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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/EE/A-N

SUBJECT: Renewal of Project GRCROOND

1. While the GRCROOND project has become a somewhat controversial one and appears to have deteriorated during the past 18 months, it is the opinion of this Staff that there remain sufficient assets in it to render worthwhile an earnest attempt to salvage them and to tighten up the sub-projects generally.

2. Renewal of the project will therefore be approved by this Staff subject to the implementation of certain recommendations, as follows:

a. Redocumentation of the project outline so that its aims are consistent with the Agency's objectives in this area.

b. Consistent and regular reporting both from Principal Agents to Case Officers, and from Field to Headquarters.

c. Re-examination of the security aspects of the sub-projects, with general tightening of security and termination of any agents deemed insecure.

d. More regular contacts with principal agents, together with increased training and briefing, special attention being paid to bringing the W/T operators to a suitable level of efficiency.

e. Institution of measures designed to ensure an acceptable amount of control over GRLAUNCH-1.

3. It would seem that successful accomplishment of the above recommendations may depend largely on having a well-qualified case officer or officers, with a good command of the German language, in charge of the project.

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4. It is also recommended that an attempt be made to work out a form of cover for the case officer or officers which would permit them to reside in Austria rather than in Munich.

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