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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
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Operational
Fall Pastime

We have been studying the plans for Fall Pastime as included in KAPOK B-242.

Your analysis of each individual case certainly brings to light the difficulty of the problem with which you are faced. It would be helpful if we had some bright ideas as to what you could do about communications, but since we do not, we can only hope that you will be able to work out some reasonably successful formula.

In going over B-242, we note that only about 45 percent of the agents considered come in the promising category. If our estimate looks too pessimistic, do not hesitate to set us right.

The survey serves to highlight even more what the loss of Sabachon means. Our SED prospects are not much to look at.

We know that you are putting all possible pressure on the implementation of this particular project, and we stand ready to help in any way we possibly can. The current Berlin crisis with its spot information implications complicates your problem, I realize, but as long as world conditions are as they are, Fall Pastime certainly comes at the head of the list among our intelligence efforts in Germany.

cc: Karlsruhe

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Comments on Fall Pastime

1. Of the forty agents considered under Fall Pastime, 25% appear to have little value; the willingness of 30% is tempered by their own reservations; the remaining 45% are described as willing, capable, possessing cover which will probably hold up under Fall Pastime and occupying positions with varying degrees of accessibility to intelligence information.

2. Communications under Fall Pastime promises to be a major problem. Several of the agents which have not been described as otherwise useful can be utilized as couriers, letter-drops and cut-outs under Fall Pastime. One agent is described as being capable and willing as a radio operator.

3. Coverage of vital fields of intelligence interest in the Sov Zone:

a. SED: prospect, poor; no penetration of party hierarchy is indicated; several agents who are party members are not well placed; two long range agents are women--one in poor health.

b. CDU: prospect, poor; two members, one of whom is high official, are willing to act as agents (with reservations); their survival under Fall Pastime questionable.

c. Scientific and Technical: prospect, fair; three agents reasonably well placed and with good prospect of survival under Fall Pastime.

d. Economic Administration: prospect, good; at least five agents, several well placed, have access to statistics and policy discussions.

e. Transportation: prospect, fair; five or six agents afford high and low level penetration of RR in the zone; one agent with wide range of contacts in shipbuilding industry.

f. Order of Battle: prospect, poor; several agents who make occasional and desultory observations in zone will continue to operate under Fall Pastime.

g. General Political and Sociological: prospect, fair: six to ten social workers and journalists will continue to report wide range of information picked up in travel through the zone; their future is uncertain under Fall Pastime since they are not affiliated with any pro-communist movement or agency.

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