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Discussion of CARCASS with CABOCHE 7

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1. On 8 September 1951, [] met with CABOCHE 7 to discuss Plan CARCASS. The initial reason for calling the meeting was to discuss the candidate for senior CABOCHE 1 representative at the CARCASS training school, POSDEYEV, Evgenii Evgenivich, selected by CABOCHE 7. However, the talks, which lasted approximately six hours, covered practically every aspect of the CARCASS plan and its implementation.

2. POSDEYEV was interviewed by [] CARRIAGE-tested, then met by [] on 5 September. Since details of his biography are available, there is no need to repeat them here, but suffice to say, POSDEYEV did not appear to be an ideal candidate for the post for which he had been selected. He was not a former Soviet citizen, having been brought up in Warsaw where his family established themselves after the Revolution. He has had no experience in operational work, either intelligence, counter-intelligence or straight ZACACTUS operations with the exception of last year when he began to do some work into the East Zone of Germany. Finally, his health was extremely uncertain since he had recovered from tuberculosis and also suffered from an ingrown thyroid. However, POSDEYEV was certainly a well indoctrinated CABOCHE 1 member although he was very easy to talk to and did not give the impression of uncontrolled fanaticism.

After our initial impression of POSDEYEV, we tentatively decided that we would ask CABOCHE 7 for a substitute because we did not feel that POSDEYEV was suited either from the point of view of physical ability or background to assume the position of senior instructor. We were particularly worried about the very essential "re-sovietization" of agents who had been out for a long time. If, as it appeared obvious, POSDEYEV was assigned to the school to keep an eye on things, and would have other instructors assigned to handle the actual teaching, then we feared that we would run the risk of having too many non-agents around the place. In discussing the matter with [] we decided that rather than throw POSDEYEV out entirely, we would settle on a compromise that would assist us and not immediately give CABOCHE 7 the impression that we intended to take over CABOCHE 1 members right from the start. We suggested that POSDEYEV be utilized as a senior liaison officer on CARCASS matters with CABOCHE 7. In addition, he would be responsible for collecting needed instructional material from whatever source CABOCHE 1 has available. He could travel throughout the Zone, procuring written materials, or even recording descriptions, lectures, etc. for the use of the students. CABOCHE 1 has a large amount of this material on hand, and if there were available to us a member with some standing who understands what we need in our training situation, we could work up even more material. In addition to POSDEYEV, we would request that CABOCHE 7 assign a Soviet type, with an operational background, to CARCASS. This person would actually carry the heaviest instructional load and along with Vassiliev, the W/T instructor, would complete the CABOCHE 1 teaching staff. We will utilize Vassiliev's wife as housekeeper.

When this program was put to CABOCHE 7, he readily agreed with us that POSDEYEV did have the shortcomings we mentioned, particularly as far as his health is concerned. However, CABOCHE 7 feels that unless he can rely on POSDEYEV to relieve him of some of the burden connected with overall operations by assuming a leading role in CARCASS, severe limitations will be placed on CABOCHE 1 and the chances of success in a variety of fields will be lessened. Insofar as POSDEYEV's lack of Soviet background and operational experience is concerned, CABOCHE 7 stated that he had selected a former member of the

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Vlassov Army (ROA) was once a major in the Soviet Army, to cover this part of the course. Reportedly, this individual, KOPYLOV (fnu), who now lives in Belgium, was tied into the intelligence section of the ROA. He is now a man of about 40 years of age. He will be a full time resident instructor for CABOCHE 1 but will concentrate on "Sovietskaya Deistvitel'nost'" and operational topics. CABOCHE 7 still desires that the political, i. e. CABOCHE 1, indoctrination of the students be handled by POSDEYEV. There is no objection to our concept of POSDEYEV's role in terms of collecting material for courses as needed, although he will be based at the school.

After hearing CABOCHE 7's reaction to our impressions of POSDEYEV, our suspicions that POSDEYEV had been selected because of "party reliability" were confirmed. However, the fact that CABOCHE 7 is prepared to furnish an apparently qualified senior "Soviet type" instructor and was willing to accede to our wishes that POSDEYEV also be used as a liaison man and material collector, makes it difficult to reject the man. CABOCHE 7 did state that if all went well, and if KOPYLOV performed alright, then POSDEYEV might be relieved of CARCASS responsibility. We withheld judgement on this, since if we must assume that POSDEYEV will also pick up a great deal of experience in working with CARCASS and if we ever decide to expand into another cycle to run concurrently, then we will need trained personnel.

