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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, QKBROIL

SUBJECT: Phasing of Implementation of Project

1. The following schedule and assignments are proposed in order that field implementation of Project QKBROIL may be initiated.

a. Recruitment of Agent Personnel. It is proposed that [] leave for Europe on or about 10 October to spot cutouts and agents. In conformance with his cover, a honeymoon trip, he is to proceed directly to Paris, buy a car with tourist plates which will permit him to buy gasoline in other countries, thence to Frankfurt to make contact with the OFC station and the training staff. Recruiting will be done in France, Germany, Austria, Trieste, and possibly Turkey. After a period of approximately three months, [] will return to the United States, before proceeding to permanent station, [], approximately 15 January 1952. The cutouts will continue to spot potential agents in order to build up an agent pool.

b. Agent Training. It is proposed to train the first twenty agents at the Wangness Estate in November-December 1951, January 1952. [] and [], PM instructors, under [] cover, should depart not later than 25 October to become familiar with the training facilities and procedures. [], the Rumanian W/T Instructor, should depart approximately 20 October. [] is the only instructor speaking Rumanian fluently and probably will have to double as interpreter. It is proposed that [], a Rumanian-American, be brought on board and sent as soon as possible to Germany to aid in the training program as medical doctor, advisor, interpreter, and possibly instructor of political affairs and motives. Clearance has been requested for another Rumanian-American, [], as GW instructor and interpreter, but he probably will not be available for overseas until the middle of December. If arrangements with the Turks are successful, it is proposed to establish a training area for not more than 25 agents in Turkey and to bring the QKBROIL personnel to this area from Germany. The agent pool, probably a guard company, will remain in Germany.

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c. Base Station. It is proposed that the project field staff be based [] The initial cadre, [] and [] will be available any time after 1 November and can depart as soon as [] indicates readiness. This cadre should be in Istanbul as soon as possible to aid the JERDICT personnel in making arrangements for the QKEROIL operation. [] and [] should depart within 2 to 4 weeks after the initial cadre. [] intelligence officer, [] and [] secretaries, [] finance clerk, and [] operations officer, should be in Istanbul not later than 30 January 1952.

d. Cover at Base Station. NE Branch has informed us that twelve military slots have been procured for our use in Istanbul. These slots may be used for the Deputy Field Chief and the operations and training sections. The Project field chief, his secretary, the administrative officer and the administrative assistant, finance, as a minimum, should be under [] cover in order to ensure continuous and efficient communication with headquarters in Washington. The intelligence staff should be under same type of official cover because of the nature of the work.

Cover at Base Station
e. Propaganda. Brutus Coats will depart, as soon as his immigration status is clarified, for a three-week trip in Europe, under NCFE European University cover, to spot personnel for the PW unit. He will return to the ZI before proceeding to Athens. He, his wife, and Pogonsamu, his assistant, should depart for Athens by December 15 in order to make preparations for the broadcasts. Broadcasts and leaflets will be initiated prior to agent drops, which probably will start in early April 1952. It is proposed to move the PW unit to Istanbul as soon as arrangements with the Turks can be made and equipment procured.

f. Immediate Problems. Although operations will start before an integrated QKEROIL field base is established, it is desirable that the groups be brought together as soon as possible. The problems of cover for the instructors in Germany and for the staff in Istanbul should be solved in cooperation with the field offices with no further delay. The problem of a cover story for drawing the agents to our operations should be solved prior to [] departure for Europe.

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