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SUBJECT: Intelligence Net East Germany, Poland and CSR

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Commanding Officer

66th Counter Intelligence Corps Group

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2. On 3 November 1953, P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) were contacted by the handling agent at which time the following transpired:

a. Sources reported that they now have three sources of entry into the CSR: (1) at the East German, Polish and CSR border, where the crossings can be accomplished in semi-legal manner with the assistance of border officials. Passes can usually be obtained for the local residents, however, the body search is strict and the transport of any material is very difficult; (2) 402, the personnel chief of

in the vicinity of () (nca), is charged with personnel and documentation, and is prepared to supply a route into and out of the CSR via a train into the CSR carrying the finished mine products from JOHANNGEORGANSTADT to KARLSBAD (UR 5867), CSR, twice weekly. Three employees, all trusted by 402, run the train, and 402 can place personnel with the proper documentation on the train as he pleases, however, two weeks advance notice is required to use this route; (3) a third route has been found which is independent of the 400 net. Source,

mately forty (40) years of age. who speaks Czech fluently,

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is presently unemployed, is married and has four (4) children, and is coded /) He lived many years near PRESSBURG (nca), and still has relatives there plus the proper connections on both sides of the Czech-Austrian border.

b. Sources submitted a breakdown of disbursements to date, indicating disbursements of DM 20,000 of which DM 8,000 covered expenses incurred by the key sources and DM 12.000 turned over to the four principal sub-sources.

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It was indicated that sources are ready to start the CSR operation; that they have accomplished the necessary exploratory work and have rather definite routes with two

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separate sources; that it is felt that they could operate with DM 7800 in Czech kronin initially, with DM 6000 in kronin monthly thereafter.

- Sources, in addition, revealed the following:
 - ~ (1) 208 has reported a Soviet officer who desires to defect and flee. Sources were instructed to advise 208 that no action should be taken prior to instructions but to get identifying data, family status, and complete details as soon as possible.
 - (2)Sources reported that a ship captain in DRESDEN (nca), who works on the Elba River, has been found who can be used as a source.
 - (3) A source has been developed in a German firm which is engaged in /) and similar materials for the Soviets. It is believed arrangements could be made for copies.
 - (4) Sources stated that the city maps requested of cities in East Germany, will be forthcoming.
 - (5) With reference to EEI concerning the Benzin lager in AKEN (nca), sources indicated that there is none in AKEN, but there are two, some eight (8) kilometers (4.8 miles) from the city, one of which is underground. were told to proceed with the given EEI on each.

Sources indicated they had established a contact for (

They have made no contact with these persons.

(7)Sources furnished a report with reference to a division staff in KARLSBAD, CSR. (Forwarded per letter, Region I, Subject and File as above, dated 5 November 1953.)

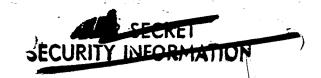
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- During conversations on 4 November 1953, between Major () Headquarters, 66th CIC Group and Special A, Region I, 66th CIC Group, STUTTGART, and Agent (Headquarters, 66th CIC Group and Special Major //) Region I, Major (Agent/i)/was informed concerning sources' request for an increase in funds. In conversation regarding the meeting with P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) on 3 November 1953, it was indicated that details are desired as soon as possible regarding the Soviet officer who desires to defect; that the contact on the Elba River should not be used at present but contact should be maintained; that the names of the American contacts in the railroad stations should be obtained for checking purposes. It was indicated that inasmuch as the KARLSBAD report was sketchy and the validity was questionable, the CSR operation should be suspended until such time as a more positive evaluation of sources' integrity and ability can be made through their West German operations. Major/) indicated that sources could be paid DM 1000 in Czech kronin to keep the CSR contacts alive and that no production is expected for this amount.
- 4. On 6 November 1953, a letter was received by the handling agent from P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) which indicated that some information had arrived in the West Zone of Germany concerning LUDWIGSLUST (nca), WEIMAR (nca), and the photo task assigned, which information would be in their hands within forty-eight (48) hours. It was indicated that an additional DM 5000 would be needed to complete the November 1953 operation.
- 5. On 6 November 1953, P-983a-I (Temp) was met by the handling agent and the following transpired:
- a. Source was advised that the report submitted regarding KARLSBAD, CSR was unsatisfactory but that the source should not be recontacted at present.
- b. Source was advised that the operation in CSR is not to be exploited at present but contacts there should be held in abeyance. Source was given 2000 Czech kronin to maintain contact. The handling agent was advised that additional information would be forthcoming as a result of the original request.
- c. Source was advised that word of the arrest of any members of the net by West German police must be for-warded to the handling agent without delay; that sources Page ... 1... of 17 Page