3. After disposing of the question of POSDEYEV, the conversations turned to the other members of the staff, and the students themselves. Plans were laid to proceed immediately to begin processing the remaining personnel. Vassiliev and wife will be interviewed and CARRIAGE -tested next week. Vassiliev, according to CABOCHE 7 is a former Soviet citizen with radio experience in the USSR and since the war abroad. We hope this is true since we intend to try to make the W/T instruction more than a course designed to teach agents merely how to "pound brass" but also give them an idea of what problems face the clandestine radio operator within the USSR and how to overcome these problems.

There are three students on deck here now from Belgium and they will be interviewed and CARRIAGE tested as soon as possible. There are three more on their way from French Morocco and although they are reportedly having some visa trouble, CABOCHE 7 feels that they will be here by 1 October, the date we indicated we felt the school should begin. It is planned that we have six students in all, and if all of those expected from Morocco do not arrive, others will be made available to take their place. CABOCHE 7 remarked that the calibre of these candidates was "medium (srednyye)". The PRQ's seen so far indicate the average has about 7 years of school (rather good for the USSR) and is of senior NCO or junior officer quality. Upon being asked if these were the best he could get, CABOCHE 7 asserted that they had "superior" types but would keep them until this first CARCASS experiment gets underway. We then asked CABOCHE 7 very frankly whether his decision to hold back the better types was because he desired to see how well we cope with the training and dispatch problem, or did it have a basis in CABOCHE 1 operational planning for work inside? CABOCHE 7 answered immediately that he desired to watch developments before committing better qualified candidates. That there do exist better people was confirmed to an extent by POSDEYEV, who in discussing with the three candidates now in Germany awaiting assessment, stated that they were "srednyye" but that there were better men available. However, POSDEYEV added, the latter had not yet been ideologically prepared along CABOCHE 1 lines.

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In terms of clearance for these students and CABOCHE 1 staff personnel, we will forward to Headquarters FRQ's Parts I and II and the results of the CARRIAGE-test and personal assessments. Later, during the course, the FRQ's will be elaborated on as [] get to know both staff and trainee personnel better. On this basis, we will move all personnel who clear the CARRIAGE test into the area, begin basic W/T training and the fundamentals of clandestine operations. By 1 January, at the latest, we should be able to begin the final stage of W/T training and commence individual mission planning (see para __ below), hence, operational clearance should be ready by that date.

4. The next topic discussed was the program for the CARCASS course. It was decided, roughly, that the U.S. personnel would be responsible for all field work to include such topics as PT, parachute training, map and compass orientation, weapons familiarization, unarmed combat, etc. The CABOCHE 1 instructors and the U.S. staff would collaborate on the rest of the course. For this remainder, CABOCHE 7 outlined a series of subjects which would enter naturally into any course designed to train covert agents planning to operate in the USSR. This program will be worked out in detail by a conference composed of the U.S. case officers, [] guided by [] and the CABOCHE 1 group which will include FOSDEYEV and KOPYLOV. The finalized version will have to be approved by [] and CABOCHE 7. However, at this point it would be well to note that the CABOCHE 1 people, in their great zeal not to be confused with "intelligence" agents, give rather strange titles to subjects which are actually the basis of clandestine operations. For example, the problem of soliciting information from an unwitting informant, the recruiting of a support point under a suitable cover, the development of "navodka" of a suitable contact, etc., were all classified by CABOCHE 7 under the vague heading "propaganda work". Operational data briefing is labeled "geography of the USSR", etc. However, in discussing these points, CABOCHE 7's treatment of them was as coldly and operationally logical as one could hope to find. It is felt that this habit of not "calling a spade a spade" will be much more pronounced on the part of FOSDEYEV than insofar as CABOCHE 7 is concerned. Regardless of this factor, however, CABOCHE 7 did show, in outlining a program, that he was thoroughly familiar with covert operations and was able to judge their training requirements competently.

5. From a discussion of the program, we moved naturally into a review of what we each considered the aims of the other party were in supporting and operating CARCASS. We both dwelt for some time on the desirability of "national revolution" within the USSR, since this initially was all that CABOCHE 7 would admit was the aim of CABOCHE 1 in conducting internal USSR operations. This grandiose thought was modified later to the point where we agreed that such a revolution would probably not be possible without there occurring a "historical event (CABOCHE 1 cant)" such as a war, death of Stalin, etc. It was further agreed that in order to be able to cope with the opportunities which might present themselves during such an event, it would be important to have a covert structure, composed of highly trained CABOCHE 1 members within the USSR. Any premature action (CABOCHE 1 term "aktsiya") which would render the structure or any of its members liable to compromise and apprehension, without a commensurate return in the direction of national revolution, is, and should be either prohibited or greatly restricted.

