

REPORTING PERIOD

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

1 - 31 AUGUST 53

1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED	
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base	a. Program	b. Project
GRHOWER	GRGROOND	EE/A		Austria	Austria		7 Aug 53
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER		
[Redacted]			2705 J	3488			
6. TYPE OF PROJECT		<input type="checkbox"/> FT	<input type="checkbox"/> PP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT		
7. STATUS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL		<input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING			
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	
U.S. -----		5	1				
FOREIGN NAT'L -----		54					
TOTAL		59	1	\$ 0		\$ 1,769.83	

11. Summary

(GRGROOND is a master paramilitary project which has integrated all individual paramilitary project developments and objectives into an over-all unconventional paramilitary warfare plan. Projects GRLAUNCH, GRPIQUET, GRBLAND, GRNEFAIR, GRNIVINO and GRDAGGER/PM were terminated as such upon official approval (7 August 1953) of the (GRGROOND proposal.)

(A) Mission: To develop and strengthen the Austrian paramilitary program along the following lines; to develop the existing and potential paramilitary assets of 1) a labor union having units situated throughout Central and Eastern Austria, and 2) detached indigenous groups in the Salzburg-Tirol areas; to select and (cache) equip suitable operational bases from which these groups may operate during hostilities; to establish an escape, evasion and courier line from Eastern to Western Austria with feeder lines from the Hungarian and Czech borders and connecting links to the Swiss, Italian and German borders.

(B) Plan: To spot and recruit sufficient personnel to build the nuclear and skeletal groups needed to achieve pre-"hot" war development of the objectives outlined in (A) Mission; to spot and earmark, for emergency recruitment, those remaining personnel needed to activate the paramilitary program at full strength in the event of hostilities.

- (C) Summary: Following are operational developments of the period under report:
1. In the easternmost section of the E & E line, staff officers have placed a W/T cache destined for emergency "hot war" use by the section Principal Agent. In the near future, the P/A is scheduled to receive the last phases of advanced W/T training plus a detailed refresher briefing on W/T and communications in general.
 2. The Principal Agent of the central section of the E & E line is receiving regular instruction on general tradecraft principles and specific E & E problems, activities, procedures, etc.; The Agent has submitted several lists of persons whom he has spotted and who may be of operational interest to this section of the network.
 3. The Principal Agent of the westernmost section of the E & E line has submitted overlays on which are plotted proposed routes to Liechtenstein, area (sub-agent) responsibility divisions and available safehouse facilities. The sub-agents of this section have submitted lists of those persons considered to be reliable and of possible operational use during hostilities and/or occupation.
 4. No outstanding developments have been reported in the guerrilla-resistance phases of project GRGROOND.

(D) Effectiveness: Nothing to report other than reported in (C) Summary.

(E) Methods and Standards: Not applicable.

(F) PP Assets: Not applicable.

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