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arrested should not reveal their connections with the net and that no other action will be necessary.

- d. Source stated that the results of the photo mission were expected on 7 November 1953. Source turned in seven (7) reports as follows: (1) Report on the Panzer-Nachrichten Kaserne, WEIMAR with a sketch and a report that a source is employed as a truck driver in the kaserne; (2) Report on the airfield, NOHRA (nca) with a sketch and a report that a source is employed as a fireman within the kaserne; (3) Report on the Schuetzen Kaserne, WEIMAR with a sketch and a report that a source is employed there as a telephone operator; (4) A report of KVP movement to BAER-MENSTEIN (nca); (5) A report on a Soviet-Kaserne in SAALFELD (nca); (6) A report of a KVP tank unit stationed in ANNABERG (nca); and (7) A report on the SSD headquarters in WEIMAR. (Information forwarded per letters, Region I, Subject and file as above, dated 16 November 1953.)
- Source was questioned regarding the request made for an additional DM 5000 in a letter received by the handling agent on 6 November 1953. Source stated that all funds which were advanced had been expended and only DM 400 remained. All sources had been paid, including expected traveling expenses; however, some of the estimates were probably low, and an additional DM 5000 was needed to pay for travel expenses of P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) for the remainder of the month, to make up travel expenses underestimated to several sources, and to serve as a working capital or cushion for unforseen contingencies. The shortage as indicated by the source was partly due to an underestimate and partly because over DM 3000 of the DM 16,000 went to the CSR operation. Source further requested that the request for additional funds and the projected December budget be acted upon as soon as practicable. Source was advised that it was our desire to stabilize the operation and that we are not presently interested in unlimited expansion; therefore, though allowances would be made for inexperience and assignment of tasks different from what expected, increases in the budget could be made on actual production or special projects but not on general potentialities. Concerning the effect of the CSR operation on the December 1953 budget, source stated that the budget increase would be the DM 6000 in Czech kronin, since the CSR operation could be carried out with practically the same overhead. However, if they were run separately, some additional overhead would be Source was advanced DM 1000 and informed that if the additional DM 5000 were approved, source would be

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notified on 12 or 13 November 1953, and that the DM 1000 advanced would be deducted therefrom. Source stated that it was felt DM 15,000 was a safe budget for the East German operation during December 1953.

g. Sources was informed that the identities of sub-sources must be established as soon as possible, and that meetings with () () () and () are desired. Source indicated that instructions had gone out to identify sub-sources and that meetings with the four principal sources would be arranged as soon as it was felt they were conditioned for meetings with an American in connection with their activities. If meetings are desired sooner, it will be necessary to use an agent who does not reveal himself as an American through his speech, or only introduce the agent as a friend, not disclosing the relationship to the activity.

6. On 7 November 1953, P-983a-I (Temp) was met by the handling agent. Source indicated that the Czech kronin he received on 6 November 1953, was sent by courier to() who was at PASSAU (UP 8782) and that() had then traveled legally over the German-Austrian border enroute to the CSR. Source turned in four reports as follows: (1) Report concerning SSD units assigned to service the WISMUT Gebeit; (2) Report concerning eight (8) new KVP units; (3) Report concerning a unit of KVP; and (4) Report concerning an act of sabotage within WISMUTH A. G.. (Reports forwarded per letter, Region I, Subject and File as above, dated 16 November 1953.)

