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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief/EE
THROUGH : EE/COP
SUBJECT : LCCASSOCK

1. In the process of preparing the annual documentation of project LCCASSOCK during the autumn of 1956 we reached the conclusion that LCCASSOCK was not accomplishing its "Objectives" as set forth in the most recent approved project outline.

2. At approximately the same time the EE/Plans/Evaluation Staff prepared a detailed analysis of current production of LCCASSOCK as well as a general evaluation of the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the operation. The analysis confirmed the weaknesses of some of the LCCASSOCK activities. Selected portions of this analysis and evaluation were furnished the field for their information. (See Tab A).

3. On 10 December 1956 headquarters received the field's version of what they considered would be an appropriate project outline for LCCASSOCK. This draft project outline reflected a radical departure from activities that had previously been authorized and also contained the features which were not acceptable from our point of view because of propaganda content and estimated lack of effectiveness. Examples of the publications in question are available for your inspection. (See Tabs B and C).

4. C/EE approved two dispatches in January 1957 which stated that the proposals outlined by the field were not acceptable. These dispatches also contained concrete suggestions for the bringing of the project's Purpose, Objectives, Targets, and Tasks in line with the customary PP tasks. (See Tabs E, F, and G).

5. During March 1957 headquarters received two dispatches from Berlin, the first devoted entirely to a rebuttal of those parts of the EE/Plans/Evaluation paper mentioned above, while the second was a re-statement of the field's point of view and an attempt to justify project redocumentation along the lines originally submitted by the field in November 1956, see paragraph 3 above. (It was also suggested that if headquarters still entertains reservations, [] and/or [] should be recalled on short TDY for further consultation). (See Tabs H and I).

6. As a result of the above exchanges, EE/G proposes to send a cable which states that all correspondence having been considered, Berlin should change the project as outlined by headquarters specifically eliminating

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the objectionable features of the original submission. (See paragraph 4 above). This cable further states that failure to do so will result in lack of funds for Fiscal Year 1958. The reasoning behind this cable is as follows:

a. The headquarters position (Tabs E, F, G) was based on a most thorough examination of LCCASSOCK propaganda output. The publications can speak for themselves. Their evaluation is a matter of judgment. The field case officer cannot be expected to be fully objective, and furthermore, he has submitted his resignation. Additional correspondence is therefore considered unnecessary and it is doubtful if such correspondence would alter the stated positions.

7. The following documents are submitted for the value they may have in a study of this project and its problems.

Tab A is an evaluation of the propaganda content of material produced and distributed by LCCASSOCK prepared by EE/Evaluation Staff. Appropriate sections were forwarded to the field as attachments to EGQW 31230.

Tab B is a dispatch from Berlin in which a draft project outline was submitted, along with a request for increased funds for the last half of Fiscal Year 1957. The field draft outline indicated a radical departure from activities that had previously been authorized under this project.

Tab C is a dispatch from [] to [] which reflects further indications of BOB's thinking with regard to the future actions and activities of LCCASSOCK.

Tab D is a dispatch from Frankfurt which does not take a clear-cut position pro or con but does appear to be critical of the trends of LCCASSOCK.

Tab E is a dispatch prepared by EE/G commenting on the field draft Project Outline and making specific recommendation for bringing the project back into what headquarters considers the proper line.

Tab F is a dispatch prepared by C/EE/G further outlining headquarters position vis-a-vis LCCASSOCK and specifically noting that [] dispatch had been considered before arriving at the headquarters position.

Tab G is a memorandum to EE/COP from C/EE/G outlining events as they had occurred and requesting approval for release of Tab E and F.

Tab H is a twenty-seven page dispatch written by the field case officer attempting to justify the previously written draft project outline and attempting to rebut the analysis prepared by headquarters.

Tab I is a further statement of the field's point of view written by [] []; it attempts to justify the continuance of the project along the lines originally outlined in Tab B and further suggesting that if headquarters still entertains reservations on LCCASSOCK that [] be recalled for a short TDY for consultation.

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