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### Activities of Contingency Coordinating Subgroup

You may be interested in the following brief summary of the current and forthcoming activities of the Contingency Coordinating Subgroup (CCG):

1. Military Countermeasures - The Military Subgroup has completed and passed to the CCG for consideration there a list of about 80 military countermeasures. Over some British opposition, it has been agreed to assign the measures where appropriate to specific contingencies simultaneously with our study of them. At an appropriate point a revision of the Green Book (BQD-CX-1) should result incorporating the conclusions of this study.

2. Free Style Probe - In response to a request from General Horstad, the CCG has prepared and sent to LIVE OAK guidance concerning publicity in connection with a Free Style probe, together with guidelines for a simultaneous press statement. In our consideration of a diplomatic note and statement to precede the probe, the French proposed a general review of all contingency notes, statements, etc. that have been prepared to date, particularly with respect to their use in cases of harassment when the Soviets are in physical control of our access lines as distinct from the GER (the French point out that Contingency Planning was initially directed in 1959 to the situation in which the GER would be in possession of the checkpoints.) The Subgroup is awaiting a French discussion paper.

3. German Visas and passports - The German Embassy hopes to know this week when it can expect a German position on this subject. At such time as it receives the position, the CCG will take up the matter again. The British wish to send the problem initially to Bonn for quadripartite consideration of the factual situation regarding border-crossing procedures, etc. How we shall handle this will depend upon the nature of the German instructions.

If developments suggest urgent handling, it may be desirable to air this subject at an early meeting of the Ambassadorial Group.

4. Allied support for German access - When a US position is obtained and the study being prepared in Bonn is received, the CCG will return to this question. As you know, a paper on this subject has been distributed for Task Force consideration.

5. Elaboration

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5. Elaboration of non-military countermeasures - The British have proposed that the CCS consider in more detail the precise nature, in terms of implementation, of the non-military countermeasures already included in our plans. It has been agreed to do this at some point. The original UK formulation - that the CCS concentrate on rearranging the measures in order of severity - was rejected with some asperity by the other delegations as a time-consuming and academic exercise.

6. Countermeasures for GDR takeover of land checkpoints - It was suggested in Paris in December by the French that Countermeasures might be imposed at this point, and the CCS was asked to look into it. The US has in preparation a paper for discussion purposes. The UK has already in effect rejected the proposal, however, and the discussion will probably be perfunctory.

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