7. On 9 November 1953, P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) were met by the handling agent and the following transpired:

a. Sources reported that the material alleged to have arrived in the West Zone of Germany on 5 November

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1953, and which was to have been delivered by courier within forty-eight (48) hours thereafter had, for some unknown reason, not arrived. The material was supposed to have included the photo mission. Sources indicated another courier was being dispatched to HANNOVER (ND 5005) to determine the reason for delay. The courier.

() born () in () is the

brother-in-law of P-983a-I (Temp).

b. It was indicated that sources had received a verbal report of one of the sub-sources having penetration

verbal report of one of the sub-sources having penetration in three East German ministries; identification, position and details, however, have not been received.

c. Arrangements were made for the handling agent to meet the courier, () on 10 November 1953 and receive the information from HANNOVER, and at the same time meet P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp).

8. On 10 November 1953, the handling agent was met by P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp), at HEIDELBERG (MV 7874) railroad station, and was advised that (_____) was still in HANNOVER and would not be on the train as expected.

) was to remain until he obtained a satisfactory answer as to what had occurred. Sources indicated that they had just arrived from FRANKFURT/Main (MA 7754) where they had met 402 through 400. 402, named () the

, received a minor injury and was excused from work for several days and took the opportunity, with police permission, to visit friends in the East Zone of Germany. 402 crossed the East-West zonal border illegally to contact 400, obstensibly for the purpose of determining if he had obtained proper connections for his services, and if the people back of him were sincere. Sources indicated that 402 was short on funds because funds had been channeled to the CSR operation, including the DM 3000 given// DM 3000 given () and, in order to properly convince 402 of their seriousness, a substantial payment must be made to thim by P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp). In justification of their diversion of funds to the CSR operation. sources stated that we had shown anxiety over the CSR operation. Therefore, they felt compelled to push the effort; however, they had not anticipated that it would take them so long to show results and felt that the results of the money invested there would be forthcoming in the form of a start on the CSR operation. Because of the delay, they had foreseen the need and requested the additional DM 5000 on 6 November 1953, Fig. 19409 **53**8

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but they had not anticipated 402 coming into the West Zone. Sources felt nothing less than DM 3000 would satisfy the needs and requirements of 402 and others in the net, and that if 402 left the zone without it he would be lost to It would definitely be a loss since 402 had the operation. submitted the most reports, had the proper connections for transportation into the CSR, and that if 400 had to be dropped, 402 would be a likely successor. 402 was to return to East Germany illegally on 11 November 1953. indicated that they can borrow the money if they have a commitment from this organization that the money would be reimbursed them, but, at any rate, the request was urgent. (Sources turned in two reports which were forwarded by letter, Region I, Subject and File as above, dated 16 November 1953.)

- On 11 November 1953, P-983a-I (Temp) was contacted and it was agreed that the desired funds would be borrowed and transmitted to 402 by P-983a-I (Temp) and that reimbursement would be made on 13 November 1953. P-983a-I (Temp) indicated that 402 had departed for a point near the East-West zonal border and was waiting for the money to be trans-The handling agent requested proof of the mitted to him. transmission of the money be given him at the next meeting.
- On 13 November 1953, P-983a-I (Temp) was met by the handling agent and the following transpired:
- Source had in his possession two telegraph receipts totaling DM 1800 which indicated that DM 1800 had been transmitted to () in WIESBADEN (MA 4549) on 11 November 1953. Source explained that (200, had been used as courier to take the money to 402; that source had been unable to raise more than DM 1800, and he had forwarded that amount to 402 with a promise of more to follow; that 200 was to contact 402 near FULDA (ND 4801) to deliver the money.
- Source was paid DM 4000, and informed that, with the exception of special projects assigned by this organization, no additional funds above the budget would be favorably considered, without complete justification. Source reiterated the reasons for the need for funds as indicated in paragraphs 6 and 8, above.
- Source stated that _) had returned from HANNOVER, but that it was found that the work submitted was completely unsatisfactory and the order was given to perform

