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TO : Chief, SPG  
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *C*  
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Within the narrow limits set by our lack of informations about future plans and proceedings, we have tried to provide the framework of future operations, and completed necessary liaisons with various branches of the MG to secure adequate supplies and services for such operations.

*Radio site*

Physical accomplishments consist of several fairly well equipped operational and residential buildings, as well as the completion of Greenwood Project, ready to receive equipments from overseas. The Acting Chief deems it advisable to submit detailed statements as follows.

## PERSONNEL

1. Attached as Appendix A is a personnel roster of the individuals assigned to the Umpire Project, both American and indigenous, broken down according to the Greenwood and Sherwood phases of the project.
2. Since the departure of *C* *D* the following indigenous personnel were employed where salaries are paid in DMs out of UMPIRE funds.
  - a. One secretary for the Umpire Security Officer
  - b. Two investigators to work for the Security Officer
  - c. One maid to clean house and assist the cook assigned to the Sherwood watchmen.
  - d. One chauffeur-mechanic for the Chief of the Russian team.

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3. The names of the indigenous personnel employed by the UMPIRE Project have been fed into the channels of the CIC Agency in this theater for the purpose of file checks to determine their eligibility for employment from a security standpoint; but we decided to employ indigenous investigators selected by the Security Officer, who considers background checks essential.

4. Liaison has been established and maintained with the various labor offices in the areas where the Umpire operations are being staged. Particularly good relation has been worked out with the labor office employing indigenous personnel for the Sherwood part of the UMPIRE Project. Arrangements have been completed with the labor office to employ mechanics and drivers, if and when their services should be required. This labor office has been very cooperative in obtaining necessary papers for registering and employing indigenous personnel brought in from other areas.

5. Indigenous personnel have been assigned to protect and maintain the properties allotted to the Chief of the Hungarian Team, and to the member of the Palm I operation, when they arrive. Arrangements are now underway for the hiring of husband and wife team to act as caretakers for the property recently acquired as the site to house the studio, when it is required.

6. Recently the Security Officer was detailed to go to Berlin to contact Joseph Preisig, radio engineer for Greenwood. The purpose of this trip was to obtain further background information on Preisig and to prevent the loss of his services, in the event Umpire is still interested in his employment.

7. The sixteen(16) watchmen for Greenwood have been employed and five(5) of them are at work on the site. The ASA technicians assigned to Greenwood have completed their assignment and have been returned to their respective Headquarters. From time to time, indigenous workmen have been employed by Greenwood to assist the ASA technicians in the erection of the towers and telephone poles and the wiring of the towers. In addition, the Army has periodically furnished GI personnel and equipment on request to assist in the work of erecting the antennas and towers. Crouch, the Administrative Officer, assigned to Greenwood, has made all of the contacts and arrangements to obtain the services of the above mentioned personnel.

8. Liaison has been made with S. Turlo, Personnel Strength Control Officer, EUCOM, and E. Orr, of OPOT (Operation, Personnel, Organization and Training) EUCOM, in an effort to clarify the situation concerning the allotment of indigenous personnel assigned to Sherwood. However, when information has been received on the scope of future operations of Umpire, it is felt it will be necessary to enter into negotiations with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3,

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Personnel Requirements Branch, to obtain a confidential letter authorizing the use of indigenous civilian personnel for the Sherwood Project. When these arrangements have been satisfactorily completed, similar arrangements will be worked out by the Greenwood Administrative Officer for the services of personnel for his project.

9. One of the serious and difficult personnel problems, which will confront the UMPIRE Project in the future, will be the employment of EM personnel. Unless plans have been changed, it was contemplated obtaining the services of EM personnel for the team houses and for the Greenwood and the Sherwood Headquarters. These enlisted men would serve in various capacities such as guards, drivers, mechanics, mess sergeants, motor pool sergeants, couriers, clerks, etc., Greenwood is in dire need of EM personnel at the present time, to act as mess and guard supervisors, etc. The entrance of the [ ] team into the theatre has been delayed, due to the fact it has not been possible to procure the services of an enlisted man, as we pointed out in Karl Cable 2124 of 1 October 1948, reference Washington 2567 of 23 September 1948. Unless it will be possible to obtain the services of other male American personnel, as for instance, CAF-5's, the lack of EM personnel will work a hardship on any future Umpire operations, from an administrative standpoint.

