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Chief, EE

Operational/GROUNDE/GROOVY

Wartime Operational Program

Reference: EAW-4421, dated 6 October 1953

1. Your clear and thorough presentation of an extended wartime operational program in Austria has been received, and presents a commendable effort.
2. For the most part we are in agreement with program proposals; however, we do feel that clarification and discussion are necessary on the following points:
 - a. Para 3d of ref: With the exception of the GRDAGGER organization, we agree. However, your assumption as to the probability of non-immediate group action does not seem to take into consideration the expressed plans of GRDAGGER 1 which call for immediate mobilization and action upon hostilities of numerous union members. Since operational areas have been designated, caches placed and plans made, and, as far as we know, GRDAGGER 1's concepts and intentions remain unchanged, we believe that GRDAGGER should not yet be placed in the "reasonable risk" category.
 - b. Para 4 of ref: We suggest that the GROUNDE project outline remain unchanged until we submit the FY 1955 operational programming (2 - 5 months). We believe that GROUNDE as it is written now does not substantially limit or interfere with your proposals; a delay in amendment will not only point out exact changes needed as the situation develops but also will enable us to write any necessary changes first into the programming, then as a formal amendment to the project outline.
 - c. Para 5a of ref: Approval of GRDAGGER agent training was forwarded to the field per EAW-3290.

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- d. Para 5b of ref: In reference to military U/W requirements, please see EAVN-2409 (TS 92220) for Headquarters views as to suitable guerrilla areas; in conjunction with U/W sabotage requirements and future agent training, it would be advisable to accelerate development of the proposed GRDAGGER sabotage "apparat".
- e. Para 7 of ref: With the exception of GSELMED, we encourage the recruitment of one or two additional, compartmented organizers for each segment of the line (re GSEPAIR: EASA-2498, EASA-641). Development along these lines offers a better possibility of having at least one organizer available for duty during wartime.
- f. Para 9 of ref: We concur with the plan to recruit and train special, high-level "leadership type" agents. In conjunction with this (re para 9b (3)), we are advised by Headquarters KUGLUB that there is no KUGLUB policy that would prohibit U/T instruction of such agents.
- g. Ref NOTE: While normal KUGLUB procedure is to issue U/T sets only against approved projects, it is possible also to draw sets for such operations as "blind" burials. However, GSECOCHD is an approved project and, per the GSECOCHD KUGLUB annex, is authorized 24 U/T sets and 12 circuits; therefore, these sets and circuits may be expended and the annex may be amended later to procure any additional sets and circuits necessary for continuance of this operation.

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