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the missions satisfactorily. Apparently the courier in HANNOVER had not delivered the work as scheduled, and when the work was received, it was found to be very poor. was desirous of withholding the results of the photo mission from the handling agent because of the poor quality but hesitantly agreed to bring them along at a later meeting. 100 was assigned to point out all the deficiencies in the reports to the persons responsible for the poor showing and order the missions re-run, both through the original sources and through a new source. Source believes the poor showing of the courier in HANNOVER was due to personal considerations on the part of the courier, and source indicated that he has been assured that the courier will not repeat such an act of indifference.

The handling agent again stressed the need for security of the operation.

The identity of sub-sources and anyone connected with the net was discussed, and source was advised that the handling agent must have identifying data on at least fifteen (15) sub-sources by 15 December 1953.

- 11. On 14 November 1953, during a conversation between), Headquarters 66th CIC Group and Major Major () Lieutenant () and Special Agent (Region I, Major() was verbally informed of the progress of the net, and it was indicated by Major (__)_'that the December 1953 budget of DM 15,000 had been approved and that the sources could be so notified. Major (_____) furnished five (5) additional EEI for forwarding to, and development by, the net.
- 12. On 17 November 1953, P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) were met by the handling agent and the following transpired:
- Sources turned in twelve reports numbers 17111201 through 17111212. (Forwarded per letter, Region I, Subject and File as above, dated 24 November 1953.)
- Sources were questioned about() and they -indicated that they did not desire to make any commitments, but that they believed that there would be no disappointment and that they should soon be able to evaluate the operational possibilities within the CSR. Hq: 6602 100 No.
- Sources indicated that they should have a report of progress concerning the defection of the Soviet fficers Page..... by 27 November 1953. 540 Copy L. of 3. Co

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- d. Sources indicated that they expect a report concerning FRANKFURT/Oder within a short period.
- Sources pointed out that the points concerning their operations which are indicated as unsatisfactory by this organization have to be made known to their sub-subsources and that such notification naturally takes time and even more time is naturally necessary to show the results of such notification. Further, such criticism does not always take the first time and has to be stressed several times in certain cases before a difference is noted. With regard to reports which have been received concerning kasernes and which do not fall within the assigned EEI, sources stated that the sub-sources had been instructed to report information on any installation of this type as long as they could give definite information; that it was felt that if interest was displayed in obtaining more information concerning the particular installation that specific EEI could be requested which usually should not be difficult to fulfill since when the source makes an original report such source usually has already obtained penetration of some sort.
- f. Sources were given five additional EEI previously supplied by Headquarters 66th CIC Group.
- g. Security of the operation was again stressed, and both sources were reminded of the suspense date of 15 December 1953 for having the identities of fifteen (15) sub-sources in the net.
- h. Sources further stated that they believed that progress would be shown in the near future on the procurement of the requested ammunition.

Major () Headquarters 66th CIC Group and Captain () Lieutenant (), and Special Agent ()' Region I, Major () was advised of the status of the net and the information received from P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) on 17 November 1953. In addition, Major () furnished four (4) additional EEI for development by the net and indicated that the identity of the source supplying information on the KVP is desired as soon as possible; that the general method of operation of the net must be obtained; that identification of sub-sources must be pushed; and that the failure to properly distinguish between KVP and Border Police should be corrected.

