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TO : Chief of Base, Munich

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FROM : Chief, IOD

INFO: COS, Germany

SUBJECT { GENERAL - DTDORIC/QKACTIVE/Operational
SPECIFIC - FBCHORD Contacts with East-West Travellers

ACTION REQUIRED: Please pass the following to as the agreed BRACTRESS position.

1. The expansion of travel to and from the USSR provides a means for TPLINGO to obtain important direct information on radio listening in the USSR as well as current background information of value to broadcasters and to BGCALLUS. The contacts QKACTIVE makes for this purpose are of three general types:

- a. Briefing of western travellers en route to the USSR;
 - b. Interviewing western travellers returning from the USSR;
- and
- c. Observing and on occasion talking with Soviet travellers in the West.

2. Internal QKACTIVE coordination is effected by the appointment of in FBCHORD as a central point for such activities and the appointment in PBAFFIRM of for the same purpose. As for KUBARK coordination, experience has demonstrated that it is not always necessary, particularly in the case of (a) and (b) contacts described in para. 1 above, since these are a normal procedure for such an unofficial organization. Travellers who have other KUBARK missions are expected to treat QKACTIVE requests in the same manner as other western travellers who may or may not wish to discuss their trips with a known anti-Soviet organization. In FBPRIME, PBAFFIRM keeps KUBARK informed of its (a) and (b) contacts, but before approaching Soviet travellers, as in (c) above, PBAFFIRM clears the individual contact with HQ.

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3. FBCHORD's East-West contacts would seem to require prior NCB coordination only in those instances where operations might conceivably conflict with other activities carried out through emigre groups in Europe, again the (c) type of contact. It is requested therefore that [] of FBCHORD be instructed to use the [] NCB channel to coordinate planned QACTIVE contacts, whether by employees or emigres under QACTIVE direction, with travellers from the Soviet Union. The purpose of such coordination will be to avoid direct conflict with operations known to NCB and will not require HQ coordination through NCB unless conflicting interests develop which cannot be resolved in the field.

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