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FROM : Chief of Base, Berlin

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SPECIFIC—Review of BECRIPPLE-2 Progress From 1 July 55 to 30 June 56

Reference: EGBA-32687 of 25 May 56. *No RECORD EE/C*

Introduction: This dispatch presents for Headquarters a review of the activities of BECRIPPLE-2 during the past year. It supplements the review of the other assets of the BECRIPPLE Project which was forwarded to Headquarters in reference dispatch. This report will show Headquarters that BECRIPPLE-2 is performing his duties for the BOB Satellite Section in a capable manner.

1. **Surveillance Activities:** During the past year Subject has supervised and has taken part in surveillance activities directed against the following BOB Satellite Section targets:

a. **Polish Military Mission:** During the reporting period the surveillance team established the pattern of activity of the janitor of the PMM to the extent where a BEDOX staffer was able to make an operational approach to the man. The results of this approach are to be reported per separate dispatch. The team also was used during surveillance of the PMM delegation to the Hannover Industrial Fair; this surveillance was reported in EGBA-32444.

b. **Czech Military Mission:** The team initiated surveillance of the CMM during the reporting period and succeeded in establishing the general pattern of activity at the Mission. Their reports enabled us to select Jaroslav ~~POKORNY~~, Missio official, as possibly an officer with intelligence functions. Their reports have also enabled us to identify West German residents having official contact with the CMM. A summary of their activities against the CMM is to be forwarded per separate dispatch.

c. **Biuro Kurstora Absentium:** The team has enabled us to identify the West Berlin contacts and pattern of activity of the chief of this installation. Detailed reports on their surveillance against the Biuro have been forwarded under EGBAs 25348 and 30219.

d. The surveillance team rendered possibly their most important service to KUBARK thus far as a result of their successful surveillance of .

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as reported in detail in EGBAs 30520, 31091, 31285.

e. Hungarian Association Meetings in West Berlin: The team surveilled a Hungarian colony meeting in West Berlin on 19 February 1956. As a result of this surveillance, we were able to collect biographical data on target personalities and we received pictures of some of them taken by [] [] purse camera. The surveillance was reported in EGBA-30383.

f. Hans Georg REMUS: The team is in the process of establishing the pattern of activity of this individual, who is possibly of BOB BEDOX/CART interest.

g. Erich HAASE: The team is in the process of establishing the pattern of activity of this individual, who is possibly of BOB BEDOX/CART interest.

h. Helmuth KRAUSE: During the reporting period the surveillance team was able to clarify the nature of KRAUSE's business relationship with the Polish Military Mission. Specific surveillance reports were forwarded to Headquarters in EGBAs 24985 and 33417.

i. Heinrich and Olga HAMMER: The team is in the process of establishing the pattern of activity of these individuals who are possibly of BOB BEDOX/CART interest.

j. Miscellaneous Targets: In addition to the above activities, the team has been used with success on several assignments such as the countersurveillance of a possibly blown BOB DIZTAG safe apartment; surveillance of a Czech refugee undergoing debriefing by DIZTAG officers; countersurveillance of a meeting between a TPFEELING Polish Desk secretary from Munich who had been asked to come to West Berlin for a possible UB-sponsored conference with her sister (see EGBA-32078); and counter-surveillance of meetings between [] and [] []

2. Surveillance Performance: In conjunction with [] or [] Subject has directed all of the surveillances listed above. In most instances, [] or [] discuss a specific surveillance with Subject and set forth their views as to how the surveillance should be conducted. However, we give Subject a fairly free hand in the implementation of our general instructions since he has had many years of experience in this field. Subject directs the team in a competent manner and we have no cause for complaint as to his performance. Subject himself takes part in some surveillances not only to direct the team "on the spot" but to spell other members when the team has to be run in shifts. For this work Subject is not too suitable inasmuch as he has a rather outstanding physical appearance. His white hair, bushy eyebrows, jutting jaw, and powerful build make him too distinguished for protracted surveillance against the same target. In addition, Subject is now 70 years old and tires as would a man of his equal age. [] has noted specifically during the long hours involved in the [] [] surveillance and in the surveillance of the Polish Delegation to the Hannover Industrial Fair that Subject's tiredness manifests itself in a quick temper, red face, and slightly shaking hands. For all of these

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reasons, we in general keep Subject off the street and keep him in a supervisory capacity. He usually acts as the central reporting place for the surveillances and directs other members of the team by telephone. However, we do not hesitate to use Subject for spot surveillance and for short periods of time on routine surveillances since he is still a keen observer and can thus fill in as a part-time surveillant. In conjunction with his supervisory capacity of the surveillance team Subject handles all the administrative details involved with the running of himself and three other agents. He submits accountings each month which recently have averaged over DMW 2500. These accountings have been very exacting and we have never had to return one of them to Subject for revision. In addition, Subject has had to cope with morale problems among the team and he has proved to have the personality to keep the team happy and working well as a unit. We consider Subject's performance as supervisor of the team to be all that we could desire.

