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OFFICE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS

OUTLINE OF STAY-BEHIND OPERATION

Division: FIM Country: Germany Cryptonym: ZIPPER F-Net
Case Officer: [] Date: 10 November 1950
Branch Chief: _____ Division Chief: Richard Helms

Existing and Planned Facilities

1. PARTICIPATION BY OTHER SERVICES

The ZIPPER stay-behind net is a joint effort by an essentially German group under U.S. control and direction.

2. INTENDED FUNCTION

(a) During its short-range period (fighting phase) the operation is to concentrate on enemy military movements, measures and intentions.

(b) During the long-range period (occupation phase) collection efforts will be directed towards complete military, economic, political and CE coverage.

3. STRUCTURE AND SIZE

(a) The F-net program is directed by a ZIPPER Central Command Headquarters consisting of eight persons, who in turn guide and assist a field staff of eight communications, radio training and case officers. For the purposes of the latter, Western Germany is divided into five separate areas and ZIPPER's present plans call for an average of fifteen stay-behind teams of one agent and one w/t operator each per area. Although ZIPPER thus proposes a total of 75 agents and 75 w/t operators in Western Germany, the ultimate size of the F-net has not been decided as yet. Under the present training schedule 11 teams should be available by 31 December 1950.

(b) At the present time five completely trained operators have been placed in Munich, Frankfurt, Bremen and Hannover. Three agents for the Munich and Frankfurt teams have also been placed.

Note: Although not considered part of this stay-behind program, plans have been developed to include, in the event of an emergency, ten w/t operators now being utilized in current operations in the Soviet Zone of Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria.

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(c) It is anticipated that the size of the ZIPPER field staff will be increased shortly from 8 to 14 persons in order to improve security as well as to give the field personnel tighter control and closer supervision of agent and operator personnel.

4. PERSONNEL

	<u>Agents</u>	<u>W/T Operators</u>
Recruited:		
Trained	3	5
In Training	6	6
Untrained	19	11
Spotted	7	7
Total Required	75	75
		Grand Total <u>150</u>

5. TRAINING PROGRAM

(a) The training program of both agents and w/t operators is divided into two periods of basic and supplementary instruction. Operators are given a three weeks primary training course consisting of Morse code instruction, simulated "live" operating, call signs, editing messages, cryptographic training, radio fundamentals, circuit practice and basic intelligence indoctrination. Upon completion of the basic course live tests are conducted between the operator and the ZIPPER F-net base station. Thereafter more specialized training continues.

(b) Agents are given approximately 50 hours of schooling which includes indoctrination in security measures, target briefing, reporting and operational methods of contact with the operator. Three months are usually required to complete the course. A copy of the present curriculum is available.

6. DUPLICATION OF RECORDS

Complete files are maintained by the ZIPPER German staff. Agent personalia is also filed in FDM. Signal plans, operating instructions, ciphers, etc. are on file in the Communications Division as well as in FDM.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Equipment

	<u>Total Re</u> <u>quired for</u> <u>Fiscal 1951</u>	<u>In Station</u>	<u>Held by</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>Contemplated</u>
			<u>Agents</u>	<u>Buried</u>	
SSTR-1	0	10	-	-	100
RS-1	50	0	0	0	10
SSP-11	6				

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NOTE: It is possible that during Fiscal 1951 complete equipment for a base station will be required.

(b) Training Aids

ZIPPER now has on hand a meager supply of code practice equipment. Present requirements are known to the Communications Division.

(c) Base Station

Circuits will play into a base station intended for exclusive use by ZIPPER and which is now under consideration. Alternate base stations will be Equerry and Jackal.

(d) Signal Plans and Crystals

Permanent signal plans have not yet been issued to the operators. They have been prepared however, and will be microphotographed. No plans have been buried.

The Communications Division is now in the process of filling an order for 400 crystals for ZIPPER. None have been buried.

8. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

(a) No supplies or equipment other than Communications have been issued to agents or operators. Four additional vehicles are needed but overall requirements have not yet been received.

(b) At the present time the Pullach American staff is responsible for supplies and equipment.

9. COSTS

(a) Current actual costs of the F-net amount to DM 20,000 or roughly \$4,000 per month. This figure does not include expenditures which will be incurred when the stay-behind teams are furnished supplies. As a result of personnel expansion the net is expected to cost approximately \$5,000 monthly after 1 January 1951 and a one-time expenditure of \$3,000 for supplies is anticipated.

(b) No estimate can be made as yet of the costs of articles to be buried. These will include watches, foodstuffs, valuables, secret inks and cameras.

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10. EVACUATION PLANS

(a) All ZIPPER F-net staff personnel, i.e., administrative, case, training, and communications officers, are to be evacuated in the event of an emergency to Western European countries.

(b) It is probable that key personnel will be assigned to the base station handling the circuits of the F-net.

11. RESUPPLY PLANS

It is expected that stay-behind personnel will be resupplied by air.

12. OTHER REMARKS

Successful test broadcasts between 5 w/t operators now placed in Western Germany and the ZIPPER F-net training station were conducted during September-October. Furthermore, on October 27, 28 and 29 blind transmissions by an operator in Frankfurt, utilizing the ZIPPER 3-watt agent radio with an indoor antenna, were successfully monitored by OSO base stations Limber, Squerry and Jackal.

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