

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

27 February 1952

Subject: Project 63

1. On receipt of [] memorandum TFI-00753 of 1 February 1952, I had a meeting with Dr. Joseph Koepfli, Science Advisor, Department of State, on February 12 to discuss what action should be taken. It was agreed that he would bring the matter to the attention of Fritz Nolting in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of State with the idea that Nolting would discuss the matter with General Cabell and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I agreed that we would take the matter up within CIA to determine what action the Agency might wish to take on the intelligence aspect of the problem.

2. On February 13, Mr. Alexander and I had a meeting in my office with Col. Heckemeyer and Lt. Col. Crabbe, Director and Deputy Director, respectively, of JIOA. We showed them [] memorandum and asked what action they felt would be appropriate. Heckemeyer seemed to feel that the complaints contained in [] memorandum stemmed from a small number of disgruntled Germans and that the matter was not of major importance. We pointed out, however, that the repercussions of Project 63 had already been felt to some extent in the negotiation of the contractual relations. Heckemeyer said that Col. Crabbe was taking a group to Germany on February 22 to carry forward Project 63; that the project had not been discontinued as we had understood, and as had been understood in Germany; that the list of prospective contract Germans had been somewhat reduced. We agreed that if we could secure Agency clearance we would provide Heckemeyer with a copy of the [] memorandum, and we also advised Heckemeyer that we would communicate the present status of Project 63 to []. It was mutually agreed that Col. Crabbe would contact [] in Germany immediately after arrival in order to discuss the avoidance of further adverse effects on intelligence operations in Germany.

3. On February 14, [] and I discussed with [], DDI, the possibility of our taking some action with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in relation to Project 63. [] decision was that we would not take such action, but that we would cable Weber on the present status of the Project and ask that General Truscott advise us of any action which he felt the Agency should take. Such a cable was prepared.

4. On February 15, a second meeting was held with Col. Heckemeyer during which he was given a copy of the Weber memorandum and cleared the outgoing cable to [].

5. On February 25 I heard from Dr. Koepfli that Nolting had had a discussion with General Cabell of JCS and that as a result of this the Department of State with the concurrence of JCS had sent a top secret

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cable to HICOG directing that the objective and operations of the JIOA team under Col. Crabbe should be very carefully reviewed in the theatre in order that the political objective of the Department should not be impaired. As yet I have not been able to secure a copy of this top secret cable which had extremely limited distribution within the Department.

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