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SPECIFIC Agreement with Bavarian LfV re emergency system of protection for MOB agents.

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1. We wish to bring to the attention of Headquarters, as well as to the attention of the interested Bases in Germany, that an agreement has just been concluded with the Bavarian LfV pertaining to an emergency system of protection of MOB (or other KUBARK) agent personnel vis a vis German authorities. Negotiations re the above have been conducted over the past few months between [] and [] and have now culminated in a final firming up of the agreement during a conference held on 29 May 1956 between [] and the LfV high command.

2. The basic aim in seeking the setting up of the system in question was to afford us the possibility of disengaging as rapidly and painlessly as possible any of our agents who might find themselves in the predicament of being detained by German police or other authorities in the territory of West Germany while in the pursuit of intelligence activities in our behalf. It is, of course, realized that by having recourse to the services of the LfV in such an eventuality the agent will be "blown" to the local services. It is, however, our reasoning that there might often be cases where exposure to the local service (alone) will be preferable to lengthy detention and interrogation by executive authorities and the resulting exposure to considerably wider circles; also, we reason that it costs us little to set up such a facility, that it is beneficial from a psychological and liaison point of view in that it points up to the LfV that we trust and wish to collaborate with this organization, and (last but not least) that we will always have the choice of coming to the agent's aid or expressing disinterest in the disposition of his case, depending on the merits of the case. In any event, it is our intention to proceed on a highly selective and discriminate basis as regards the practical implementation of the plan in question. It should be noted that, in our negotiations with the LfV, KUBARK was never specifically mentioned or referred to; the talks centered around the furnishing of the facility in question to an unspecified number of U. S. intelligence agencies operating in Bavaria.

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3. Briefly, the emergency system will work as follows:

a. The LfV was furnished the following three "collective" surnames, each of which is to represent the agent personnel of one of three U. S. intelligence agencies:

IBBLISCH, BOUBONG, TROSTBERG

(Note that the first two names are dummy names -- only the third name "TROSTBERG" will be used by us for the time being). The LfV was told that different first names will be assigned to the bearers of the above surnames, so as to make possible an easy identification of the individual agents by the U. S. agencies. (A record of such first names, keyed to the agents' identities, will be maintained at MOB).

b. Whenever, and wherever in all of West-Germany, an agent will be detained by the German police or other authorities, he will have to say: "I work for a Western Intelligence Service in Munich under the name of e.g. Adam TROSTBERG; please check with Munich telephone number 29 28 78." A call by the police to the above telephone number (an LfV number) will set in motion a mechanism whereby [] (or whoever replaces him) will be notified; [] will then notify [] who in turn will notify MOB. Upon receipt of the notification from the LfV via [] whatever appropriate action deemed necessary will be taken by MOB.

4. We wish to add that the above described facility could without great difficulty be extended also to cover the needs of other Bases in Germany, a service which MOB will be pleased to perform. In case of interest, the Base in question would have to furnish to MOB: a listing of (fictitious) first names, plus the true identities, of the agents earmarked for briefing re the above; the surname TROSTBERG would remain in force for all KUBARK agents.

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