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SUBJECT: Progress Report, BGFIEND/HITSTEIN

TO : CHIEF, ZACACTUS
Frankfurt, Germany

INFO: Chief, ZACACTUS
Washington, DC.

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1. In compliance with DTRAPID Station Memorandum #8.003, dated 11 December 1950, subject report is submitted attached hereto.

2. This report is divided into two parts. [] covered the report from 1 June 1951 to 15 June 1951, which was his last day on duty as chief, BGBARREN. [] covers the report from the 15th of June to 31 July, 1951.

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1. PROJECT: BGFIEND (IN HTSTEIN, only)

2. AUTHORIZED DURATION: Indefinite

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3. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA: [redacted] formally relieved as BGFIEND Deputy in HTSTEIN on 15 June 1951. [redacted] remained on duty with Rodbell until 28 June 1951, departing that date en route to HTCURIO.

4. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY: Desertion by two members of JBPARSON was attempted on period 1 - 15 June 5 June 1951, as immediately reported by [redacted]. One of the deserters had been selected for the first (general) training group. Both were caught taking QKCIGAR property. Both were apprehended within an hour by other JBPARSON personnel, in a scuffle in which the deserters, using knives, shed blood. Fearing for the lives of the deserters, [redacted] confined them within the JBPARSON compound. That action would involve SCLAVER, since that body finally controls all DP's in HTSTEIN, as also authorities of JBHOMER. From past experience it was clear that SCLAVER, if legal action should have been taken, would have merely released the two attempted deserters, after perhaps imposing a light fine. It was felt that such would have been an unsatisfactory solution, primarily from security considerations. [redacted]

[redacted] having been appealed to for assistance, the resources of ZACACTUS were made available; these were a safe-house and ZACACTUS enlisted men (on assignment from DTELDER), both having been acquired by DTRAPID the day previous. [redacted] and [redacted] drove to HTEXOTIC, took custody of the two Batmen from [redacted] at a secluded rendezvous, and conducted them to BGMIDDY, where they were handed over to the safe house guards at 0705 hrs., 8 June 1951.

b. An interrogation of Identity A (Ref HEIDG 977) was conducted by [redacted] through [redacted] as interpreter, and assisted by [redacted] at the BGHABIT place of detention north of BGMIDDY on 5 June 1951. The questioning lasted only two hours and failed to elicit any incriminating information

c. The two foregoing incidents result in disposal cases of urgent immediacy. The individuals should not be released in HTSTEIN, in accordance with prior commitments by ZACACTUS.

d. Members of the training staff were showing signs of unrest according to a message from [redacted] who professed alarm at the conditions. The following day upon receipt of this message, 15 June 1951, [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to HTEXOTIC and the Wangness Estate to investigate. Each member of the staff was conferred with

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and a short group conference was held. It was ascertained that [redacted] and [redacted] both older than [redacted] (who is in command). had been quarreling with each other as well as with [redacted] over various school matters. Apparently the matters under dispute covered such phases as proper hours of duty, proper instructional methods and also the personalities of the disputants. Both [redacted] and [redacted] feel strongly that, as long as [redacted] is in charge of the training school, his authority over his staff should be supported. The staff were so told. As [redacted] and [redacted] departed they both felt the air had been cleared, with some hope of improved morale. However, [redacted] feels pessimistic about the general situation, having had dealings with [redacted] and [redacted] for many months, most of which would be conducive to taking a dim view of their capacities.

(submitted by [redacted] [redacted])

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- 3. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:
 - a. A guard arrived from ZRCROWN on 19 June, 1951, where he was recruited by [redacted] from a KMWIDOW group. He was met at the air field by [redacted] and driven to the Wangness Estate where he has been performing his duties.
 - b. Identity 2 (ref HEIDG 1007), one of two cooks recruited by [redacted] from a KMWIDOW group in BGBIDDY, and who arrived at the Wangness Estate in early May, turned out to be unsatisfactory as a cook and was turned over by [redacted] to [redacted]. This man was housed in FJLAUGH until that time when [redacted] was prepared to employ his services in the BGMIDDY area, as a handy man. He was housed and fed for a period of six weeks and finally during the week of 8 July was turned over to [redacted] by [redacted] in BGMIDDY.
 - c. It might be added that the KMWIDOW W/T instructor and the KMWIDOW cook presently located at the Wangness Estate are of the highest calibre and their respective performances are highly acclaimed by [redacted] and [redacted].

4. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:
 Period 15 June 1951
 - 31 July 1951

- a. [redacted] drove with [redacted] to Wangness Estate in order to pay staff, make rental deposits and to gain a thorough knowledge of all the departments of staff training. The following morning, 30 June, at 0430 hrs, [redacted] arose to witness the first stages of the training day, beginning with breakfast and ending with the last class in the afternoon. Following the last class, [redacted] and [redacted] made dry runs within a 50 mile radius of the Wangness estate in order to locate a safe conduct back route to escort the HTWEIGH junta due to arrive the following night. On the following day [redacted] made a check with the HTEXOTIC Military Post in order to locate recreational-training films to be shown the trainees. It was learned that the military film exchange service required an old film to be submitted in order that a new one might be obtained and that a licensed projectionist must be available. [redacted] was found to be a licensed operator and ZASEDAN in FJLAUGH is making arrangements for [redacted] to have access to their film library in HTEXOTIC. This will permit a fairly wide range of selection of films and [redacted] and his staff will assist in making the suitable selections. [redacted] requested [redacted] to indicate what added training equipment would be needed. [redacted] requested 150 ft of rope to be cut into 30 ft strips and to be used by the trainees in their physical training program. Upon returning to FJLAUGH [redacted] supply office at DTRAPID was consulted and he furnished this rope.

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b. On 6 July, [] and [] drove to HTEXOTIC and to the Wangness Estate. While at the Estate, training matters were discussed, including problems of health, morale and training requirements. [] informed [] that one of the trainees was afflicted with abscessed teeth, that immediate hospitalization was necessary in a ZASEDAN dispensary for several days, thus necessitating a change in the air-lift of the Batmen trainees to LCDRINK scheduled for 14 July. A cable was immediately dispatched querying [] whether to hold the invalid or to continue him on the original team schedule. Another factor delaying the air-lift was a matter brought to the attention of [] and [] by the KMWIDOW W/T instructor, viz., that the new BYDARK plan was incomplete and that should even the complete plan be available at the time, it would require a period of a week to sufficiently brief the Batmen candidates. [] a ZACABIN commo representative was immediately contacted by telephone and owing to the urgency of the matter, it was arranged that [] meet [] the following day at a point on the Autobahn half way between the Wangness Estate and LCWATCH, in order to receive the rest of the [] plan.

c. On the following day, 7 July [] and [] visited JBPARSON and with [] inspected all installations comprising the compound, including the company headquarters, dormitories, mess hall, motor pool, fire station, and the route covered by the 22 posts mounted by the Batmen guards. Because of this tour of inspection it is quite apparent to [] that [] has performed his duties as the JBPARSON commander in a highly efficient manner. The neat appearance of the men, equipment and the installations attest to this fact. [] complimented [] for his achievement.

d. During the week of 8 July [] consulted with [] of ZASEDAN in FJLAUGH with reference to setting up an emergency escape plan. This discussion involved transportation problems (no. of trucks needed), the documentation that should be made available, how much baggage each individual would be permitted, following which [] raised the question of how much ZASEDAN support would be given to permit wind shield stickers to be issued to our people, if permitted, would they conform to the type specified for Army use, and finally, would they be valid in any zone of travel affecting an ZASEDAN withdrawal. [] pointed out that this subject would require lengthier and more careful thought than could be accomplished in but two or three informal discussions. This office plans to pursue this subject at more length in the near future.

