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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations

SUBJECT: ZIPPER Evasion and Escape Program

ATTACHMENTS:
A. Proposed EE Division Dispatch to the German Mission
B. Memorandum from Chief, EE, to COP, above subject, dated 20 December 1954
C. Memorandum from Chief, PP, to COP, above subject, dated 14 January 1954
D. Memorandum from Chief, FI, to COP, above subject, dated 7 January 1954

1. The attached dispatch to the German Mission (Attachment A) incorporates the comments of the Chiefs, PP and FI (Attachments C and D) on the previous EE Division recommendations (Attachment B) for the initiation of a ZIPPER West German war-preparatory Evasion and Escape program. The dispatch is to be considered an extension and integral part of our original memorandum on this matter entitled "ZIPPER Evasion and Escape Program" (Attachment B).

2. The dispatch to the German Mission modifies our original recommendation by providing approval in principle for the continuation of a ZIPPER West German E&E program into FY 56, on the condition that progress satisfactory to CIA Headquarters is made during the balance of FY 55. The dispatch however requires the submission and approval of a more detailed operational plan as the prerequisite for authorization of a specific FY 56 budget.

3. In response to your query, we now estimate the FY 56 ZIPPER E&E budget at approximately $65,000. This figure is based on preliminary ZIPPER plans and may be adjusted somewhat.

4. It is recommended that our original memorandum, (Attachment B) as amended by the dispatch to the German Mission (Attachment A), be approved, and that the Attachment A dispatch be released.

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