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Chief, FOB

Operational

KIBITZ 240

1. Your attention is invited to the following working list for the KIBITZ Project. Inasmuch as the order of priority of these items has been previously agreed upon between us, it is requested that you direct your energies toward their completion.

2. The US Element of KIBITZ:

a. The last progress report on this section was dated in September 1951. A progress report should be forwarded now on each agent or team. It is understood that about some of the agents there will be no meaningful progress to report. However, Washington must be kept informed on the status of agents and many of these have not been mentioned by number for some time.

b. Passwords and other recognition signals agreed upon between you and KIBITZ agents should be recorded at the earliest opportunity. The form for reporting such information can be found in MGKW-7637. (It is suggested that after recording this data, all copies in Germany be destroyed and the information recorded on the real name card of the agent in FOB headquarters.) Memorandum security permitting, it is suggested that this data be included in the progress reports mentioned above.

c. Record data on safe houses that might be used should the KIBITZ program be activated. Instructions can be found in MGKW-7574.

d. An activation plan should be written for each of the trained W/T agents in this element, and signal plans should be handed out to them now or held with the activation plan for delivery when necessary. It is realized that such a simple directive does not cover the many problems inherent in such preparations. However, we would certainly be guilty of criminal operational neglect should we be caught by an evacuation and not be able to hand out prepared activation plans to those W/T agents who are completely trained. In view of the fact that we have been discussing this question since July 1951, it is requested that your plan be prepared within thirty days.

e. Continue to work on PRQs, Part I and II and the requesting of operational clearances from Washington.

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f. Continue with the W/T training of those agents previously selected.

g. Make no further expansion of this program regarding the number of agents recruited. Exceptions to this may be the rounding out of a team previously recruited or the picking up of single persons of a highly qualified nature (e.g. the subject of MHFA-5817) upon approval of this headquarters.

3. The KIBITZ 15 Element:

a. Agree upon a number of teams with KIBITZ 15 and then hold him rigidly to the bargain. It is understood that this figure will be something around 13 - 15 teams. Even though he works full time on the matter, it is felt that KIBITZ 15 cannot possibly contact, control and train more than 15 individual units.

b. At the earliest opportunity, cause KIBITZ 15 to write a progress report to you on the status of organization and training of each team. He should include passwords and safe house data as requested above. Suggest you give him an outline of what is desired and a thirty day deadline. You should then follow with a comprehensive progress report on the complete KIBITZ 15 Element.

c. Write a plan for the activation of KIBITZ 117 as a W/T operator should our withdrawal from Germany become necessary. We agree that KIBITZ 171 would have to be evacuated eventually. However, he could be left behind for a month or more, security permitting, to lay on the activation of other W/T operators he has trained.

d. Work with KIBITZ 15 on agent control records for his group. He must be made to accept the fact that PRQs will be provided on all personnel in his groups. In order to get the program rolling, it is suggested that he could give his team leaders deadlines for the preparation of PRQs on team members.

e. Continue W/T training of this group by KIBITZ 171 and/or

4. The VULTURE Program:

Continue the VULTURE program with a minimum target of 20 units, each containing radio, hand weapons, and currency. Do not spend time experimenting with the burial of food, clothing, or other necessities until these 20 units are completed.

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