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MEMORANDUM FOR: EE/COP

SUBJECT : ICCASSOCK

1. Subject operation has become quite controversial in recent months. An extensive review by EE/Plans/Eval. revealed a number of weak spots which were suspected by but could not be documented previously by the German Branch case officers. Also the recent addition of [] to our East German PP section enabled us to keep closer tab on ICCASSOCK than was possible heretofore.
2. Matters were brought to a head by the Field Project Outline, attached herewith as Tab A, which reflected a radical departure from previously authorized activities. Your attention is invited to page 1, paragraph la, b and c, of Tab A. The German Branch does not agree that the objectives as outlined there constitute a suitable field for clandestine PP activities under Project ICCASSOCK and we also question the project's capabilities in these fields. Please see also paragraphs f, g, and h on pages 5 and 6 of the project outline which give a fair indication of the case officer's reasoning.
3. Tab B is the dispatch drafted by EE/G/E and approved by me in draft form as an answer to the field project outline.
4. Tab C is a dispatch from [] to [] which gives a further indication of the field's thinking on ICCASSOCK and related problems. This dispatch arrived just as we were getting ready to forward Tab B. To give full consideration to []'s views I have held back on Tab B until I had the opportunity to study []'s arguments. This I have now done and the result is attached herewith as Tab D.
5. Tab E contains some of the recent ICCASSOCK publications to which we take particular exception.
6. CGS, Germany has not taken a position on the ICCASSOCK project outline and there have been no recent communications on ICCASSOCK from Frankfurt.
7. Since this is a controversial matter wherein we disapprove both a budget increase and a major operational proposal, I believe the outgoing dispatches (Tab B and Tab D) should be reviewed by EE/COP and DC or C/EE.

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