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specialist on the psychology of Western Asiatics and on the interrogation of suspected Russian agents. A second specialist is AVOCET's former radio chief, now living in northern Bavaria. The third brain-truster is AVOCET's former section head in charge of processing and evaluating operational intelligence. This man lives in Munich

4. The case officer mentioned to AVOCET that a theoretical statement from his operational intelligence expert on the organization and operation of a research office for the processing and evaluation of this type of intelligence would be greatly appreciated. The case officer went on to say that he personally would be interested in the formation of such an office and felt that an interview with AVOCET's former colleague would be quite to the point. AVOCET agreed, said he would sound out his friend and lay on a conference in the Munich area. In attendance at this conference would be AVOCET, his unnamed friend, [redacted], the case officer, and possibly a third member or members. As delineated in MGM-A-1073, Para 11.a., there is a plan afoot at MOB concerning the development of a small research and filing office to be the repository for operational intelligence on areas of interest to MOB.

5. The only specific proposal so far advanced for the future implementation of AVOCET was aired verbally at MOB by [redacted] in late January 1949. The latter mentioned AVOCET as a possible candidate for counter-subversion chief in the future trizonal police force. Although AVOCET's views on this matter have not been sounded out to date, to the case officer's knowledge, the source has made two unsolicited statements which give some clue to his reactions should such an offer be made. AVOCET has stated repeatedly that all police forces in Bavaria are scandalously corrupt and enjoy no sympathy among the population. On the other hand, AVOCET has said that if the future trizonal German government has an intelligence agency of its own, the best German intelligence specialists, most of whom are good nationalists at heart, would flock to join. The knowledge or supposition that the occupation powers were backing such an IS financially were sifting off reports at the top level would not diminish the zeal which most German intelligence personnel would feel if they were offered the chance to work again for a German government. No comments are necessary on the novelty of this idea.

6. For the time being, MOB will continue to use AVOCET as an occasional source and living reference on Abwehr wartime experiences.

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