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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
Attn: BOB
Chief, FDM

Operational

CAMBIO - CAUTERY

REF: MBEA-10650 and MBEA-10601

1. We concur heartily with your decision to drop CAMBIO. The news that he had been incorporated into the CAUTERY project (MBEA-10601) was a real disappointment, in view of the near certainty that he is a fraudulent peddler. OSI's evaluations of his material, which are being pushed separately, confirm [] Y's opinion that CAMBIO has no access to info of intelligence value. In the light of these evaluations there is no indication that CAMBIO has any contacts in the Soviet Zone which could be utilized by the CAUTERY project. His only assets for CAUTERY work, then, are his unemployment, and, therefore, freedom of movement, and his familiarity with certain areas in the Soviet Zone. For CAUTERY purposes, these are not assets, since he has no legitimate reason for traveling in the Soviet Zone, where there is surely a price on his head if his escape story is true.

2. If for some reason you wish to retain CAMBIO's services for odd jobs, paying him on a piece-work basis, it is strongly recommended that he be separated from the CAUTERY project and prohibited further contact with CAUTERY personnel, if this is still administratively feasible. To date CAUTERY has been an aggressive program, kept clean of peddlers having no direct relation to the target. To let down the bars for peripheral agents, instead of concentrating on recruits having possibilities of contact with the target, would be a shame, quite apart from the question of the agent's reliability. It is not our desire to make recommendations concerning the conduct of your operations, but CAUTERY is an important experiment, not just for us but for all of SACABIN, and we would be loathe to see the over-all structure threatened by a lowering of the standards you have set and so far maintained.

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