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FROM : ACMOPJN

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Specifics - CANDIDA's Opus on Stay-behind Radio Nets

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1. On 11 June 1949, the case officer conferred with CANDIDA and his radio expert in the former's home. Both men expressed their willingness and competence to produce an exhaustive theoretical statement of the type desired. The radioman estimates that a period of three months will be required in the composition of this treatise, since neither he nor CANDIDA will be able to take more than several hours a day away from their private professions. The tome will be at least 100 pages in length, they expect, and will deal with each of the general subject headings listed in MGK-A-7733. Both men have asked for remuneration and an expense account as outlined in Para. 4 below. MOB requests COS's cabled approval for the disbursement of funds to CANDIDA so that the work not be longer delayed. On 13 June the case officer gave CANDIDA 200 DM as a starter on expenses.

2. CANDIDA's radioman lives in the Eastern Zone of Germany where he works at present as a salesman. He inadvertently referred to himself as Herr KUHN during the conference, although he had introduced himself as Herr MEYER. CANDIDA, it goes without saying, is certain that there is no tie between Herr fnu KUHN and the Russians although he does not explain how the Russians have overlooked KUHN's presence in their zone for so long. KUHN was a member of CANDIDA's wartime group. He looks about 32 years old; pale, sickly thin face; high cheek bones; prematurely graying hair, low forehead; intense dark eyes; slight in stature; smokes cigars but not cigarettes; obviously a nervous intellectual.

3. CANDIDA intends to do a rather complete analysis of the stay-behind radio net problem and foresees the necessity of using some of his cronies familiar with the problem as semi-conscious informants. The studies and manuals CANDIDA wrote at EGIC, parti-

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cularly the Manual for the Interrogation of Eastern Cases, testify to the thoroughness and analytical clarity he uses when attacking problems similar in their complexity to the one at hand. In general, CANDIDA proposes to work out the plan of attack himself, supervise the efforts of Herr KUHN, suggest revisions in the rough copy, edit and coordinate. Herr KUHN in turn plans to look up a few of his former specialists on training, cipher, agent sets, etc., in order to refresh his own memory and come up with a few new ideas. The case officer advised both men where possible to present at least one factual example taken from their wartime experience to back up each of their postulates. For each stipulation which might not appear entirely logical to an untutored reader, the case officer requested that CANDIDA and colleague demonstrate by example what goes wrong when the particular stipulation is not met. In addition to examples, supplementary charts and diagrams were requested. Both men raised the point that the setting up of a stay-behind net would vary radically from country. The case officer suggested that they should therefore take the country they know best, Germany, all zones, as their frame of practical reference.

4. Judging from their conversation, CANDIDA, and more particularly KUHN, have been ruminating the defects and deficiencies of their own stay-behind program and abound with caveats. The price they place on this cud is rather high: 500 DM for KUHN monthly for three months, 250 DM for CANDIDA idem, plus an honor-system expense account for train, telephone and telegraph expenditures. In other words, granting a maximum expense account of 600 DM for the quarter year, the total cost to our organization of this research project would amount to less than 2,850 DM. It is up to COS to decide whether this is paying too much for the cud.

5. At the end of three months what CANDIDA expects to have ready for inspection is in reality a second or third but not final draft. The case officer will spend a whole day going over this draft with both authors. The presence of a person from the Commo Section on that day would greatly aid the case officer, who has practically no understanding of technical matters. It will be important to see if CANDIDA has interlarded enough examples of what he is talking about, sufficient adumbration of German technical jargon, etc. For the polishing and recopying of the final draft plus any other work on the essay we may choose to request after mid-September, CANDIDA and KUHN do not expect any additional pay.

6. In answer to KUHN's request for briefing on the latest American technical advances in the construction of radio sets, the case officer stated that such a briefing was unnecessary and that KUHN should describe his specifications for the ideal agent set.

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