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- 14. On 18 November 1953, P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) were contacted by the handling agent and the following transpired:
- a. Sources supplied the control of information concerning the reports submitted on 17 November 1953. In addition, sources were given an explanation of the need for giving complete control of information to include the time the information first arrives in the Western Zone so as to show time of transmission, method of transmission, and the original source together with his method of transmission in order to more nearly arrive at a clear opinion of the efficiency of the net. It was further pointed out to the sources that where sketches are received by them from the sub-sources, it is desired that the originals, as well as the reproductions, be forwarded to the handling agent.
- b. Sources were instructed to identify the sources of the reports concerning the KVP as soon as possible.
- c. Sources indicated that a sister and the wife of P-983-I (Temp) are utilized as couriers, and that the third courier, identified previously as:

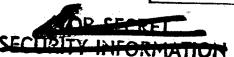
 , will be available for interviews by the handling agent on 21 November 1953. The sister of P-983-I (Temp) played a prominent role together with P-983-I (Temp) in the leadership of the NEUSS DEUTSCHLAND from 1936 to 1940.
- d. Sources furnished a report concerning the Gehlen Group, which was reported to have been received through normal contacts within the Western Zone. The report was previously mentioned, at which time sources were instructed that such a report would be accepted only on condition that the writing of it did not interfere with their assigned activities and that under no circumstances were inquiries to be made concerning the group.
- 15. On 21 November 1953, P-983-I (Temp), P-983a-I (Temp), and (_____) were met by Special Agent (_____) and the following transpired:
- a. A personality Report was taken from () and information for a Personality Report concerning 200 was received from P-983-I (Temp).
- b. Four (4) additional EEI, furnished by Head-quarters 66th CIC Group on 18 November 1953, were given to the sources.

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c. It was indicated that 400 was getting married that day and would probably be "out of operation for a short time"; however, there was no indication as to whether or not his marriage would have an adverse effect upon his intelligence work.

It was pointed out by P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) that there was some hesitancy upon the part of the key sources to pinpoint the identity of the sub-sources from whom they had accepted reports a number of times but had failed to get the complete identifying data in the beginning. It was stressed to the sources that the key sources would be firmly informed that when a report is received from a recruited source, that identifying data will be obtained when the first report is received. With regard to meeting the key sources, it was indicated that, although they were not conditioned for a meeting with an American with regard to their activities, that if a meeting was demanded with them, it should be handled so as to appear that the agent is a personal friend and should not reveal himself as an American in speech, manner, or dress. Sources were informed that a meeting would not be pressed at this time, but that information for Personality Reports concerning the principal sources must be obtained with the least delay. As a part explanation of the feeling of the four (4) principal sources, it was pointed out by P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) that each was carefully selected and agreed to work only because they had the greatest amount of confidence in each other; that in cases where there are no blood ties or long friendship between some of the sources, they are still bound by the Catholic Church; and that, due to the present activity of the net, it can be expected that the principal sources are a bit hesitant about giving all the information at once when they might have reason to question the destination of the results of their efforts.

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Sources indicated that they were in doubt as for whom in particular they were working; that they were in no way interested in the inner structure of the organization but that if the handling agent should disappear and contact with them was dropped or they got into trouble as a result of their activities and needed someone to vouch for them they would need some place to turn. Sources were shown Special Agent () civilian AGO card under the covername of () and the name of Captain () (S-2, Headquarters Area Command) who signed the card was pointed out to them. Sources were informed that it was Captain () normal duty to register such identification

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and he could at all times make contact with the handling agent. Sources appeared satisfied with the explanation.

