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1. COMPASS hopes the report requested for Jan. 27, and forwarded in pouch of that date was received. The cable reply to your cable request was sent on the assumption Jan. 27 report was in D. C. and that it had just not gotten to your office. It was assumed further that if anything had gone wrong with the pouch CHISEL would have been one of the first to know, and as of Feb. 1 afternoon he had heard nothing.

2. COMPASS will try to fill out the basic dead drop and signal site report on Feb. 4, and follow instructions of Letter No. 8 on Feb. 5. COMPASS told CHISEL the Letter No. 8 consisted of personal financial problems so that COMPASS had an excuse to keep the letter in his possession--to permit him to memorize telephone message to be given to CHALK on Feb. 5 at 1000 hours after 0900 Mass at Fr. Dion's. COMPASS still has the letter for reference, but will destroy it before he goes out on Feb. 5, 1961, to telephone. It will all be memorized by that time.

3. COMPASS will destroy Letter No. 8 himself instead of putting it in CHISEL's burn bag, after it has served its purpose. In future, please, when letter contains specific "EYES ONLY" instructions, avoid putting "SECRET EYES ONLY" stamps on the letter. They add nothing to COMPASS control of his mail.

4. COMPASS hopes the following amendments to your instructions of Letter No. 8 will be acceptable. They are based on his experience here and use of public telephones. First, even if a male answers the phone on Feb. 5, COMPASS will use familiar Russian for "Hi, Oleg!"

7 If the answer is "Yes!" [Da!] COMPASS will reply, "Reply only in Russian. This is your intimate friend!"

7 Then COMPASS will continue in English. If CHALK tries to insist on knowing who is calling, COMPASS will insist "Listen!" in English and go on as instructed. CHALK must have some guide to a cover story in case he is not alone when COMPASS calls and, in the event the number is wrong, or a male answers who is not CHALK, the use of the familiar Russian should allay suspicion.

5. Other instructions in Letter No. 8 will be followed "to the letter" insofar as faulty memory may preclude. A cable would be sent saying "Contact established," except that CHISEL would have to send it and

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and COMPASS worries about such transmission underlining an established in Letter No. 8. Better that COMPASS should get his report out by sealed pouch on Feb. 7 which you should have by Feb. 10. That would avoid any awkward cover story to CHISEL, particularly since COMPASS will not be returning Letter No. 8 but will have destroyed it--most securely, by burn, crush, and flush method!--and CHISEL may be concerned about COMPASS' handling of letters from you.

11. Re JIG: COMPASS would be happy if this report could be a definitive review of all reporting re JIG but the evening is passing swiftly. It was a rough day physically and tomorrow will also be a rough day in the same way. This GSA job is no "lark," particularly as I have more responsibility as a Bldg. Super, than as GSA. U. S. buildings in Moscow are held together by by paint and much is required of the GSA become Bldg. Super. (Nerve wracking, too!)

12. JIG description as forwarded as thought to be complete, particularly as missing details as requested, when not specifically answered, were assumed to have been accepted as resolved. When COMPASS stated he would be in place when, where, and as how requested, it was assumed you understood it was all thought out and COMPASS could handle the situation. Every detail can't be reported because too many things happen too fast. COMPASS has run into the latest complications this past six weeks as concerns "JIG."

13. BUROBIN, in response to a year old request of the Embassy, is going--was going--to tear down storehouses in the backyard of JIG. (The Sketch on rear of this page crossed out and put on last page of this report plus plans of JIG previously forwarded should give you the idea!) To date, BUROBIN still has not come through and COMPASS personally is stuck with the problem. Essentially, they are to tear down deteriorated storehouses and install brick wall, where it does not exist, in JIG compound. Six weeks have passed and they still are not here to do the job. That, however, is a detail, for, under any type of surveillance observation COMPASS still has many excuses to be in JIG's rear yard. Visit storehouses; play with dog; clear snow off skating rink; walk for fresh air--anything, and all legitimate.

14. COMPASS would need a full three hours to give the same time he has given to this report in general, to a report on all the ramifications of JIG as a "drop site" as planned. He doesn't have the time now if he is to do his cover job tomorrow.

15. Next report--phone call to CHALK. After that, not possibly with it--detailed report on JIG.

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