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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M DATE: 1 June 1950

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC—O CANCAN

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1. I agree that something should be done to help CANCAN out of his present fix. It may also be that he can be used by FOB as a cutout and leg man. I request, therefore, that I be authorized to spend 1500 DM for his resettlement.

2. Before entering into any further commitment with CANCAN Chief, FOB will designate a case officer for him and will instruct the case officer to read CANCAN's file. CANCAN has had a long history with us and knows a good number of our people. He is described as clear-headed and the reports he submitted during his period of employment in Berlin are well done. He has been described as quite ambitious and something of an "eager beaver". He is politically objectionable, and one suspects that he is an opportunist with a very good knowledge of what one can squeeze out of an intelligence organization in the way of compensation and services.

3. It may very well be that one of our case officers can establish sufficient control over CANCAN to make him do our bidding under any circumstances. On the other hand, we run the risk he would buy his way with the West German Government or, if necessary, with the Russians by squealing. When we moved him from Berlin it was estimated that he would not hold out under hostile interrogation at all.

4. The above estimate is given in the hope that any proposal to use CANCAN operationally will take into consideration the problem of his management and long-range security. He is not just another pair of hands.

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