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22 April 1953

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Finance Division
Attn: []

THRU: SR Administration
Special Contracting Office

FROM: Chief, SR/3

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to have CAMBISTA 2 and 5 Designated Paymasters

1. AEQUOR operations necessitate that certain potential agent candidates and other personnel of potential operational interest travel to Munich for assessment purposes. These candidates are initially contacted and handled by AEQUOR principal-type agents (CAMBISTA 2 and CAMBISTA 5), and then transferred to Field case officer for assessment. In addition, CAMBISTA 2 and 5 assist in billeting and returning the candidates to their homes.

2. It is necessary to make per diem payments and to reimburse the candidates for travel expenditures incurred. Under the present arrangement, the candidates are paid by CAMBISTA 2 or 5 who then submit a complete accounting for funds advanced by the Field case officer. The Field case officer knows what individual receives the per diem payments and for what length of time, thereby verifying in part the accountings submitted to him by CAMBISTA 2 and 5. Travel expenditures incurred by the candidates cannot be receipted for but can be closely estimated and thereby also verified.

3. Agent candidates have continually balked at signing individual receipts for the amounts they receive. There is no prospect that they will be willing to do so in the future. Their reasoning is understandable: as members of an emigre political organization, they desire to avoid at all costs the accusations that any of them are in the employ of an intelligence service.

4. It is recommended that authorization be granted to designate

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GAMBISTA 2 and 5 paymasters for AEQUOR agent candidates. GAMBISTA 2 and 5 will receipt and account for all funds transmitted to them by the Field case officer in payment for expenses incurred by the designated agent candidate.

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