10. At the present time, Greenwood requires the services of a secretary-stenographer, preferably one who is versed in bookkeeping or some phases of finance. In the event it is not possible to recruit EM personnel, Greenwood should be furnished the services of an Administrative Assistant to aid [ ], when the Greenwood operation gets underway.

11. As soon as the Sherwood operations get underway, an Administrative Assistant should also be assigned to the Sherwood Services Officer, to assist him in his duties.

12. The services of J. Pfeffer, German-civilian, who had been employed to work for printing plants and equipment, were discontinued as of 20 September, 1948. Pfeffer received salary for the period in which he was employed and he was informed he would be rehired if and when his services should be required. He left in good faith.

- a. Movement of Personnel Arrangements have been made with Adjutant General Department, EUCOM to procure orders for the travel of Sherwood personnel within the occupied zones of Germany and Austria. This was accomplished without revealing any connection between Umpire and the German Mission.

## FINANCE

1. This phase of the administration has taken up a great deal of the time of the Acting Chief of Umpire. In order that he may pursue his other work, the Acting Chief should be relieved of these duties, by the assignment of a finance officer to the Umpire Project, as soon as possible.

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2. Financial reports have been filed for the months of August and September, and forwarded to Washington. The report for the month of October is in the process of being prepared, and it will be pouched to Headquarters as soon as it is completed.

3. Under finance, the salaries of the staff and certain of the indigenous personnel have been paid. Also paid has been the per diem due [ ] and [ ], who are assigned to Umpire on temporary duty. Commissary bills for meals eaten by the Sherwood guards and certain other indigenous personnel have been settled. Other various bills for expenses, incurred in connection with the administration of Umpire, have been paid and reported to Washington.

4. All of the monies for payment of the above mentioned expenses have been drawn from the Finance Officer of the German Mission. To date, no attempt has been made to arrange with the Army Finance Office for the drawing of funds by the Umpire Project, independent of the German Mission. This arrangement has been held in abeyance primarily because this office has been informed unofficially that the original concept of the Umpire operations has been changed since the departure of [ ]. Under these circumstances, it is felt more advisable to await the return of [ ] so that this particular matter can be discussed further with him.

5. [ ] has drawn monies for Greenwood expenses from [ ]. [ ] was directed to make a separate accounting to Washington of the Greenwood expenditures. A running account of these expenses is being maintained by him. However, in view of the fact Greenwood is lacking administrative personnel and [ ] is burdened with other duties, it has been requested that the Greenwood financial books be kept by the finance officer who will be assigned to Sherwood. In this manner, a separate accounting of the Greenwood expenditures can be made to Washington, and [ ] can engage himself in his other duties.

## REAL ESTATE

1. Being compelled for security reasons to maintain liaison with the German Mission personally only, which entails several day-long trips to their headquarters weekly, I was compelled to use the services of the Russian Teamleader to scout around for real estate and household furniture.

2. The Russian Teamleader established the necessary liaison with the housing authorities of the Darmstadt Military Post as well as with the Labor Office furnishing necessary domestics. We now have:

Darmstadt The Maggot property with adequate housing for printing shop and for about 25 employees.

Gernsheim Operational headquarters for studios capable to house 10- 12 people.

Bensheim Operational headquarters to accomodate offices and living quarters for one (Hungarian) team.

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Semi-operational house capable to house 2-3 people.  
Semi-operational house, housing Russian Teamleader.  
Zwingenberg Semi-operational house adequate to house  
3-5 people.

Some of these houses are completely furnished and  
necessary domestics and guards are employed.

3. The work is somewhat complicated because while one military district may provide a building, furniture may only be secured from another district. This work entails much liaison and travel. Special attention is called to reference to real estate problem at the end of this report.

## SECURITY

The following action has been taken with respect to the various phases of Umpire.

