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## PROJECT: VULTURE

### 1. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

#### a. Purpose:

A project for the procurement of special secret intelligence from within Germany, Czechoslovakia, France and/or any other designated area, through the use of Polish nationals, already trained for this purpose and now under contract to the OSS. (All speak German).

#### b. Control:

(1) To be under the control of Lt. Colonel Joseph Dasher, reporting directly to HQ, OSS, Washington and working in full cooperation with OSS missions on the continent.

(2) Initial operational funds, to be procured from Special Funds Office, Washington (\$50,000.00).

(3) Intelligence procured to be sent directly to pertinent branches of OSS, Washington, and at the same time disseminated laterally to applicable agencies within OSS in Europe, and through the latter, to interested occupational authorities.

#### c. Operating Personnel:

Present personnel of Polish Section, London, (plus possibly two officers of Polish Army, now associated with the OSS) will be initially adequate with, however, reasonable increases as the project develops.

#### d. Agent Personnel:

(1) It is considered that each of the 32 Polish agents on hand will form the nucleus of an intelligence network and will pass on information through a cut-out to an advance base of the Polish Section.

(2) Tentative possible assignments, based upon the agents' individual abilities, are as follows:

Bremen-Bremerhaven	7
France	5
Germany (various areas)	10
Czechoslovakia	8
Reserve	2

### 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT:

a. European headquarters to be continued in London under its present status as Polish Liaison Section. (Only two persons will remain in Polish Section, London.) Its function will be over-all control of the project and to continue liaison with the Poles in London and on the continent. All funds will be administered in and all intelligence disseminated from, London by the Polish Section. In addition all Polish questions affecting OSS missions to Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Czechoslovakia, will be handled.

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b. Main continental Base: Initially to be located in Belgium, at Lanaken. Its function will be housing, processing, documentation and dispatch of agents, also operational direction of the procurement of intelligence. In addition, operational liaison will be maintained with OSS missions to Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Czechoslovakia, for the purpose of utilizing their facilities in making documents, and to disseminate intelligence to pertinent local authorities.

c. Continental sub-base at Bremen-Bremerhaven: Its function will be the establishment of a local intelligence network and the procurement and processing of intelligence affecting this specific port area.

d. Possible sub-base at Bayreuth for operations into Czechoslovakia and Eastern Germany. Its function will be to act as cut-out for intelligence chains operating within its designated areas.

3. TABLE OF ORGANIZATION:

a. London:

Lt. Colonel Joseph Dasher \*  
S/Sgt. G. E. Edwards \*  
Major [redacted] in capacity of Polish adviser. (now the commandant of Polish agents' Training School operated for the OSS)\*\*

F(b)(1)  
F(b)(3)  
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b. Belgium - Lanaken:

Major Louis Dups \*  
1st Lieutenant W. A. Kusza \*  
Sp (X) 1/c A. R. Nowakowski, USNR \*  
Cpl. Stanley Kagustka \*  
1st lieutenant [redacted] (documentation specialist and speaks Russian) \*  
1 stenographer  
4 housekeeping personnel (can be civilians).

F(b)(1)  
F(b)(3)  
(S)

Transportation:

2 civilian cars  
1 1-1/3 ton truck.

c. Bremen-Bremerhaven:

1st Lieutenant John W. Kaczewicz \*  
RM 2/c R. J. Filipkoski U.S. \*  
1 typist  
1 driver

Transportation:

1 civilian car.

d. Bayreuth:

1 lieutenant  
1 sergeant  
1 private (driver)

Transportation:

1 civilian car.

\* This American personnel presently assigned to Polish Section, London  
\*\* Polish Army personnel, attached to Polish Agents' Training School.

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MEMORANDUM:

23 May 1945

TO : Major General William J. Donovan  
FROM : Lt. Colonel Joseph Dasher, MI  
SUBJECT: Attached memorandum.

1. Pursuant to our conversation of 21 May 1945, there is attached a memorandum outlining, in principle, the project for the utilization of the thirty-two (32) fully trained, German speaking, Polish agents whom we have on hand. You will note that the undersigned also has the necessary personnel to operate this project in its initial stages, and that only a very slight increase in personnel is anticipated. Also, if approved, the project would in no way impede the progress of liquidation of the London office.

2. The most important consideration in this whole matter is the time element. On Captain Armour's direct order these Polish agents are now being deprocessed, and unless a definite decision is made by you to use them in the future, they will revert to the Polish Army as of 1 June 1945, and, of course, will then be irretrievably dispersed.

3. In view of the above the undersigned trusts he may have an opportunity for another interview with you. The undersigned has complete confidence in these agents, trained according to the highest European secret intelligence standards, and already tried out in work behind enemy lines. With so many vital tasks confronting us in Germany it would seem a pity to have to let them go at a time when their period of real usefulness appears to be just beginning.

JOSEPH DASHER  
Lt. Colonel, MI

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cc. *Seller*

*W.J. Casey*

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