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SPECIFIC— Iceberg Project, Quarterly Progress Report, July - September 1953

Ref - A) EAVA 3377, 15 July 1953
B) EAVA 4111, 15 September 1953

Headquarters Action Required:

1. None; for information and files only.

Project Progress:

2. A form for obtaining stay behind survival assessments on current VOB agents has been approved and distributed to case officers for completion. The form is designed to learn the stay behind potential and intentions of our current agents so that in the event of hostilities Headquarters would have a better basis for determining which of these agents might be recontacted for wartime work. The completed forms will be forwarded to Headquarters in duplicate.

3. The plan referred to in reference A, paragraph 3, for separating Iceberg from non-Iceberg file material, and thus having it available for immediate destruction on a priority basis in the event of the sudden outbreak of hostilities, has been dropped as impractical at the present time.

4. A plan is being formulated to debrief all VOB staff members prior to their departure PCS from Vienna on all of their Austrian personal contacts who might someday fit into the Iceberg program. We hope to build up in this manner a reserve of biographical information and assessments on persons favorable to the West and with fair stay behind potential. Using the VOB staffer's name and a personal incident from his relationship with the individual to establish bona fides, these persons could be contacted either just prior to the withdrawal of American forces from Vienna in a time of crisis, or after the outbreak of hostilities. Unless, of course, a person is suitable for current W/T training, he would be given no inkling now of the fact that he has been spotted for Iceberg work.

Agent Progress:

5. [] - He took Oregon W/T review training in Salzburg from 3 to 7 August. [] was in the hospital from 30 June to 21 July after having been struck by a heart ailment. Until [] is able to have an operation on his

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heart, probably in Spring 1954, his potential efficiency as a stay behind W/T operator will be impaired. As a result of his heart ailment he was transferred to a less strenuous job where he will have somewhat more access to positive intelligence on current production of the USIA Wagner-Biro firm. [] remains under the control of [] .

6. [] - []'s wife gave birth to a baby girl on 19 July. [] met [] twice during the quarter, but there were seven other scheduled meetings and alternates which [] did not attend. Speculation regarding the reasons for his failure to make contact together with a reassessment of the project and revised plans for its future development are contained in EAVA 4740 (VIM 5895). As soon as a few basic assignments are completed, it is planned to put [] on a "holding operation" basis requiring case officer contact only once every second month. [] was given a second RS-6 for caching. He will return as soon as possible the RS-1 which he cached in February 1951.

7. [] - Operational training by [] is nearing completion. Contradictory to a statement made in the previous quarterly progress report, Grice 6 will not be given a hand generator for caching.

8. [] - W/T training was continued three times per week by [] . He is in the advanced stages of training. He is still under the control of [] , but case officer contact is only very seldom due to [] 's full training schedule.

9. [] - He was working in Western Austria for the summer months and received W/T training at Oregon one week-end per month. He will return to Vienna in mid-November, at which time he will be recontacted by [] and training will be intensified. He is just completing the introductory stages of his training.

10. [] - Still under the control of [] , [] continued working on special assignments for DCOP. Per EAVA 3839, paragraph 2, []'s Iceberg role has been temporarily suspended. Further W/T training is not foreseen during the coming quarter.

Agent Candidate Progress:

11. [] - Attempted recruitment of [] has been dropped. A full report is now in process.

12. [] [] is an American citizen and personal contact of [] . We are in receipt of AVI-1997 and are waiting until this obstacle to his operational clearance can be resolved prior to approaching him for sitting cooperation.

13. [] - Due to a number of more promising leads, consideration of [] has, at least temporarily, been dropped.

14. [redacted] is a crippled newspaper stand operator spotted by [redacted]. Provisional operational clearance has now been received and we are planning an approach by [redacted].

15. [redacted] - He is a locksmith spotted by [redacted]. Provisional operational clearance has now been received and we are planning an approach by [redacted].

16. [redacted] - She is secretary to the head of the Vienna police Passant and was spotted by [redacted]. Provisional operational clearance has now been received and we are planning an approach by [redacted].

17. [redacted] - [redacted] still frequents [redacted]'s flower shop. Information was elicited to the effect that he was a Lieutenant in the Austro-Hungarian army in World War I and a Major in the Luftwaffe in World War II. He states that he was not a Nazi and was, in fact, almost arrested as an "old Monarchist". [redacted] is a potential operator of a courier route to Baden. A long period of development and assessment is foreseen.

New Leads:

18. [redacted] - [redacted] is a personal contact of [redacted]. He is President of the People's Party-aligned association of Austrian War Cripples. Consideration is being given to using him as a spotter for Iceberg as well as other types of agents. POC has already been requested and received.

19. [redacted] - He is the 25 year old brother of [redacted] is maid. He is a mechanic by trade, but also an amateur radio repairman. At present he is unemployed and recovering from a case of tuberculosis. He is being namechecked and assessed further.

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29 October 1953

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