1. Sherwood A guard force consisting of eleven, indigenous, male employees has been selected and assigned to protect with sidearms the project's headquarters at 4 Babostrasse, Weinheim. These men have had guard experience in the Police Department of a large German city located fifty miles distant and also in the German Army. They were recommended initially by a member of the German Mission and an independent operator was engaged for background checks.

A file room has been set aside at the above address and equipped with a Yale lock and a bell type alarm. Classified documents are stored there in three combination, cabinet-type safes.

An indigenous secretary and an experienced, indigenous investigator have been employed to assist in the background investigations of indigenous employees of Sherwood. The investigator has been provided with credentials that do not identify him with this organization and his identity is known only to the Security Officer and the above mentioned secretary. Complete dossiers on all indigenous personnel of Sherwood that will include photographs and fingerprints are in the process of preparation.

2. Greenwood A guard force consisting of fifteen, indigenous, male employees has been selected to guard the Greenwood personnel, installations and area. These men have had guard experience in the Police Department of a large German city located about ninety miles distant and with one exception, also in the German Army. They were recommended by the Public Safety Office of the Military Government of Wuerttemberg Baden and background checks were made by our independent operator.

An indigenous secretary and an experienced, indigenous, investigator have been employed on a temporary basis to assist in the background investigations of the above and any other indigenous persons employed by Greenwood.

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## SERVICES

1. The offices for the headquarters section have been set up at No. 4 Bobostrasse. This has been accomplished by converting several first floor rooms (normally living quarters) into offices. Office furniture ie. desks, chairs, tables, etc., has been procured from the Quartermaster, Heidelberg Military Post. An arrangement has been made with the Quartermaster to issue this Unit non-expendable supplies on a memorandum receipt account basis. This gives us the use of all non-expendable supplies without having to charge their cost against our budget. In turn we are responsible to theater command for all items obtained in this manner. Expendable supplies obtained through military channels will be consolidated by the theater and sent to Washington for eventual billing there.

2. In addition to the offices in the headquarters building, bachelor quarters are available for three people and a class "B" mess has been organized for all members of this Unit.

3. The other pieces of property that we hold under requisition in Weinheim are in general adequately furnished and are being maintained and serviced. A separate mess, at their billet, is being operated for the guard personnel of the headquarters section. Heating, plumbing, electrical repairs and normal maintenance of these properties is being conducted on a routine basis with CWO Yarborough, Weinheim Sub-Post commander cooperating fully. When items necessary for office or household operation are not available through military channels, an attempt is made to purchase locally. If they are not available locally, or the cost is prohibitive, a requisition will then be forwarded to Washington.

4. All supply accounting has been set up on a standard military stock control system and complete records are being kept. It is requested that we be informed of the manner and frequency of reports to be submitted to Washington.

5. In addition to the areas in Weinheim we have recently requisitioned three properties in the Bensheim-Darmstadt area. A memorandum receipt account has been opened with the Darmstadt Post Quartermaster and an inventory for each one of the properties has been signed. Two of the properties are being maintained and guarded and arrangements are in progress to employ personnel for the third.

6. Telephone service for the headquarters section consists of one class "A" telephone for the Security Office, one class "A" telephone for the executive office and one direct line to the Heidelberg military switchboard.

7. All vehicles received to date are in excellent condition. All have been given private ownership registration and license plates. First and second echelon maintenance has been the responsibility of the driver and is usually accomplished through the Exchange System garages.

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## GREENWOOD

1. For reasons of security the acting chief of Umpire is unable to inspect the Greenwood Project personally and the following is based on report submitted by C 3 .
  - a. Site is now ready to receive equipment from the USA. The site consists of 16 steel radio towers and one newly constructed building. At present the electricity is provided by a 50 KW generator and two transformers will be installed, as soon as possible, connected to a 20,000 voltage line 4 kilometers away.
  - b. There are five indigenous personnel quartered at site, one of whom is an auto mechanic, one is an electrician, another one is a cook and all of them are doing guard duty. No more guards will be retained until further progress will have been made.
  - c. Housing facilities and messing are adequate; supplies are being drawn from S-4 Darmstadt Military Post and such supplies will be available for a crew of 15 or more if additional personnel will be deemed necessary. A class "B" mess is established to take care of American and/or indigenous personnel.
  - d. Administrative Office was provided by the Commanding Officer of the Darmstadt Military Post at Post Headquarters. Office is situated next door to Adjutant, with a duty officer present at all times. For the present the office is properly equipped and is known under the name of S-4 Section, Darmstadt Military Post.

