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KIBITZ - Supplementary Project - Border Crossing Routes

1. The recently circulated suggestions for Organization and Management of Staybehind Systems (February 1951 Edition) calls for the establishment of border crossing stations for courier or escape routes. For this type of planning we, undertaking the KIBITZ Project, are geographically more or less restrained to the southern borders of Germany into Switzerland. This border can be thought of in three sections (a) the area between Basle and Lake Constance (Bodensee), (b) Lake Constance itself, and (c) the Austrian Alps where that tip of French Occupied Austria (between Bregenz and Oberstdorf) touches on the Lake Constance. Of these, each has its advantages and disadvantages. Of (a) we would estimate that though it presents the minimum of topographic obstacles, (the Rhine River), it is also the more densely populated and would have the closest of border surveillance. Of (b), though the lake provides a formidable barrier, it also offers considerable room for a fast boat to maneuver and escape should one encounter a shore patrol upon landing. And (c), though the most difficult, it offers the greatest security in that it is almost uninhabited terrain and so difficult to patrol that a small party could almost certainly be guided through the no less than three reported passes to either Switzerland or Italy.

2. Of course we can work out plans for only the German terminus of such routes, which however can be considered the most critical at the moment inasmuch as we can probably hope for more time of freedom of movement for development on the other side. For our end then we would propose properly documenting minor agents or agents marked for evacuation, one for each area, and sending them down to first become familiar with the terrain and then lease properly situated properties hospitable to operation and reception base needs. We would estimate the exploratory stage costs at DM 500 each per month plus salaries of DM 300-500, depending on the wage rate of the agent employed.

3. We request Washington views on this matter and wish to point out that for the most, available properties will be of the summer residence type and will have to be negotiated before the season begins. Cabled reply is therefore requested.

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