Sources indicated that Soviet First Lieutenant), twenty-nine (29) years of age, assigned to the 2nd Engineer Battalion in CHEMNITZ (nca) desires to defect and travel to the Western Zone at once. Sources requested that they be informed of our desires as to the handling of the situation, what commitments could be made) and what information it is desired that attempt to obtain prior to his defection. ources were informed that they would receive instructions concerning)' without delay. Sources stressed that discretion was very necessary in that they have involved members of the Catholic Church in the particular operation. Sources further indicated that a second Soviet officer, a major, is also desirous of defecting but does not want to take the step at this time. Complete details were requested. (_ reported to reside at (

area; to have been in his present position since 1951; to be an anti-communist Ukrainian who is without a doubt a friend of the Germans. () according to the original source, has assisted German workers who have appeared to () to be trustworthy, among them the original source, and the original source is of the opinion that () wants to work with the West. () was asked to give as evidence

and the original source is of the opinion that () wants to work with the West. /) was asked to give as evidence to the courier, important substantiation, such as written orders. The Soviet major is reportedly stationed in RATHENOW (nca) and is due for promotion to lieutenant colonel in a very short time. The major is reported to be ready to desert; however, he wants to wait for his promotion and to remain in his new position long enough to

collect material. The major recommends that he travel to West Berlin in the spring of 1954, although he is prepared to plan and receive more detailed instructions. Personality data will be forthcoming from the source.

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g. Sources were queried concerning the photo mission which was reported to have been conducted unsatisfactorily and, with reluctance, turned in five photographic negatives which were of no intelligence value. The photographs were obviously taken from great distances from the object which was to be photographed and were not acceptable nor identifiable.

h. Sources turned in reports numbered 21110401
through 21110404, concerning kasernes located in RATHENOW.

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- 16. On 23 November 1953, Major/(), Headquarters 66th CIC Group, was made aware of the information received from sources during the meeting of 21 November 1953, by Lieutenant () and Special Agent () Region I, and indicated that EEI and instructions for the handling of the defection of//) would be forthcoming on or before 25 November 1953.
- 17. On 23 November 1953, Special Agent. courier () who turned over reports 23110201 and 23110202, control of information for reports 21110401 through 21110404, and the control of information for reports 23110201 and 23110202. There was no conversation between the agent and the courier.
- On 24 November 1953, Lieutenant (), Special) Region I, were Agent (), and Special Agent (), Region I, winformed by Major (), Headquarters 66th CIC Group. informed by Major (), Headquarters 66th CIC G that it is desired that arrangements be made for arrive in the West Zone of Germany on or about 13 December 1953. Incidental to the defection, the following was desired:
- That Region XI be contacted for information concerning a point on the border which would be considered)) to cross to the West Zone. the safest place for /
- That Region I representatives should be on the border area to accept () and transport him into Region I area for retention by this organization.
- c. That be informed of the fact that the collection and transmission of Soviet field and technical manuals (list of ten (10) supplied by Major) transmission to () is of the most importance; however, if the ten most desired are not obtainable by he can bring are wanted as are other official documents of
- d. That political asylum and refugee status can be offered (_____) that he can be told he will be taken care of; that while no mention should be made of specific amounts, he can be informed that for each item he brings with him he can expect a cash settlement commensurate with its worth.
- ________further indicated that P-983-I e. Major ((Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) could be informed that the net will receive a bonus of DM 2000 for delivering (
 West Zone and, that for each one of the ten manuals specifically requested they will also be paid a bonus of DM 2000. Page 14 of 17 Page H9409

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f. Major () further requested that the name and position of the Soviet major who desires to defect be obtained as soon as possible.

19. On 27 November 1953, P-983-I (Temp) and P-983a-I (Temp) were met by Special Agent () and Special Agent) and the following transpired:

a. The Agents were introduced to P-983a-I's brother, / / located about twenty-five (25) kilometers (15 miles) from WUERZBURG (NA 6817), who has not been informed of the net although he does have some inkling of the activities. He is occasionally used as a letter-drop or go-between.

