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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DOB

SUBJECT : AEBRIEF Progress Report for the months of
May and June 1954.

1. Meeting Arrangements

AEBRIEF was met on an average of three times a week during the months of May and June 1954. These meetings all took place in the afternoon after agent had gotten out of school. He was met at a predetermined point between his apartment and school and the meetings were for the most part conducted in a company vehicle in Rock Creek Park or at some point of interest such as the Smithsonian Institute, Old Soldier's Home, etc. Duration of meetings averaged 1½ hours.

2. Communications

Communications arrangements continue as before with no difficulties encountered. Emergency commo arrangements were made use of on those occasions when meeting time or date had to be changed by C.O. and no difficulties in this regard were encountered. During the period reported C.O. made only one call at the agent's apartment.

3. Agent Activity

a. Occupation

Agent's major activity continued to be attending the Americanization school of the D.C. Public School system (see report for April 1954). Agent's wife and child also continue in school. C.O. saw them only once on the occasion of an unannounced call to agent's apartment. They seemed to both be well and happy. No complaints physical or mental on their part have been reported through agent to C.O. In the matter of outside contacts agent has indicated he is not seeing Aldan or Olshansky but has seen Grigorish occasionally (see para (3a), April 1954 report).

b. Agent with Case Officer

All of C.O.'s time with agent has been spent on language lessons with an increasing amount of time being devoted to conversation in Russian for the benefit of C.O.

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As a preliminary to consideration of agent as a possible instructor in SAOP he was asked to prepare a lecture outline on compulsory military service in the USSR. He responded with approximately 30 pages of written material, including a subject breakdown and summary as well as narrative for the lecture itself. This material has not been assessed in detail because of the cancellation of SAOP and the consequent lack of need for any additional instructor personnel in DOB.

4. Training

Agent's proficiency in the English language has made fair progress and he has reached a point where he has no trouble in getting along in stores, on public transportation, etc. He possesses, furthermore, a sound understanding of English grammar which should permit continuing progress in his speaking ability in the future. There are, however, marked deficiencies in his command of the language and he would have difficulty in getting or holding a job where correct use of the language was a necessity.

5. Agent Cover

The cover problem is handled as before. No difficulties have been encountered but agent cannot continue as a student learning English indefinitely. Attention will be drawn to him by those of his acquaintances who may wonder how he can afford the life of comparative ease that he leads.

6. Agent Motivation, Loyalty, Emotional Stability, etc.

a. Motivation

Not much discussion has taken place with agent on the subject which would provide further clues on his motivation, namely, on his future plans for him. He continues to work hard at school and has not introduced the subject of wanting to get on with the fight against communism and Soviet Power.

b. Loyalty

C.O. believes that agent has undergone some change in regard to loyalty in the sense that he appears to enjoy more and more living in the U.S. and being among Americans. Aside from agent's expressions of admiration for Americans and U.S. customs versus things European or Russian this belief of the C.O. is affirmed in a negative sense by the absence of complaints emanating from the agent about his own lot, about his wife or from his wife. It is to be remembered, in this connection, that the whole family was

transferred to the U.S. with both husband and wife having the reputation of being difficult people to deal with. This has not yet proved to be true though, of course, no strong demands have been made of either one. The contentedness on agent's part, here referred to, may work in our favor at the time of his disposal.

c. Emotional Stability

As indicated in the previous report AEBRIEF appears to be a stable individual. No further comment can be added at this time.

7. Control

Statements were made in the last report on AEBRIEF on this subject which did not properly pertain to the matter of control.

Agent has a healthy respect for the power of U.S. Intelligence and what control Agency has over him will stem from this feeling. He mentioned shortly after arriving in the U.S. that if he were not to get work with U.S. Intelligence in America that he would want to be returned to Germany where he felt certain he could find work of his choosing i.e. work against the USSR. While C.O. believes agent is becoming less inclined to leave the U.S., if he should want to go back, the threat of the power of U.S. Intelligence could be used to prevent his doing this. It could be implied that we would blacklist him and stop his working for any anti-communist force unless it were under our direction. This is a somewhat hollow hold on him but a form of the threat could be used as a means of control.

8. Operational Success and Outlook for Future.

To date the operation is a success in so far as the comfort, well being and contentedness of agent is concerned. He remains "sweet" and should so remain under our present procedure in handling his case. He is anxious to get on to the next phase, whatever it may be but C.O. has held him off and explained that the powers that be have not made up their minds about his future.

As noted elsewhere in this report it has been decided against using him as an instructor in SAOP. The possibility of using him in the spotting and assessment program of SR/DOB has also been discarded due to his lack of qualifications for this work.

Unless SR/DOB can be advised of some other possible use for agent within SR or another part of the Agency negotiations will soon have to be undertaken to dispose of him elsewhere in the Government or on the U.S. economy through the Office of Operations. Agent was brought to the U.S. on a 6 months contract which expires 31 July 54.

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This contract is being informally renewed for three months but a decision is needed soonest on whether or not disposal can be initiated. In the event of disposal on the U.S. economy, arrangements would have to be effected for the Agency to make occasional checks on his well being.

9. Administration

a. Finance

No changes have been made since last report.

b. Disposal

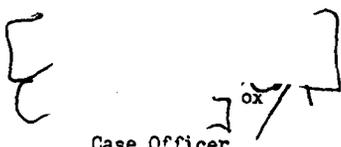
See para 8 above. No commitments have been made.

c. Contract

See para 8 above.

10. C.O. Comment

While C.O. does not want to prognosticate on the details of how agent will react on disposal it is believed that this can be satisfactorily arranged with AEBRIEF being furnished a job in U.S. industry and causing us no difficulties in the future. Because of the peculiarities of his case, however, and the long period (1½ years) for which he has been held, it is difficult to forecast the details of exactly how he will react when rocked out of this status of close to complete inactivity.

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Case Officer

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