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Project Review - CARAVEL

1. The development of the CARAVEL project has tended more and more to put CARAVEL in the class of projects that produce CE information exclusively, to the point where it is doubtful that RQM/IA review is possible. In the past year, only two CARAVEL reports, CS 3023 and CS 19002, have been derived from this project. Your report covering the period 1 April 1952 to 31 January 1953 on the subject, based on six CARAVEL reports examined, states: "There is not sufficient material for an appraisal of this project from a positive intelligence standpoint."

2. CARAVEL, as he rises in the hierarchy, does, from time to time, in addition to a large quantity (approximately 200 reports per annum) of CE information, produce information of a positive nature. However, this information is either of a type which, if given general circulation, might pinpoint the source, or else it is in the nature of information leads which are followed down in the field and reach here as reports derived from other projects.

3. It is accordingly suggested that the project CARAVEL be re-categorized as a project producing exclusively CE-type information. We would, of course, as heretofore, take care to circulate all material of a positive nature reaching here from this source, to the extent that it is operationally safe to do so.

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