Sources had about ten reports, one of which), the Soviet officer dealt with First Lieutenant / who wishes to defect. He is married to /), twenty-eight (28) years old whom he met in CHEMNITZ where she was employed as a Soviet office worker, and they have one child, a son, of his family reside at //) parents both died His mother-in-law resides at) is assigned from the 2nd Engineer Battalion, 16/347.13. He is presently assigned as CHEMNITZ, APO No. Soviet Control Officer on Specific Objects of WISMUTH A. G., While a German Prisoner-of-War, NIEDERSCHLEMA. munitions driver. He was in a Penal and Rehabilitation Camp in 1945, and was pardoned and reinstated in the Soviet Army In 1951, his old rank of Lieutenant was restored, and he was detached from the 2nd Engineer Battalion in CHEMNITZ. He became a First Lieutenant in January 1953. can furnish information concerning WISMUTH A. G., military information in his particular area, troops, and supplies and equipment in the WISMUTH area and on the DDR-CSR border. (_____) allows explosives, equipment, and munitions to be taken away by resistance groups, and, in June 1953, actually assisted the resistance groups with small acts of sabotage in order to disrupt mining operations. The resistance groups that have known him since 1951 describe his attitude as 100 per cent anti-Soviet and National Ukrainian. (_) prefers to come out as soon as possible but will remain in place up to four (4) months. Sources were told they would receive a decision concerning the desired date of hidesertion by noon on Saturday, 28 November 1953 or, if they had to know sooner, possibly) desertion by noon on Saturday, by the night of 27 November 1953. Page. 15 of 7 Pages

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- c. Bources were shown a detailed sketch of the border area near MENTSCHAU (mca) which was suggested as the best area for the crossing; 13 December 1955 was suggested to them as the date of the speration. They were told that any suggestions they may have would be welcome, but the handling agency reserved the right to approve or disapprove them.
- d. Sources were advised that the key points of this eperation are: (1) Security of the net; (2) Security of the operation itself: the press must have no knowledge of the operation and care must be taken to prevent the Soviet officer falling into German hands; but, if he should, they are not to learn his identity; (3) Dobtain as much information as possible without jeopardizing the operation: the ten manuals are to be given priority over any other information, and they are to be separated from the efficer at the place of departure and brought out over a different route to arrive about the same time.
- e. It was agreed to hold another meeting as soon as possible. Special Agent () suggested that it could be held anywhere in the American Zone. This suggestion was made to give sources an opportunity to arrange a meeting with the Agents in the proximity of the sources' meeting with their people, thereby permitting the sources to confer with both groups. This would reduce the total number of meetings necessary to prepare the plans of the operation.
- f. Sources were informed that the Soviet officer is our most pressing problem. We can promise him: (1) Political asylum; (2) Refugee status; (3) Help in emmigration, but with no definite commitment; (4) A substantial cash payment for any of the desired manuals he brings with him. Sources were promised DM 2000 for each manual supplied and DM 2000 for the delivery of the Soviet efficer. They were warned against the use of any kidnapping tactics by any of their people. We must protect ourselves against any accusations of this kind.
- g. Sources will have data as soon as possible on another Soviet officer, a Major, who wishes to defect. It was suggested that the desired manuals sould be obtained through the major if not secured in the present operation. A *keeper of the file of the VOPO also wants to desert before Christmas. He is willing to bring much information but desires assurance of political asylum. Details will some later. Our promises to the VOPO employee were limited to a Class *A* permit and additional remuneration if the material warranted.

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h. Sources believe that forthcoming reports from CSR will be outstanding but hesitate to make promises in case their expectations should not be fulfilled.

agency which could be purchased as a front for the operations of the net. The medicine sent to the East Block countries could contain instructions and rejected packages could contain the reports. The business actually conducted would help defray most of the expenses. Sources were asked to prepare a plan as to how the business could be obtained and used.

j. It was suggested by the sources that Christmas parcels of hard-to-obtain goods or additional money may cause a number of their people to expend considerable extra effort. Although not a must, they felt it warranted consideration but could not afford it out of their close budget. They were advised that the suggestion would be given consideration but would be limited to food parcels or similar modest amounts. It was explained that, if such gifts were given, they could not be construed as a reward for work well done since the operation was still in its infancy.

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