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- e. on 10 July, [] drove to ZASENATE Hqs. in JBHOMER with [] to arrange the Dreamer - Batman air-lifts. Arrangements were concluded to obtain way manifests with random names and ages for the trainees who were to make the flights. On returning to BGMIDDY [] conferred with [] re the obtaining of all the documents needed for these flight operations.
- f. On 13 July, [] drove to HTEXOTIC and the Wangness Estate to confer with [] and all members of his staff re the coming arrangements to escort the trainees to LCDRINK, finally laid on for 20 July. [] secured the services of [] and [] to act as flight escorts. Later in the day [] conferred with [] in HTEXOTIC, at which time the latter requested the former to proceed at once to arrange a new guard company which would accommodate 250 additional Batmen, thereby making 500 Batmen available in the near future. [] intends this proposed camp to supplement the work of JBPARSON. [] requested [] to contact [] at LCDRINK periodically, at least at two month intervals, to check over any matters re the BGFIEND operation.
- g. In the late afternoon of the same day, during a staff meeting at the Wangness Estate attended by all members of the training staff, [] reported that [] wife of a Dreamer staff instructor, went to the S-4 officer of a near-by military post and complained that attempts were made to disposes her from the quarters she was occupying with her child in a hotel reserved for field grade officers. In the presence of others she told the officer that "her husband was an employee of ZACABAL, and that organization, being a branch of ZASEDAN, it was therefore the duty of this officer to see that she be permitted to remain at the hotel". Immediate action was apparant and the fullest cooperation was obtained the following day from [] who recognized the conduct of this woman to be out of order as well as her demands, and the situation was, of course, subsequently corrected.
- h. On Monday, 16 July, [] drove to ZASENATE Hqs. in JBHOMER and with [] attended a final conference with ZASENATE officials re the coming Batman show involving the departure of the Batman trainees for LCDRINK and the return flight of 48 new candidates to JBHOMER. A cable to [] as prepared confirming these details. [] approved of the message that evening and [] returned to FJIAUGH at 0230 hrs., the following morning

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- i. On 18 July [redacted] drove to HTEXOTIC to confer with [redacted] re the selection of a half-way house. This house will be used to accommodate those Batmen who will be selected for training at the Wangness Estate, the idea being to hold them at this place for several days for final briefing. It is planned that the HTNEIGH Junta will visit this house to brief and screen the candidates who are selected. [redacted] and [redacted] spent the entire day looking over the various sites suggested by [redacted]. A prospective site was finally located in a lake area, approximately twenty miles west of the Wangness Estate. This site seems to answer the problems of both security and accessibility.
- j. On 20 July [redacted] drove to HTEXOTIC and reported to ZACACTUS to obtain a 2½ ton truck needed to convoy the trainees from the Wangness Estate to the Air Field in the HTEXOTIC area. [redacted] boarded the truck and drove it to the Estate, where the staff and the Batman trainees were assembled. [redacted] wore his ZASENATE uniform pursuant to a directive from ZASENATE people who stated this would facilitate entry of the convoy through the Air Field gate. [redacted] requested [redacted] to make a short speech of farewell to the assembled Batmen. In the course of his brief remarks, [redacted] complimented the Batmen for their patriotism, courage and their willingness to make a supreme sacrifice against a threatening world menace, and that the people of HTCURIO were unanimous in their approval of their efforts. This was followed by individual hand shakes and general good spirits. The Batmen were then placed in the truck and the convoy proceeded to the Air Field. The convoy consisted of the following [redacted] and [redacted] in the truck, [redacted] and [redacted] in the lead car, and [redacted] in the rear car. [redacted] remained at the Wangness Estate on standby. The only incident that could have very seriously interfered with the trip was the breaking down of the truck two kilometers from the target, in a village still lighted in the half twilight. The truck was under complete wraps for security reasons and in addition to the Batmen inside there were two crates weighing 1000 lbs that took up much of the space, cramping the men together. A few of the men vomited due to the stale air and the stifling heat. At the field a safety zone was established to divert the Batmen from base operational personnel until take-off time. Later in the evening the commanding officer at the base and officials from ZASENATE Hqs. in JBHOMER arrived and took over until departure time. The fourteen Batmen and two escorts were put on the plane, and the operation was successful from start to finish.

