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1. The CANLET project is approved herewith for the period 1 July through 31 December 1949. Funds have been allocated in the amount of 500 Reichmark monthly to cover the cost of expenses which will be incurred by Subject on our behalf.

2. It has been well over a year now since we have had a progress report on CANLET, and we again emphasize that the semi-annual project outlines afford an altogether unsatisfactory means of following any operation from this distance. Although CANLET is certainly to be considered more as a valued contact than a controlled source and consequently few if any operational developments as such are involved, it is essential that we maintain a clear and current picture of our relations with the man. Some of the specific questions which come to mind at the moment are the present financial status of the Telegraf, the Telegraf's Osborne --- how is this being financed and serviced and what, if any, are its connections with RIAS? How often and under what circumstances is CANLET himself contacted and how will the elimination of the CANISS channel affect his usefulness to us? We trust that his handling of the BULCH material (or NSA-10608) does not preclude what we must expect of future assignments. Does CANLET have any more concrete plans concerning the contemplated visit to the United States which has become the perennial subject of paragraph 6 g of the project outline? Please, at your earliest convenience, bring us up to date on all aspects of the CANLET project.

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