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Chief, EE (Attn: Chief, SR)

Chief of Base, Munich

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AEQUOR/Transmittal of Contact Report

1. Attached is a contact report covering discussions between [] and CAMBISTA 2 in regard to the disapproval of the area representative program.
2. The pertinent parts of the report requiring Headquarters action have been cabled in SMUNI-5330.

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Attachment: 1. Contact Report

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Contact Report - 17 September 1953

Attachment to RHM 7929

CAMBISTA 2 and []

1. The main point of discussion was, naturally enough, the cancellation of the area representative program. CAMBISTA 2 was extremely downhearted about this development. At the time of our last meeting the plans for the future looked very favorable and as a result CAMBISTA 2 had started to lay the groundwork for the establishment of the program. He said that letters had been written to various professors asking them what they thought should be included in a decentralized indoctrination program and whether or not they would be able to participate in some way or another. CAMBISTA 2 felt that as a result of this cancellation he would be faced with great embarrassment to have to write these people again and explain to them that it was all just an idea and that nothing could be done about it now. CAMBISTA 2 said that it was all very well for the undersigned to explain to him that the program was cancelled for lack of funds but that such an explanation is difficult to give to others who do not know of U. S. interest in the matter.

2. The undersigned then explained to CAMBISTA 2 the reasoning that went into the disapproval of the project. First, the undersigned outlined to CAMBISTA 2 the three basic type of activities which were on the planning board with regard to the U. S. government's collaboration with his organization, namely -

- a. Subsidy of publications,
- b. Training and dispatch of agents,
- c. An indoctrination program such as the proposed area representative plan.

The function of all of these activities was to accomplish a common objective inside the BSSR itself rather than amongst the emigration in Western Europe or any other place in the western world. For example, the newspaper and the satirical magazine were to have as their primary responsibility the function of influencing the emigration toward active and immediate work in the anti-Bolshevik fight. In other words, we expected that through the material presented in these publications at least a small percentage of the emigration would be ideologically prepared for recruitment for more active work. The subsidy of such publications is not justified unless it accomplishes a little of what was expected on a larger scale through the area rep-lecture program. The facts are, however, that no acceptable candidates have been presented. If the Belorussian emigration is in such a sad state that there are not a few individuals who are sufficiently prepared ideologically to participate in active work, then it is doubtful that an indoctrination program will change the situation to any great extent.

3. Not only has the foregoing affected the cancellation of the area representative program but the whole question of our continued collaboration is under consideration. Unless some highly qualified candidates are recruited for 1954 operations and put into training immediately, it appears doubtful that there will be any basis for continued collaboration. The feeling at Headquarters has been that sufficient effort has not gone into the third phase of our collaboration (i.e. the recruitment of agents) and that the CAMBISTA 1 organization has contented itself only with the other two aspects, - the indoctrination program and the publications of the two subsidized organs.

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4. Whether the foregoing has a real effect is as yet difficult to say. CAMEISTA 2 and the undersigned went over a list of the most likely prospects for individuals to be contacted prior to October 1. In addition CAMEISTA 2 stated that there was a top-notch man in Canada whom he was sure could be recruited. When he was told that recruitment in Canada was out, he proposed that the man be brought to Germany to work for CAMEISTA 1 and be recruited while here. Surely, the Canadians could have no objection to that. Other than for the expense involved in bringing the subject over, the proposition appears feasible enough. CAMEISTA 2 was told that the matter would be taken up and, if approved, he could write a letter to the man instructing him to come to Europe.

5. Since Headquarters had asked the undersigned to ascertain CAMEISTA 2's opinion with regard to possible recruitment in Central and South America, this matter was brought up. The reaction of CAMEISTA 2 was quite pessimistic. He said that there were very few Belorussians in those areas and to the best of his knowledge of not a particularly high calibre. He recommended instead that Australia be tried. There are substantial numbers of Belorussians in Australia and they appear to be quite discontented since Australia hasn't turned out to be quite the land of milk and honey as expected. CAMEISTA 2 said that he had written to some Belorussians in Australia in connection with the survey of the emigration. As yet he has not received the lists desired but hopes to get them any day.

6. CAMEISTA 2 said that CAMEISTA 4 would be in the United States next week and hoped that someone from our organization would contact him and go over the matter of our collaboration and operational problems in general. CAMEISTA 2 will not see CAMEISTA 4 prior to the latter's departure to the States and feels that CAMEISTA 4 should know of the latest developments (particularly the disapproval of the area representative program).

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