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All the staff personnel involved returned to HTEXOTIC at 0600 hours. The following evening [] repeated the operation, accompanying [] to the same Air Field to await the arrival of the 46 Batmen from LCDRINK who were to be placed in JPARSON, plus 2 W/T returns not acceptable to []. This operation involved the use of three 2½ ton trucks. [] and [] arrived at the Air Field at 0230 hours to await the arrival of the plane. The operation was carried out successfully and [] returned to his lodging in HTEXOTIC AT 0530 hours.

- k. On 25 July [] drove [] to the Air Field near BGMIDDY in order that the latter could board a plane for TPCREDO and there to attend a conference of BGFIND chiefs at [] quarters. Present at this meeting were [] and []

Discussions took place re the August - September Batman training program. Each deputy chief was called upon by [] to state his personal views on existing conditions and to voice what remedies might be applied to correct any deficiencies. The discussions continued uninterruptedly for a day and a half. Notes, suggestions, and proposals were taken down. Each deputy chief will eventually receive a copy of the minutes. [] expressed openly that he was well pleased with the overall cooperation manifested by the staff personnel at the Wangness Estate as well as by the personnel at [] station. [] emphasized his disapproval re [] avowed political differences with individual members of JPARSON and requested [] to bring this to attention at once and with emphasis. [] will drive to EXOTIC with [] on 1 August for the usual month-end visit to the Wangness Estate. A meeting has been arranged with [] during this trip to discuss the above matter. [] will report on this at a later date. Also at this meeting [] will present [] with the biographic info requested in (WASHG 01449). Finally, the visit will include an attempt to acquire from ZASEDAN the physical possession of the half-way house (ref para 1, this report).

- l. Several hours prior to [] departure for TPCREDO, [] telephoned a report of a theft of a brief case containing a classified document from [] several personally owned cameras, personal clothing, and his wife's jewelry. This theft occurred in [] apt. in HTEXOTIC the night before. The circumstances of the theft were immediately brought to the attention of [] and he approved of a plan to secure the assistance of ZASEDAN through BGHABIT in the HTEXOTIC area. Upon the return of [] to FJLAUGH from TPCREDO it developed that [] reported the brief case with the classified document was later found under the bed with

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everything else as reported stolen. The circumstances and the variants in the story have created a situation whereby both BHHABIT and this office feel further investigation is necessary to clarify the entire episode and a further written statement has been asked for from [redacted]. The entire matter continues to be under investigation.

- m. ZASEDAN has agreed to dispose of Identity A (ref attachment A, [redacted] Summary, of this dispatch) in DTRRIPE, through a KMULCER source. The KMULCER authorities can guarantee custody for a period of six to eight months. An alternate plan called for the delivery of the prisoner into the hands of an FJSTEAL sea captain who plies the eastern sea ports of KMULCER and who would accept from an HTCURIO source a delivery of this type, in all probability, for the purpose of applying torture to obtain information and shooting the victim for his alleged treason against FJSTEAL. This latter method was turned down by [redacted] after consultation with [redacted]. THIS DTRRIPE disposition is to be made very soon.

REMARKS:

- n. It is the belief of the undersigned that the function of JBPARSON is becoming increasingly important due to the expanded construction taking place within the compound guarded by the Batmen. ZASENATE is increasing its accommodations for the delivery and withdrawal of new type ammunition.
- b. [redacted] believes a very serious situation could have developed in the transporting of Batmen from the Wangness Estate to the Air Field, when the vehicle carrying the Batmen stalled in a lively village with the necessity almost arising of calling on ZASENATE to help tow the vehicle the remaining distance. [redacted] also found that the tarpulin covering the truck was completely ripped in the middle, necessitating last minute hurrying around and delay to find serviceable equipment from ZASEDAN. It would seem advisable to investigate the possible purchase of a new truck (a Rec would be very preferable for this type of service).
- c. [redacted] feels that as a result of having followed the various BGFRIEND operations on an "assembly line" basis, his station at FJLAUGH, including the members of his staff, are in a better position to meet future demands more promptly and efficiently by remaining at this present location.
- d. This office feels strongly that the arrival of a secretary would relieve considerably the congestion of paper work that exists due to continued absenteeism from the station, frequently involving several days at a time.

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