in East Berlin and was imprisoned until September 1967. After his release, he was debriefed, polygraphed, and given a prisoner compensation payment. He was amicably terminated in November 1967, and the funding of his family has been dropped from the project.

3. CATRANSITs-22, 26, 32, 33, 36, 39 and 46 are no longer active and will be offered to Frankfurt Base for possible use as CABATON (accommodation address custodians) assets.

C. Intelligence Production:

Not applicable. This is an operational support project.

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D. Effectiveness:

1. During the past project year, CATRANSIT assets have performed one operational and two siting missions. The one operational mission was the attempted recontact of a former agent by telephone.

2. Although the operational activity performed by CATRANSIT assets during the past project year was minimal, project couriers continued to provide needed back-up capability to the CABUS assets. They represent a trained pool of assets that can be called upon to perform a variety of tasks for which CABUS assets might be unsuited or temporarily unavailable.

E. Problems:

There have been no significant problems in the past project year.

F. Liaison:

Not applicable. The project is run unilaterally.

G. Interagency Coordination:

No interagency coordination is required in the management of this project.

H. Plans:

No change in the operational activity is planned. CATRANSIT project assets form a group of trained, experienced and capable support assets, and they will continue to be used as a supplement to CABUS assets. Since the current operational requirements at Berlin Base dictate a greater emphasis on Berlin based (CABUS) courier assets, and barring any change in the operational environment in Berlin, there are no plans to add any new assets to this project during the coming project year.

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I. Costs:

1. For the past project year: For the period 1 May 1967 through 30 April 1968 the amount of [] was approved. During the first nine month period the amount of [] was expended. It is estimated that the expenditures for the remainder of the project period will not exceed the amount of approved funds.

2. For the ensuing period: For the period 1 May 1968 through 30 June 1969 CATRANSIT Project expenses are estimated at \$4,600, broken down as follows:

	<u>FY 1968</u> (2 months)	<u>FY 1969</u> (12 months)	<u>TOTAL</u>
Salaries *	[]	[]	[]
Transportation	100	600	700
Safehouse expenses	200	1,200	1,400
Operational expenses	50	350	400
	[]	[]	[]

*With the exception of the safehousekeeper, CARCASSA-80, none of the CATRANSIT assets are paid regularly. Payments are made only upon the performance of training and/or operational missions.

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3. Commitments: Specific commitments to project assets in case of arrest have been avoided. However, it has been implied that financial support would be provided the families of imprisoned couriers. If the courier has no family to support, a financial settlement would be made upon his release. As with previous CIA agents who have been released from prison, each case is given individual consideration because of the differing operational circumstances and lengths of sentences involved. Thus, it is not feasible to provide a fixed figure for compensation to be paid in such cases.

J. Security:

All CATRANSIT couriers are unilaterally recruited agents. They are handled and met clandestinely, and provided with appropriate cover stories for each mission. The couriers are routinely polygraphed following each mission into East Berlin or East Germany. There were no security problems during the last project year.

Attachment:

TAB A - Current Project Personnel

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Current Project Personnel

(1) CATRANSIT-19, a 55 year old bank clerk from Wuerzburg, has performed three siting and three operational missions since recruitment in June 1963. During the past project year he unsuccessfully attempted a recontact mission. He is scheduled to attempt the recontact mission once again during the coming project year and, following its completion, he will be terminated and offered to Frankfurt Base for possible use as a CABATON.

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

(3) CATRANSIT-37, a 36 year old steel worker from Duesseldorf, has performed four siting missions since recruitment in July 1964.

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

(5) CATRANSIT-45, a 53 year old bank employee from Duesseldorf, has performed one siting and one operational mission alone. In addition, he has performed one siting and one operational mission jointly with CATRANSIT-52. He is inactive but is still in contact with Berlin Base.

(6) CATRANSIT-52, a 62 year old retired bookkeeper from Hamburg, has performed one siting mission alone, plus the joint missions with CATRANSIT-45. He is presently inactive.

(7) CARCASSA-80, a 62 year old safehousekeeper.

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