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PROJECT OUTLINE

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Project KIMANLY No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type Operational

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

1. Reference:

a. FH-1518, dated 21 November 1950

2. Objective:

a. This project is designed to combat overt and covert opposition to West German integration into the defense of Europe by initiating appropriate action against the chief sources of dissension, vis,

- (1) Communist fronts,
- (2) The SPD,
- (3) Certain elements of the German Evangelical Church,
- (4) Extreme rightist groups,
- (5) Some tactics of the Bonn government coalition.

3. Discussion:

a. A major objective of U. S. policy as regards Germany is at present the participation of the German Federal Republic in the coordinated defense of Western Europe against the threat of Soviet aggression. Such participation is intended to:

- (1) Discourage and, if possible, prevent Soviet aggression against western Germany and Europe;
- (2) Improve the strategic position of the U. S. and her allies in the event of a general war caused by Soviet aggression;
- (3) Prepare the German people for active resistance to Communist forces in the event of occupation and/or annexation of western Germany.

b. Progress toward this vital policy objective (which is an integral part of current American policies in Europe) has in Germany slowed up. This delay is largely occasioned by the fact that political discussion of defense in the Federal Republic has been permitted to degenerate into a debate on "remilitarization", a term which usually denotes in Germany the restoration to power of the old military caste. Moreover, the debate has been largely diverted to a number of secondary questions—sometimes presented in the form of "conditions"—such as the increase of American and British troops

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in Germany, payment of costs incurred, release of war criminals, re-establishment of German sovereignty in foreign relations, etc.

c. The OPC German mission is currently combatting Soviet Communism in general and Communist fronts in particular ( [ ] ) without concentrating on the issue defined above. Considering the priority nature of the problem a far greater and more particular effort should be made to influence:

(1) The SPD, which is opposing defense moves with constitutional issues;

(2) Certain elements of the German Evangelical Church, represented in particular by Dr. Heinemann and Pastor Niemoeller, who on this issue cooperate closely with the Social Democrats;

(3) Certain rightist groups, such as the Bruderschaft, which either act (wittingly or unwittingly) like Communist fronts or take advantage of the tense political situation to promote their special group interests (release of war criminals, pensions for professional soldiers, re-establishment of the military caste system, etc.);

(4) Some tactics of the Bonn government coalition by which they attempt to gain political advantage through exploiting the situation and distorting U. S. objectives, instead of presenting the issue as one of German and European protection against assault.

(5) German public opinion as a whole.

#### 4. Proposal:

a. It is proposed to take circuitous steps in influencing the SPD, certain elements of the Evangelical church and the Bonn Government, since they are as a whole supporting democracy and combatting Communism, and are considered to be in the Western camp. In reaching these segments of the West German scene, it is, therefore, planned to employ "grey" arguments such as emphasis on the serious Soviet threat, the urgent need for European cooperation, for putting protection of country above party interest, etc. "Black" arguments, e.g., impugning group motives and "leaking" reports on alternative plans of the U. S. and Western allies, may be employed against rightist groups, Communist front organizations and certain opportunistic leaders of these groups. In consideration of the peculiar sensitiveness of the position of the SPD and the Bonn Government as a whole in regard to "remilitarization", "grey" arguments alone will be utilized in counteracting their stand against the German integration into Western European defense; "black" arguments are very likely

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to benefit the Communists more than they do us and should therefore be used only with restraint and for limited audiences. Specific operations, which will be carried out entirely by existing OPC facilities, groups, and personnel, and which will be coordinated with HICOG, may include:

- (1) Messages addressed to the western German population, especially to leaders and members of the SPD and Evangelical Church circles, purporting to come from groups within the GDR and appealing to them not to fall prey to Communist trickery, at the same time reminding them that a strong Federal Republic is the best guarantee of eventual freedom for eastern Germany,
- (2) Posters and leaflets carrying messages concerning the Soviet threat and the need for European cooperation, endorsed by existing indigenous groups or individuals,
- (3) A "letters to the editor" campaign in western German newspapers and periodicals to refute opposition statements, at the same time adopting the general "party line" of the paper in question,
- (4) Pamphlets discussing the straight issues involved, to be addressed primarily to political leaders, party officials, editors, clergymen, and other molders of public opinion,
- (5) Public opinion polls weighted with leading questions devised to upset the current polls which are being weighted in an unfriendly direction,
- (6) Additional measures—for instance, influencing individual editors, planting news stories, supporting existing dissenters in target groups, subsidizing meetings and activities of bona fide groups devoted to the same purpose—should be added as occasion arises.

It may become necessary at a later date—depending on the existing political climate in Germany in regard to its integration into the defense of Europe—to organize ostensibly overt groups "for the protection of the country" to be recruited from likely candidates among intellectuals and professional people, businessmen and officials and career officers. In connection with the last named group, OPC might plan to subsidize a small periodical which would serve a double purpose of convincing professional military men of the superiority of Western potentials and the seriousness of the Communist threat as well as provide an outlet for "leaks" concerning U. S. intentions.

b. It is further proposed to allocate initially the amount of [ ] for activation and implementation of this project over a six-month period. Depending on political conditions and sentiment existing in Germany at that time, subsequent requests for funds will be submitted at the end of this Fiscal Year if necessary.

c. Expenses for the implementation of this project over a period of 6 months are estimated as follows:

(1) Clandestine letters, leaflets, and oral messages to be transmitted by couriers, including production, transportation, postage, travel, etc.

(2) Posters and leaflets in western Germany, including editorial and art work, printing, posting, mailing, etc.

(3) One pamphlet per month, including editorial work, publicity, printing, mailing, etc.

(4) Public opinion polls

Monthly Total  
Six Months' total

5. Risks:

a. Cover and Security

No special cover and security problem is involved in implementing this project, since it will be carried out entirely through existing facilities and personnel in the beginning. Additional cover will be devised as needed.

b. Control

Over-all control rests with the Chief of the German Mission. The head of the Frankfurt office will be in charge of field operations.

c. Evaluation of Risk

Implementation of this project will involve very little risk beyond that presently incurred by OPC's propaganda activities.

6. Current Status:

As described in 3 and 4.

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7. Budget Data:

See attached OPC form 404a.

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