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References: A. ECOA-36421

B. ECOA-32208

C. ECOA-16181

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1. In the absence of a replacement for [] the CACINBAR assets available to COS, at the time of [] departure, were turned over to various case officers of the Support Section. In January, [] was instructed to take over some of these assets for handling until the arrival of a regular CACINBAR project officer. CAVERDICT, who had been handled by [] was turned over by him to [] who has continued to handle him ever since. This agent is not considered a true CACINBAR asset at the present time, since he resides permanently in West Germany and at present in the process of being transferred, the details of which are being reported separately by Pepin.

2. CACINBAR-5 was turned over by [] to [] on the 26th of January 1957 and during this meeting the agent informed his case officer that he intended to resettle in West Germany. He was requested to locate a replacement for himself for the CACINBAR project and did so. His replacement, CACINBAR-10, will be mentioned below. Subsequent to CACINBAR-5's arrival in West Germany he sent [] a letter to a Berlin cover address, as requested, and gave his new address and repeated his willingness to remain in touch with American representatives. Chief of Base, Frankfurt, was advised of CACINBAR-5's availability and it was decided to continue contact with him for purposes of assessing him for the CABATON project. On 28 April, [] met CACINBAR-5 in Luebeck, West Germany, and introduced him to [] This turnover is reported in reference C.

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3. CACINNABAR-6 who, subsequent to [] departure, had been turned over to [] was taken over by [] on 21 January 1957 and [] has continued to meet him at regular intervals. CACINNABAR-6 is presently attending an agricultural course in East Berlin which is to last another three years, and his trips to East Berlin to attend this course provide excellent cover for his meetings with [] CACINNABAR-6 has made a very favorable impression on [] as a steady, reliable individual who, although comparatively uneducated and unintelligent, is very pro-Western motivated and very eager to perform his missions well. He has been fully briefed regarding his role in the CACINNABAR project in case of a hot war or other emergencies. Since the 10th of February 1957 CACINNABAR-6 has been receiving W/T training and he continues to make good progress during these training sessions. He appears to be learning W/T very slowly but he makes a determined effort to assimilate the subject matter and [] feels certain that the agent will eventually become a proficient W/T operator. CACINNABAR-6 has been instructed to make an effort to get to know his fellow students, but until this date he has met with very little success and we are, therefore, unable to state whether or not there is a chance of approaching and recruiting other members of this agricultural course.

4. CACINNABAR-10 was partially recruited by CACINNABAR-5 immediately prior to the latter's departure from the DDR. CACINNABAR-10 was introduced to [] on 23 February 1957 by CACINNABAR-5 and he immediately agreed to remain in contact with [] on a permanent basis. He has since been briefed fully regarding his role in the project and has accepted it very willingly, specifying that he does so only on condition that his name never be submitted to any West German intelligence agencies since he believes those to be penetrated by the opposition and very lax in their security precautions. The agent has made a very excellent impression on [] as a mature, trustworthy, well motivated individual. He served as an Artillery Captain in the German army during the war on the Eastern front and this has influenced his political thinking a great deal. He has a brother who resides permanently in the United States and from whom he receives letters describing life in the United States. This has awakened a great deal of interest on the part of the agent in all things American and it is believed that he genuinely enjoys the opportunity of frequently meeting an American and being engaged in work on behalf of the U.S. Government. He is quite well off financially since his wife owns a saw mill that is still independent. We, therefore, believe that the very small financial reward that CACINNABAR-10 gets in return for his cooperation barely plays a role in his motivation, which probably is almost entirely ideological. On 25 May 1957, CACINNABAR-10 received a code aptitude test in which he made an excellent score. He received previous W/T training in the Germany army and his instructor believes that he will make a very good operator as soon as he has had an opportunity to refresh his prior W/T knowledge.

5. Through CACINNABAR-10 we have received an excellent operational lead to an additional CACINNABAR project member, but so far we have not been able to take any steps to approach him. The individual served together with CACINNABAR-10

in the war and the latter recently had an opportunity to renew the friendship. GACINBAR-10 was able to elicit the information that his friend frequently comes to West Berlin to visit his sister and we, therefore expect no difficulty in eventually approaching him. GACINBAR-10 describes him as a very anti-totalitarian individual, who, undoubtedly, would agree to cooperate with the AIS. However, since GACINBAR-10 is a very cautious individual he has refused to make the approach himself.

6. An effort has been made to uncover additional operational leads through the detouring of refugees, but this effort has proved entirely unsuccessful. This, however, is partly due to the fact that [] other duties keep him quite occupied and he is, therefore, unable to devote sufficient time to this task. A series of contacts with a number of refugees has taken place and some of the leads appeared very promising. To date, however, none of the leads has produced any results, although all arrangements had been made regarding the visit to West Berlin of the prospective candidates and letters of introduction had been furnished by the respective refugees. This effort, which appears to be highly time consuming but in the end probably the most rewarding, will continue. Eventually it is hoped that we will be able to recruit at least two leader/organizers in each of the six GACINBAR target areas in the DDR.

7. Through a lead furnished [] by the CAET Section of SOB, contact was established with subject of EGRA-48075 and he has been set once for purposes of assessment. Only partial trace replies have been received. While it was initially intended to use this individual only for the GACINBAR project, it has since been decided to make use of his services in the CAHITA project. During the next meeting with the agent candidate he will therefore be turned over to []

8. We regret the delay in submitting this Status Report and will, in the future, make all efforts to keep you advised on a current basis regarding all our efforts to locate and recruit new members of the GACINBAR project. The impending arrival of a case officer who can devote additional time and effort to this activity should do much to achieve more substantial results over the coming months.