3. DDR Refugee Debriefings: During the reporting period Subject debriefed a total of 163 DDR refugees of Satellite Section interest. Of the 163 refugees, 7 were found to have leads worth exploitation, 50 were found to have operational information of value, 38 were found to have leads which we did not consider worth development, and 5 were found to have positive intelligence worth reporting. Appropriate references are EGBAs 25871, 27996, 29234, and 33237. A dispatch summarizing 8 positive intelligence reports submitted by Subject during the period 1 July - 30 September 55 was forwarded by [] in EGBA-26483, paragraph 5. In addition to the reports listed in [] dispatch, Subject submitted the following listed reports which have been processed by the BOB Reports Section:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
EGB 10,309	"Planned East German Central Ocean Shipping Port near Greifswald"	12 Oct 55	JIB: B
EGB 10,310	"Establishment of Temporary Oil Transshipment Facilities at Warnemuende"	12 Oct 55	JIB: B
EGB 10,394	"Installations and Organizations Subordinate to the Central Administration for Shipping and Waterways"	26 Oct 55	JIB: B
EGB 10,476	"Description and Organizational Chart of the DDR Central Administration for Waterways"	Forwarded raw to Frankfurt	None received
EGB 10,477	"Description and Organizational Chart of DDR Central Administration for Navigation"	Forwarded raw to Frankfurt	None received
EGB 10,681	(1) Railroad Freight Section in Goerlitz (2) Fault in the New Goerlitz Railroad Bridge	30 Nov 55	None received
EGB 10,684	"Miscellaneous Information on RR Installations at Forst"	30 Nov 55	JIB: B
EGB 10,754	"VEB Schlepperwerk Nordhausen"	14 Dec 55	JIB: B
EGB 11,888	"Production Records on VEB Montan, Leipzig"	9 Apr 56	None received

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4. Debriefing Performance: The reports Subject writes on his refugee debriefings are clear and concise. They show that he covers our field of interest adequately with the refugees. Individuals debriefed by Subject who are found to be of operational interest and who are put in touch with a staff officer after Subject's debriefing are found to have been well prepared and well handled by Subject. We have not had the time nor have we considered it necessary to sit in on debriefings conducted by Subject. We think that his past experience in the criminal investigation field has qualified him for conducting such debriefings. We are sure that despite his age Subject is able to conduct several debriefings in one day. [] has met with Subject late in the afternoon after Subject has debriefed up to 6 refugees during the day and other than being a little hoarse, Subject has shown himself to be mentally alert, even though tired. We are satisfied with his performance as a refugee debriefer.

5. Operational Activity and Performance: As Headquarters is aware and has been reported specifically in EGBAs 27590, 27732, 30009, 31073, and 32909, the arrest and doubling of [] marked the doom of the Alfred FISCHER Complex which Subject handled. Although we tried to continue working with FISCHER's leads after the doubling of [] it was of no use. We do not think that our failure with the FISCHER Complex can be blamed on Subject nor can it be blamed on bad agent handling. We think that if [] had conducted himself as he should have and as we expected that he would under MfS interrogation, the situation could have been saved. However, []'s MfS confession enabled the MfS to roll up the FISCHER Complex and to try to double FISCHER's leads against us. We had always known that BECRIPPLE-2 did not have the clandestine mentality necessary to conduct such operations alone and we knew that he had to have close supervision. We gave him this supervision and any blame for his failure can therefore not lie with him but with us. In addition to the FISCHER Complex, we have used Subject to conduct our preliminary contact and assessment of Helmut KRAUSE. A detailed report of Subject's contacts with KRAUSE was forwarded by [] in EGBA-33417. Headquarters will note from this dispatch that [] has directed Subject carefully; we still think that Subject can be used operationally under close supervision. Subject has the social bearing to put over cover stories rather well and his background qualifies him in this regard. However, we do not intend to use Subject further in running East Zone operations in view of the hazard to his own personal security. His rather distinguishing physical appearance is now well known to the MfS as a result of the compromise of the FISCHER complex and we knew that Subject's physical appearance had been compromised previously to the Opposition. We thus will use him operationally only on selected West Berlin or West German targets and other targets of opportunity which will not involve continued exposure to agents being run in East Germany. This of course would exclude supervision of an East Berlin surveillance team based in West Berlin.

6. Knowledgeability: Subject knows [] and [] by cover name. He knows former KUBARK staff officers who have handled him including [] and [] by cover name. He knows the true names of [] and []. He knows [] and [] by sight. He has a BQB medium security telephone number through which he can reach [] and []. He naturally knows the location and telephone number of the BECRIPPLE cover office. He gains knowledgeability of our unspecified interests in all targets given to the surveillance team. He knows of our general requirements in the DDR refugee field.

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7. Security: During the reporting period Subject was given an LCFLUTTER examination with successful results. The LCFLUTTER report was forwarded in EGBA-31019. Please notice that we covered Subject's cooperation not only with Eastern, but with Western Intelligence organizations in Phase II of the examination. Although we had no reason to believe that Subject was in contact with UPSWING or another Western Service, we put in specific questions on this possibility as a routine matter. We also covered in Phase II of the LCFLUTTER Subject's arrest by the GPU in 1945. Subject has no cover problems arising from his KUBARK salary since he is a retired civil servant; he gets a very adequate pension each month.

8. Conclusions: We are satisfied with Subject's performance as supervisor of the Satellite Section Surveillance team and as a refugee debriefer. We plan to continue his use in these capacities and will use him also on a selected basis for foot surveillance in keeping with our watch over his physical condition. We also will make use of his very secure social bearing and his ability to deal with people in selected operational situations, in addition to his work as outlined above. There are no special problems involved in his employment with us and we intend to keep him active for as long as we have work for him and for as long as he is willing and able to work for us.

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