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CARBONHYDRATE Progress Report

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Synopsis: This memorandum describes the developments in the CARBONHYDRATE operation since the redirection of the project outlined in reference 1. No requests are contained in this report.

1. Since reference 1 was submitted to Headquarters, the proposal has been made to CARBONHYDRATE that his work for us be redirected along the lines contained in reference. It was explained to him that while higher headquarters has in the past valued the information submitted by him concerning the East Berlin police organization, the police itself is not now considered a target of primary importance. It was emphasized that CARBONHYDRATE himself could in no way be held responsible for this development, but, at the same time, headquarters is of the opinion that information regarding the Berlin police is not of sufficient interest to warrant the retention of CARBONHYDRATE solely for its procurement. It was explained that this whole problem is now subject to review since headquarters, in view of the United States Government's large scale expenditures in European economic aid and rearmament, is attempting to reduce its budget wherever possible. CARBONHYDRATE was informed that we appreciate his past services and feel that he can be of assistance to us in the future, although it has become necessary to reduce his monthly salary and to redirect his work. He was thereupon offered a salary of 300 RM West per month, 200 to be paid him in cash and 100 to be deposited to his holding account.

2. CARBONHYDRATE was, as might be expected, disappointed at the prospect of receiving a reduction in salary, although he was quick to point out that he had for some time been aware of his decreased production and wished that he could be of greater assistance to us. At the same time, he stated that he had been motivated by ideological considerations to contact us originally in the spring of 1948 and that he still felt these considerations to be more important than the material remuneration which he has received while in our employ. In short, he accepted the reduced salary basis and agreed to continue to work for the common cause in any way in which he could.

3. CARBONHYDRATE was then informed that we should continue to want any pertinent information on the Soviet Sector police organization, including personnel

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changes and policies, structural alterations, etc., as well as information to which he might have access concerning planned SED and FDJ demonstrations in West Berlin. He was told, however, that from now on our principal interest will be the location of possible leads into the HVDVP and HVA and information pertaining to DER identification cards and passes, methods of document control and travel restrictions. CARBONHYDRATE voiced his agreement with this outline of his future work for us, and he submitted, before leaving on his annual vacation, two reports, MGB-14106 and MGB-13930, which deal with control of the Deutscher Personalausweis and with DER police restrictions concerning travel to the Baltic coastal areas. We have also been informed by [redacted] in MGBA-6974, dated 1 July 1952, that his office is desirous of procuring, on a continuing basis, copies of Die Volkspolizei, which CARBONHYDRATE has submitted in the past and will continue to submit.

4. It was pointed out in reference 1 that CARBONHYDRATE is at present the only BOB source able to perform basic name and address checks, through police files, on East Sector residents of operational interest to us. Both [redacted] and the undersigned are of the opinion that CARBONHYDRATE's contributions along this line are of decided value to the BOB CE Section. An example of the importance of such basic checks occurred recently in the [redacted]. According to intelligence reports previously submitted by CARBONHYDRATE, names and identifying information of members of the SED are not maintained in the East Berlin Residents Registry Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). On this basis, CARBONHYDRATE was requested to ascertain whether [redacted] name was on file in the Residents Registry Office (see MGB-6213). CARBONHYDRATE was able to find [redacted] name in the files, which also contained other pertinent information regarding the latter, and this contribution was of assistance to us in attempting to evaluate the authenticity of [redacted] story.

5. On the basis of points mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and since CARBONHYDRATE has expressed his willingness to continue in our employ at a reduced salary, it is recommended that he be maintained on agent status by BOB. A revised Field Project Outline was submitted to Headquarters as MGBA-16073 to cover the agent's activity from June through September 1952; a new FPO will be written to cover the CARBONHYDRATE Project after the latter date.

6. As was mentioned above, CARBONHYDRATE is presently on vacation, and the next scheduled meeting with him is set for 22 August 1952.