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JUL 29 1953

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TO : Chief, WH
FROM : Chief, DTROBALO
SUBJECT: GENERAL- Operational
SPECIFIC- PBFORTUNE

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Transmitted herewith in triplicate is a memorandum of understanding, made as a result of our discussion with Lawrence F. SILENCE.

RICHARD F. ARVILLE

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Conference in Richard F. ARVILLE's Office on 24 July 1953, at which time the following were present: For Headquarters, Lawrence F. SILENCE, Stephen O. BRIGFORD, Peter C. KNITTEL and Kenneth T. OFFEN; for DTROBALO, Richard F. ARVILLE and Jacob B. HIRSCHWOOD.

Discussions Resulting in the Following Understandings were Reached:

1. ARVILLE stated that nothing stated by him, or his Deputy, or anyone representing DTROBALO, would be intended to alter, change or deviate any Headquarters' instructions in any degree.
2. Each of the gentlemen from Headquarters stated that he had received certain instructions, and understood his assigned duties and instructions.
3. The date and hour of the departure of the _____ was agreed upon as 0600 hours 25 July 1953, depending upon any difficulty encountered.
4. The condition of the engines was brought up and OFFEN stated the ship would be ready to depart in so far as he is able to determine at this time.
5. The estimated duration of the voyage was discussed and it was stated that the 18 day estimate was reached so as to allow for ample supplies and rations and to give the Captain of the ship time to reconnoiter other places as necessary.
6. The total complement, officers and men, was discussed and the total placed at 16. The list of officers and men was read and approved.
7. Communications: It was understood that the same Chief Communicator would be used on the present trip as was used on the last trip, and that Louis B. SOLLIDAY would not be needed as Assistant Communicator. It was discussed and agreed that the ship would report by radio at about noon daily. It was not believed necessary that DTROBALO advise Headquarters of these messages unless something unusual was reported.
8. Crew Members: It was brought out and discussed that the crew members who are DTROBALO contract guards, with the exception of one man, are not seamen and have had no such training or experience, and that this would be remembered and taken into consideration when handling them aboard ship.
9. Camouflage: With reference to Para. 4 of DIR 12844 and Para. 1 of DIR 13042, the matter of camouflage was discussed and it was understood by all that the term camouflage as used by Headquarters meant "Camouflage Name Only." In this connection, it was understood that name plates bearing the name "Isabella" had been prepared and would be aboard to be used if and when decided by the Captain of the ship.

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10. Provisions: It was understood that ample provisions for the voyage were being stocked and would be stocked aboard. It was agreed that there would be no whiskey, wine or beer put aboard and that such personal items as cigarettes, cigars, magazines and games would not be furnished for the voyage. Further, that no intoxicants would be brought aboard by anyone.

11. Photography: This point was discussed and it was stated by SILENCE that the gentlemen from Headquarters had the necessary photographic equipment and that photographs taken aboard the ship would be controlled and the official photographs taken would be turned in to DTROBALO for forwarding to Headquarters. No unauthorized photography will be permitted on the trip.

12. Maps and Charts: It was agreed that all maps and charts available at DTROBALO will be placed aboard the ship and that through DTROBALO procurement facilities all maps and charts requested by Headquarters and/or SILENCE will be procured to the degree possible.

13. Reconnoiter: This phrase and exactly how it would be construed was discussed in general; i.e., whether it would be interpreted to mean reconnoiter around an island by ship or going ashore with men to foot-reconnoiter any given island. The decision was left to the Captain of the ship based upon the instructions he received from Oliver G. GALBOND. Within the discretion of the ship captain and SEEKFORD, going ashore on any island might or might not be made, and when made a reconnaissance party would probably be limited to two (2) men.

14. Arms and Ammunition: It was discussed and agreed that an absolute minimum of arms and ammunition would be put aboard. SILENCE recommended three (3) 45-caliber automatic pistols and one rifle with a small quantity of ammunition for these pieces.

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