At this point we made very clear that one of the principal aims of the

United States in supporting CARCASS was to insure that a trained covert structure did exist within the USSR upon the outbreak of a war between the West and the Kremlin. Hence, we were in agreement with CABOCHE 1 and we concurred fully that it would be unthinkable for us all to spend many months training an individual to establish himself on at least a semi-legal basis in Leningrad, make a few contacts, only to have all this progress vanish because CABOCHE 1 leaflets were discovered in the vicinity of the agent's home and the MGB reaction included the arrest and interrogation of all persons living in the neighborhood. Action of this type should await war, and even then, according to CABOCHE 7, one should wait for the first set-back, the casualty lists, the decrease in bread rations, etc., before laying on a leaflet campaign.

Seeing that we agreed on the first common aim, the creation of a covert structure inside, we proceeded to outline what we thought such a structure could do in the intelligence field which would be of value to both the West and CABOCHE 1. Here CABOCHE 7 anticipated our statements, because he came out with a declaration of CABOCHE 1 policy on the matter of intelligence collection. CABOCHE 1, he stated, did not object to collaborating with the Western powers in collecting intelligence on the USSR, providing that the collaborating power did not (a) treat its personnel as paid agents, and (b) insist on the collection of purely routine military intelligence. Here CABOCHE 7 used as an example the already well worn story of the request of CABOCHE 1 to have its personnel go into the USSR to measure the thickness of a tank's armor.

On the first point, we assured CABOCHE 7 that not only did we not consider CABOCHE 1 personnel as "paid agents" but that it had been our experience that even those agents who are going back for the most mundane bit of information, still must be treated, and recruited, as persons who are performing a task which will in the long run bring freedom to their motherland. We agreed that the most careful psychological preparation will be necessary prior to assigning intelligence targets to CABOCHE 1 personnel. On the second point, we pointed out that if CABOCHE 1 was capable of providing us with students who were capable of absorbing detailed briefing, we would have for them intelligence tasks to perform which would challenge the imagination and resources of the most able individual. Naturally, the precise nature of an agent's mission will be determined by his own background and capabilities. An agent capable of observation only will observe airfields, but an individual able to set up legal residence will submit weighted reports on the entire air force complex in the area. These assignments will not be made until after completion of the first three months of training, and then briefing or training for them will be handled on an individual basis.

There will be one type of collection and reporting that every CABOCHE 1 agent will be called upon to do regardless of the nature of his mission. This is the transmittal of operational data. Briefing on this subject will be general, and in detail, so that no opportunity will be missed to see to it that we re-new our information as often as possible.

6. In order to meet the continuing needs of CARCASS and of "PETYA 8" in general, CABOCHE 1 has submitted a plan concerned with the spotting, assessment, recruiting, training and assigning of cadres. In effect, in every area of the world where there are large numbers of Russian emigres (both new and old emigration), CABOCHE 1 will establish a resident spotter. Generally, he will operate under the cover of, or in close contact with, the local "POSSEV" rep-

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representative. This individual will spot personnel, inform CABOCHE 1 headquarters. As a number of prospects develop in a given area, the chief CABOCHE 1 assessment officer makes a visit and interviews the candidates spotted. If they appear suitable, and a need exists for their qualifications, they will be provided with funds and instructions for a trip to Germany. Since it would be impossible for personnel recruited in Morocco, for example, to enter directly into any one of the "PETYA 8" activities without some briefing and orientation, both in the CABOCHE 1 ideology and normal living and operating conditions in Western Germany. This briefing would be carried on in the Frankfurt area under the cover of the presently existing Institute for the Study of the USSR. The courses would be of a general in nature since no specific training would be given here for the exact position the recruit might fill.

While agreeing that this arrangement was necessary, we queried CABOCHE 7 as to whether or not he didn't feel that if the resident spotter, and the visiting chief of cadres, agreed that a candidate looked perfect for CARCASS and had expressed a desire to return to the USSR in agent capacity, we should do our best to assist him to avoid going through the orientation school. The orientation can be given just as well within the CARCASS program, and at any rate, the agent is not going to work in Germany. By-passing the orientation phase will eliminate contact with many non-CARCASS recruits who will be working in the less sensitive parts of "PETYA 8".

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