Crouch intends to operate from this Post as it is conveniently located to draw supplies and to maintain close liaison with the Darmstadt Military Post.

## PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT

1. The acting chief and Hungarian teamleader inspected several printing plants recommended by General Robert Walsh, but all of them are in operation, employing a number of German printers, and none of them answered our physical requirements.
2. It now seems certain that if requirements of Home Office are to be complied with, equipment will have to be secured and assembled at our own site.
3. General Walsh's successor, General William Hall, is cooperative and may be helpful in securing some equipment if at all available in the theatre.

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4. It is believed that with proper pressure applied on manufacturers most of the equipment, if not all, may be secured here. It is recommended that consideration be given to shipping from home, or acquiring in Switzerland, such parts as will be unobtainable in Germany.

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Considering the circumstances the morale of the Post is good, although the inactivity to which several of our members are subjected is hard to bear. This is especially true of the two temaleaders. While the Russian leader was provided with some work in scouting for buildings, the Hungarian leader extended, and is extending some such assistance as I call on him from time to time, and both are trying to keep up with current political affairs in the field of their respective future activities.

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If at all possible we should have at least an inkling of the future plans as soon as possible, even before the return of Bingham.

In line with [redacted] statements we have reason to believe that much of the operation is to be quite open. If it is so, perhaps, it would be well to reconsider the physical spread of the operation for by securing real estate and by establishing operational units closer to headquarters we would avoid the top-heavy administrative and transportation problems facing the original plan.

As it happens, for instance, more than a dozen buildings are available now in Weinheim. These buildings may not be available a few weeks from now. On the otherhand, the real estate now held may be re-requisitioned by some Army units if we can't put them into use within a reasonable time.

Not knowing what the plans may be, and for lack of American personnel, we hesitate to establish the Palm operators at Bensheim, endangering thereby our hold on the very desirable building there.

If, in line with [redacted] statements, several emigrees will broadcast, will it be our task to house and mess them and to provide them with transportation? A general idea would be very helpful in planning future needs for real estate, etc.

Finally once again I have to stress the urgent need of a finance officer, an assistant to the service officer and especially to the need of several enlisted men.

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PERSONNEL ROSTER  
UMPIRE PROJECT  
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AMERICAN PERSONNEL

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Title or Position</u>               | <u>Rating</u> | <u>EOD</u> |
|------------|-------------|--|---------------|------------|
| 1.         | ☐           | Team Leader                            | CAF-13        | 7/22/48    |
| 2.         | ☐           | Secretary-Steno.                       | CAF-5         | 8/19/48    |
| 3.         | ☐           | Administrative Officer                 | CAF-11        | 7/15/48    |
| 4.         | ☐           | Project Chief                          | CAF-13        | 8/1/48     |
| 5.         | ☐           | Security Officer                       | CAF-11        | 8/19/48    |
| 6.         | ☐           | Team Leader                            | CAF-13        | 7/28/48    |
| 7.         | ☐           | Administrative Officer<br>(Greenwood)  | CAF-9         | 8/11/48    |
| 8.         | ☐           | Supply, Services Officer<br>(Sherwood) | CAF-7         | 8/25/48    |

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## INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u>               | <u>Title or Position</u>         | <u>Salary</u> | <u>EOD</u> |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1.         | Betschwarsch, Guenther    | Fireman 4 Babostrasse            | .95 DM p.h.   | 8/15/48    |
| 2.         | Bob, Anna                 | Cook "                           | 250 DM p.m.   | 9/1/48     |
| 3.         | Erbesenbaecher, Margarete | Chambermaid "                    | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/15/48    |
| 4.         | Filusoh, Maria            | Chambermaid "                    | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/15/48    |
| 5.         | Flick, Margarete          | Chambermaid "                    | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/15/48    |
| 6.         | Heim, Else                | Chambermaid 23 Heglestrasse      |               |            |
| 7.         | Groh, Karolina            | Chambermaid "                    | 152 DM p.m.   | 10/1/48    |
| 8.         | x Schneider, Heidi        | Chambermaid "                    | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/1/48     |
| 9.         | Dietl, Franz              | Fireman 5 "                      | .95 DM p.h.   | 8/1/48     |
| 10.        | Marchewka, Kaethe         | Chambermaid 5 "                  | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/1/48     |
| 11.        | *Schleeweiss, Annelise    | Chambermaid 26 Wachenbergstrasse | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/1/48     |
| 12.        | Schleeweiss, Anita        | Chambermaid "                    | 152 DM p.m.   | 10/1/48    |
| 13.        | Essig, Erna               | Chambermaid 32 Karillonstrasse   | 152 DM p.m.   | 8/1/48     |
| 14.        | Hoepf, Josef              | Fireman "                        | 1.95 DM p.m.  | 8/1/48     |
| 15.        | Rauch, Erika              | Stenographer 4 Babostrasse       | 220 DM p.m.   | 10/1/48    |
| 16.        | ✓ Mosich, Lilo            | Steno-Interpreter 5 Heglestrasse | 250 DM p.m.   | 8/1/48     |
| 17.        | Woytek, Hans              | Chauffeur Bensheim               | 200 DM p.m.   | 9/25/48    |
| 18.        | Palm I                    | Hungarian Team Salzburg          |               | 9/1/48     |
| 19.        | Palm II                   | " " "                            |               | 9/1/48     |

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| <u>No.</u>    | <u>Name</u>             | <u>Title or Position</u> | <u>Approx. Salary</u> | <u>EOD</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1.            | Blum, Heinz             | Guard                    | 300 DM p.m.           | 8/1/48     |
| <del>2.</del> | <del>Bender, Hans</del> | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 3.            | Kerres, Wilhelm         | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 4.            | Erhardt, Helmut         | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 5.            | Schinko, Walter         | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 6.            | Raymann, Anton          | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 7.            | Von Gossler, Conrad     | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 8.            | Holzhaeuser, Albert     | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 9.            | Koepf, Hubert           | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 10.           | Schaefer, Friedrich     | "                        | "                     | "          |
| 11.           | Wagner, Joham           | "                        | "                     | 10/1/48    |
| 12.           | Bitzer, Erich *         | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 13.           | Heim, Eugen *           | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 14.           | Ludy, Martin *          | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 15.           | Maier, Alfons *         | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 16.           | Drumm, Karl *           | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 17.           | Becker, Otto *          | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 18.           | Helm, Heinrich *        | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 19.           | Luebke, Herbert *       | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |
| 20.           | Stocker, Rolf *         | "                        | "                     | 8/1/48     |

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|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1.         | <u>Betz, Karl</u>            | Guard                    | 300 DM p.m.                     | 9/1/48     |
| 2.         | <u>Friedrich, Herbert</u>    | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 3.         | <u>Hess, Gerhard</u>         | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 4.         | <u>Hofman, Bruno</u>         | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 5.         | <u>Puschel, Alfred</u>       | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 6.         | <u>Roefs, Johannes</u>       | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 7.         | <u>Schubert, Alfred</u>      | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 8.         | <u>Staiger, Karl</u>         | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 9.         | <u>Breit, Clemens</u>        | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 10.        | <u>Hahn, Berthold</u>        | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 11.        | <u>Hirschberger, Herbert</u> | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 12.        | <u>Pross, Karl</u>           | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 13.        | <u>Langer, Franz</u>         | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 14.        | <u>Schelling, Karl</u>       | "                        | "                               | "          |
| 15.        | <u>Simon, Rudolf</u>         | "                        | "                               | "          |

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